

RESOLUTION 2025-02-451

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM RELATED TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBRARY AND CREATION OF A ZONING MAP; SETTING THE DATE OF THE REFERENDUM TO BE APRIL 22, 2025, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE BALLOT TITLES AND QUESTIONS FOR THE REFERENDUM; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE SUCH CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to ascertain the opinion of its electorate on certain matters of ongoing public importance; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming Municipal Super Tuesday election provides an opportunity for the City to present these non-binding referendum questions to its electorate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Lynn Haven, Florida, that the referendum shall be held on April 22, 2025, on the following question:

QUESTION ONE:

TITLE: NON-BINDING REFERENDA REGARDING RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY LIBRARY

QUESTION: SHOULD THE CITY RE-ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A LIBRARY FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY AN INCREASE TO LOCAL TAX DOLLARS? THE COST TO CONSTRUCT A 4000 SF LIBRARY IS ANTICIPATED TO EXCEED \$1,900,000. THE ONGOING ANNUAL BUDGET TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE LIBRARY IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$320,000.

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION TWO:

TITLE: NON-BINDING REFERENDA REGARDING A REGIONAL LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

QUESTION: SHOULD THE CITY PARTNER WITH THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A SATELLITE BRANCH WITHIN AN ALREADY EXISTING CITY-OWNED BUILDING? THIS COULD EXPEDITE THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIBRARY AND ALLOW THE CITY TO RECOGNIZE SOME COSTS SAVINGS.

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION THREE:

TITLE: NON-BINDING REFERENDA REGARDING CREATION OF CITY ZONING MAP

QUESTION: SHOULD THE CITY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A ZONING MAP TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY PLANNING BY MORE SPECIFICALLY GUIDING LAND USE IN THE CITY? THE CITY DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A ZONING MAP, BUT IMPLEMENTS ORDERLY GROWTH BASED ON A CITY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. A ZONING MAP WOULD ESTABLISH AND CONFIRM THE ACTUAL LIST OF PERMISSIBLE USES ON EACH CITY PARCEL. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS EFFORT IS UNKNOWN BUT EXPECTED TO BE SIGNIFICANT.

YES _____

NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the referendum shall be given by publication of notice in substantially the form of the foregoing questions once in the week of March 18, 2025, and once in the week of April 1, 2025 in the Panama City News Herald, and by the posting of said notice on Bay County's public notice website and the City's website during the months of March and April, 2025.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby

authorized and directed to make such corrections and amendments to the ballot, schedule, and matters resolved herein as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.


THIS RESOLUTION shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED in special session this 12th day of February, 2025.

CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA

By 
JESSE NELSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


VICKIE GAINER, CITY MANAGER-CLERK