

CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

Introduction: On August 15, 2023, the Jupiter Town Council directed staff to create the Jupiter Fire Rescue Department (JFRD), with the Town estimating initial start-up costs to purchase equipment and build and renovate stations to be about \$68 million. The establishment and operation of the JFRD results in the cancellation of fire rescue and emergency medical services by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (PBCFR) even though the Town has partnered with PBCFR for almost 40 years to provide these services to its residents and businesses. This Town Charter amendment would prohibit the establishment or operation of a Town fire rescue department and continue fire rescue and emergency medical services by PBCFR until the voters approve the town creating a fire rescue department and providing such services. In accordance with Section 166.031, Florida Statutes, the electors of a municipality may, by petition, submit to the electors a proposed amendment to the charter if certain requirements are met.

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for the Town Charter amendment are set below, and shall be followed by the words "yes" and "no":

CONTINUING CURRENT FIRE PROVIDER AND PROHIBITING
FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT UNTIL FUTURE VOTER APPROVAL IS RECEIVED

Shall the Town of Jupiter's Charter be amended to prohibit the establishment or operation of a town fire rescue department or provision of such services and to provide for the continued inclusion of town boundaries within the associated Palm Beach County municipal services taxing unit for fire rescue and emergency medical services for Jupiter, until the town's voters approve the creation and operation of a town fire rescue department at a future referendum?

_____ Yes
_____ No

Full Text of the Town of Jupiter Charter Amendment (words added are underlined and words removed are ~~struckthrough~~):

ARTICLE IV. - MUNICIPAL POWERS

Section 3. - Town Fire Rescue Department. ~~Reserved.~~

The Jupiter Municipal Services Taxing Unit, a special taxing district created by the Palm Beach County Commission that lies within the boundaries of the town, as they may be amended from time to time, is authorized to continue within the boundaries of the town. The town may not establish or operate a town fire rescue department or provide fire protection and emergency medical services. This section becomes effective immediately upon approval by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting in a referendum and certification by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections or other appropriate officer or entity.

After this section takes effect, it will be repealed upon the approval by a majority vote of the electors voting in a referendum on whether the town should establish a town fire rescue department and provide fire rescue and emergency medical services.

Sponsor's Information (Please return all completed forms to the address below.)

Name: Jupiter Residents to KEEP Palm Beach County Firefighters Address: 6671 W Indiantown Road, Ste 50 Box 147 Jupiter, FL 33458

I am a registered voter of the Town of Jupiter, Florida, and hereby petition the Town of Jupiter Town Council to submit the above Town of Jupiter Charter amendment to the electors of the Town of Jupiter at a special election to be called and held on the same date of Florida's 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election as allowed by Section 166.031, Florida Statutes, or at the general election held on November 5, 2024, as provided in Section 166.031, Florida Statutes.

Please print the below information in ink.

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

VOTER REGISTRATION NO. _____ OR DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR) _____

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ATTENTION - This form becomes a public records once filed with the Supervisor of Elections. It is a first degree misdemeanor to knowingly sign the same petition more than once. An improper or incomplete form will not be validated. **[MUST RETURN THE FULL PAGE]**