

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-110

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS SECTION 3.02, ENTITLED "ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSIONERS, MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR," RELATING TO TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS AND SECTION 3.09, ENTITLED "LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS," RELATING TO CONSECUTIVE TERM LIMITS FOR THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS AND CUMULATIVE LIFETIME TERM LIMITS ON THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR A NOTICE OF AN ADVERTISEMENT OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION MUNICIPAL BALLOT AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, as amended, provides for a methodology of Charter amendments supplementary to and not in conflict with the Charter of the City of Coral Springs; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, as amended, provides that such an amendment may be submitted to a referendum vote by the City Commission of the City of Coral Springs, Florida, in ordinance format; and

WHEREAS, at its March 20, 2024 City Commission Workshop, the City Commission discussed and considered the terms, consecutive term limits, and cumulative lifetime term limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has publicly reviewed, considered, and directed that this Ordinance be prepared and that the appropriate Charter Referendum question be included herein and submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Coral Springs, Florida at the November, 2024 General Municipal Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

CERTIFICATION
I certify this to be a true and correct copy of the official record of the City of Coral Springs. **WITNESSETH** my hand and official seal of the City of Coral Springs, Florida, this the 29 day of May, 2024.

City Clerk

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. Article III, Section 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Coral Springs, entitled “Election and Terms of Office for Commissioners, Mayor and Vice-Mayor”, shall be amended to be read as follows:

Section 3.02. Election and terms of office for Commissioners, Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

There shall be a general election in each even-numbered year on the second Tuesday of November, or such other date as may be set by general law, or as otherwise provided for hereinafter, for the purpose of electing members of the City Commission.

Candidates shall qualify for the office of Mayor, seat one (1); or Commissioner, seat two (2), seat three (3), seat four (4), or seat five (5).

The Mayor shall be elected for a two-year term of office until, beginning on the November 2026 election and all elections thereafter, the Mayor shall be elected for a four-year term of office. ~~The two (2) remaining~~ Commissioner seats shall each be elected for a four-year term of office.

The City Commission shall elect from among its members a Vice-Mayor. Election of the Vice-Mayor shall be accomplished annually at the first regularly scheduled meeting following a city election in which Commissioners have been elected. In non-election years the election of Vice-Mayor shall be accomplished at the second regularly scheduled Commission meeting held ~~on the third Wednesday of~~ in the month in which the city general election is held. The individual elected as Vice-Mayor may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in office as Vice-Mayor.

At any regular or special election, the ballot shall name all candidates who have qualified for office. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Mayor and the candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes for each designated Commission seat shall be elected. The elected officer shall take office at noon of the third day following the certification of the election results.

SECTION 3. Article III, Section 3.09 of the Charter of the City of Coral Springs, entitled “Limitation on Terms of Office for Commission Members”, shall be amended to be read as follows:

Section 3.09. Limitation on terms of office for Commission members.

(1) All persons elected to service as a City Commissioner ~~on the City Commission on and after March, 1996,~~ shall be limited to eight (8) consecutive years in service ~~on the city commission.~~ as a City Commissioner except as provided for below. All persons elected to service as Mayor shall be limited to eight (8) consecutive years in service as Mayor except as provided for below. All persons elected to service to any seat on the

City Commission shall be limited to no more than sixteen (16) cumulative years of service in that person's lifetime on the City Commission including years previously served on the City Commission before enactment of the lifetime cumulative service limit, except as provided for below.

- ~~(a) In the case of a two-year office holder, that individual may be elected to no more than four (4) consecutive two-year terms in office.~~
- ~~(ab) For the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this provision, the time serving other than a regular term of elected office, shall be excluded from the limitations herein. An individual appointed or elected to the City Commission to serve an unexpired term, shall not have such time counted in the limitations hereby established.~~
- ~~(be) For the purpose of defining years of consecutive service, an individual who has completed eight (8) years of service on the City Commission of the City of Coral Springs must remain out of office for a two-year period before being eligible to serve again on the City Commission. After the two-year period of time out of office, the individual may again serve on the City Commission and the limitations set forth herein limiting such service to eight (8) consecutive years on the City Commission shall begin to be calculated again. For the purpose of defining years of consecutive service for Mayor, an individual who has completed eight (8) consecutive years of service as Mayor must remain out of office as Mayor for a two-year period before being eligible to serve again as Mayor. After the two-year period of time out of office as Mayor, the individual may again serve as Mayor and the limitations set forth herein limiting such service to eight (8) consecutive years as Mayor shall begin to be calculated again subject to the lifetime cumulative service limitations on the City Commission provided for above.~~
- (c) For the purpose of defining years of consecutive service for a City Commissioner, an individual who has completed eight (8) consecutive years of service as a City Commissioner must remain out of office as a City Commissioner for a two-year period before being eligible to serve again as a City Commissioner. After the two-year period of time out of office as a City Commissioner, the individual may again serve as a City Commissioner and the limitations set forth herein limiting such service to eight (8) consecutive years as a City Commissioner shall begin to be calculated again subject to the lifetime cumulative service limitations on the City Commission provided for above.

(2) The term limits established herein apply to years of service. A person may qualify for office if during that term the person will reach their cumulative lifetime service limit or consecutive term limit. If a person is elected to office and during their term that person will reach their cumulative lifetime service limit or consecutive term limit, upon reaching the applicable number of years, then that person shall automatically be removed from office and a vacancy shall be declared. Further, if a person will be removed from office pursuant to this subsection and a vacancy will be created as a result of such removal, then that seat shall be placed on the November ballot for election in the year when such removal will occur.

SECTION 4. The Ballot Title shall be as follows:

LIFETIME SERVICE LIMITS ON THE CITY COMMISSION AND TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR

SECTION 5. The following question shall be placed on the ballot for consideration by the qualified electors of the City of Coral Springs, Florida, at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election in Broward County, Florida. The election ballot question shall read as follows:

The current charter does not contain a lifetime service limit on the City Commission. It also provides that the Mayor is part of the City Commission with an 8 consecutive year term limit and two year terms of office. Should the charter be amended to set a 16 year lifetime service limit on the City Commission, maintain an 8 consecutive year term limit and increase the Mayor's term of office to 4 years?

YES FOR APPROVAL NO FOR REJECTION

SECTION 6. Advertisement. The City Clerk of the City of Coral Springs is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the referendum election contemplated herein in accordance with the Charter and Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Springs, Florida, as well as the State of Florida Election Code.

SECTION 7. Severability. Should any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, clause or word of this Ordinance or portion thereof be held or declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall be considered as eliminated and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. Codification. It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Coral Springs that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Charter of the City of Coral Springs, Florida, and that the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article", or other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 9. Conflicts. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 17 DAY OF April, 2024.

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS 1 DAY OF May, 2024.



 SCOTT BROOK, Mayor

ATTEST:



 GEORGIA ELLIOTT, CMC, City Clerk

Unanimous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Motion /2 nd			
___	___	MAYOR BROOK	___
___	___	VICE MAYOR CERRA	___
___	___	COMMISSIONER CARTER	___
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