

## ORDINANCE 2017-10

**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 CITY COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR; 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 2018 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 City Commissioner and Mayor; 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.**

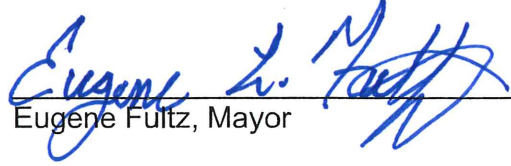
The regular election of the city commission members including the mayor shall be held in accordance with article VIII of this charter. The term for each city commission member and the mayor elected after the effective date of this provision shall be for a term of three years and the term of the current mayor shall be extended one year.

### **§ 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 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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**CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA**

  
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Eugene Fultz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney

