

ORDINANCE 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 3.03 AND 3.05(a) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING UPON FINAL PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE 2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OR AT A SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON A CHARTER AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales ("City Commission") is the governing body of the City of Lake Wales, Florida, an incorporated Florida municipality; and

WHEREAS, §8-86 of the Lake Wales Code of Ordinances and §166.031, Florida Statutes, sets forth the process for amending the Charter of a Florida municipality and specifically allows for charter amendments to be proposed to municipal electors by the municipality's governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales finds it in the best interests of the citizens of the City to initiate an ordinance proposing an amendment of Sections 3.03 and 3.05(a) of the City's Charter increasing the length of term for candidates for the office of Mayor and City Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales finds that this ordinance proposes a single-subject amendment to the *Charter of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida*; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

Be it enacted by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida:

Section 1. Sections 3.03 and 3.05(a) of the *Charter of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida*, shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 3.03. Election and terms.

The regular election of the city commission members including the mayor shall be held in accordance with article VIII of this charter. The term for the mayor and each city commission member elected after the effective date of this provision shall be for a term of three years except the terms of the two commission members elected in the 2019 election shall each be for a single term of two years.

§ 3.05. Election of mayor.

(a) The voters of the City shall elect a mayor at large for a term of three years who shall be elected to commission seat one. The three year term for the mayor shall take effect with the 2019 election. The commission shall elect among its members a deputy mayor who shall act as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor, and, if a vacancy occurs, shall become mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The vacancy created by the deputy mayor shall be filled in accordance with section 3.08(c).

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Ballot Title:

Increased terms of office for the mayor and commission members from two years to three years.

Ballot Summary:

Proposing that the terms of office for the mayor and commission members be increased from two years to three years, beginning with the mayor with the 2019 municipal election; commission seats three and five with the 2020 municipal election; and for commission seats two and four with the 2021 municipal election.

Ballot Question:

Shall the above described Amendment be adopted?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

Section 2. After final passage of this Ordinance, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot for a vote of the electors at the 2019 municipal election held within the City Lake Wales, Florida, or at a special election called for the purpose of voting on charter amendments, whichever election occurs first. In accordance with §166.031, Florida Statutes, Section 1 of this Ordinance shall take effect only upon adoption of the amendment by a majority of the electors voting in a regular municipal election or in a duly called special election to consider the proposed amendment.

INTRODUCED on First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2018.

PASSED AND ENACTED on Second Reading, with a quorum present and voting, by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA



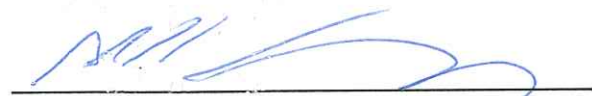
Eugene Fultz, Mayor

Attest:



Jennifer Naneck, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney

