

ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT

Section 1. Charter amended and revised.

Be it enacted by the people of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, that the existing City Charter of the City of Punta Gorda filed in the Office of Secretary of State of Florida upon November 30, 1996 (Ordinance No. 1196-96) be and it is hereby amended and revised and, as so amended and revised, shall, from the effective date hereof, be and constitute the Charter of said City unless so amended pursuant to Section XVII herein.

(Ord. No. 1169-96 <sec> 1, 11-20-96; Ord. No. 1399-04 <sec> 2, 12-15-04)

Section 2. Continuation of present municipality.

The inhabitants of said City, and the area thereof, shall continue to constitute a body politic and corporate under this amended and revised Charter and shall continue to be known and designated as the City of Punta Gorda, Florida. As such, it shall have perpetual succession and shall act and may sue and be sued as such corporate entity. It shall continue the use of the common seal heretofore employed until any change or alteration thereof shall be provided by ordinance.

Section 3. Existing liabilities.

No existing obligations or contracts of said municipality, inclusive of bonds heretofore issued, shall be impaired or voided by revision.

(Ord. No. 1399-04, <sec> 2, 12-15-04)

Section 4. Continuation of existing officers and ordinances.

All officers heretofore elected, or appointed, and holding office in said municipality shall continue to hold their respective offices, and to discharge the respective duties thereof, until their successors are elected and qualified under the provisions of this revised Charter. All existing ordinances of said municipality, inclusive of sections of the predecessor municipal Charter (Chapter 63-1832, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1963) declared to be ordinances as provided by subsection 5 of Section 166.021 of the Municipal Home Rule Powers Act shall continue in full force and effect and unimpaired unless and until repealed, amended or modified by subsequent act of the legislative body of the City.

(Ord. No. 1169-96 <sec> 1, 11-20-96)

Section 5. Continuation of title, rights and ownership of property.

The title, rights and ownership of property and all uncollected taxes, dues, claims, judgments, decrees and causes of action, held or owned by the City of Punta Gorda, shall remain vested in the municipality.

(Ord. No. 1169-96 <sec> 1, 11-20-96)