

MARCO ISLAND REFERENDUM PETITION - ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT (AWT) 6.17.24-V1

Amendment Information

Ballot Title: **Ordinance Requiring Advanced Wastewater Treatment**

Ballot Question Summary: The proposed Ordinance would state:

The City wastewater treatment plant shall be upgraded to achieve Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) nutrient standards that provide reclaimed water product that contains not more than, on an annual average basis: (a) Total Nitrogen (TN) expressed as N of no more than 3 mg/L; and (b) Total Phosphorus (TP) expressed as P of no more than 1 mg/L.

Shall the above-described ordinance be adopted?

Yes ____ **No** ____

Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below)

Name: Committee to Improve the Quality of Marco Island Reuse Water, Inc.

Address: 1575 Ludlow Road, Marco Island, FL 34145

Voter's Information

I am a registered voter in the CITY OF MARCO ISLAND and I support placing this referendum on the ballot for a vote of the electorate pursuant to Article VI of the Marco Island City Charter.

Name – Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address: _____

City: MARCO ISLAND

Zip 34145

County: COLLIER

☐ Update my voter registration record to this address (check box)

Registration No.

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or Date of Birth

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Signature

Date Signed

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Attention

- This form becomes a public record once filed with the Supervisor of Elections
- It is a first-degree misdemeanor to knowingly sign the same petition more than once [§104.185, F.S.]
- An improperly completed form will not be validated.

I am a registered voter of Marco Island, Florida and hereby petition, pursuant to Article VI, Marco Island City Charter, the City Council of the City of Marco Island, to enact the ordinance on file with the City Clerk for Marco Island. **The full text of the ordinance is attached to this Petition.**

If the City Council of Marco Island, Florida, does not enact the titled Ordinance after a sufficient number of electors have signed the petition, then I petition the Marco Island City Council to call a referendum election on the proposed ordinance in accordance with Article VI of the of the Marco Island City Charter.

ORDINANCE 25-[]

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE MARCO ISLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO ACHIEVE ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT (AWT) NUTRIENT STANDARDS TO MEET A TOTAL NITROGEN (TN) STANDARD EXPRESSED AS "N" OF NO MORE THAN 3 MG/L AND A TOTAL PHOSPHORUS (TP) STANDARD EXPRESSED AS "P" OF NO MORE THAN 1 MG/L.

WHEREAS, the City of Marco Island desires to make improvements to its wastewater treatment plant reclaimed water product to achieve Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) nutrient standards by reducing Total Nitrogen (TN) levels and Total Phosphorous (TP) levels in the reclaimed reuse water; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is in the best interest of the public, health, safety and welfare as determined by City Council or by referendum of the voters within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. The following language be added to the Code of Ordinances by vote of the City Council or by referendum of the voters in the City. The proposed Ordinance would state:

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Shall the above-described ordinance be adopted?

Yes _____ No _____

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon either (a) adoption by City Council, or (b) approval by referendum.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA on the reading on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and second reading on this ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

Joan Taylor, City Clerk
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Erik Brechnitz, Chairman

Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney