ORDINANCE 2022-51

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ELECTIONS, LAKE WALES CODE OF ORDINANCES THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE TO REMOVE DISTRICT NUMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida:

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, ELECTIONS, Lake Wales Code of Ordinances, is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. COMMISSION ELECTION

Sec. 8-36. Commission Seats.

(a) *Allocation of commission Seats*. In accordance with Sec. 3.01 of the City Charter, there shall be five seats on the city commission. Seat 1 will be at large. Seats 2, 3, 4 & 5 will represent areas of the city as designated by the City Commission. Commission seats shall be allocated as follows:

 Seat 1

 At Large

 Seat 2

 Commission District 19

 Seat 3

 Commission District 122

 Seat 4

 Commission District 27

 Seat 5

 Commission District 28

(b) *Election to commission seats.* Candidates for the office of city commission member shall qualify for and be elected to a specific commission seat. District-Commission members shall be qualified electors of and reside within the district or area for which the seat is allocated. District Commission members shall be nominated by qualified electors residing within their district or area. If an at large seat is allocated on the city commission, candidates for such seat <u>Candidates for the at-large seat</u> shall be qualified electors and residents of the city and shall be nominated by qualified electors residing in any district of the city. Nominations shall comply with the requirements of Section 8-43 of this chapter. Candidates for all commission seats shall be elected by the voters of the city at large.

SECTION 3.

| This ordinance shall become effective i | mmediately u | pon its passage by th | e City Commission. |
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| CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this | | day of | , 2022. |

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✓ City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida

ATTEST:

City Clerk