

ORDINANCE 2024-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.09(1) RELATING TO VICE-MAYOR; SELECTION, TERM, DUTIES, VACANCIES; PRESIDING OFFICER; TRANSITION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderdale Lakes, Florida ("City") is a municipal corporation duly created and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderdale Lakes ("City Commission") established, by Ordinance No. 2023-002, a non-statutory Charter Review Advisory Board ("Board") whose central mission and purpose is to review the existing Home Rule Charter ("Charter") of the City, and to make a written report to the City Commission proposing recommended amendments or revisions to the Charter in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of Florida;

WHEREAS, the Board has recommended an amendment to *Article III, Section 3.09(1) - Vice-mayor; selection, term, duties, vacancies; presiding officer; transition* of the Charter, namely to delete obsolete language; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has considered the recommendation of the Board and, pursuant to its vested legislative, regulatory and policy-making powers as described in Section 3.01 of the Charter, has further determined the Board's recommendation to be in furtherance of the health, welfare, and safety of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Article IX-Charter Amendments, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 3. Article III, Section 3.09(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Lauderdale Lakes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 3.09. - Vice-mayor; selection, term, duties, vacancies; presiding officer; transition.**

(1) *Service of vice-mayor.* The city shall hold its annual organizational meeting in the month designated for the election of city officials, which organizational meeting shall take place irrespective of an actual election of officials. At the annual organizational meeting provided for herein, except as otherwise provided for the initial transition period, the city commission shall by motion select from among its members a vice-mayor who shall serve a term of one year. The vice-mayor shall act as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor and while so acting, the vice-mayor shall relinquish all committee duties and shall exercise the same responsibilities and shall be subject to the same limitations as are incident to the office of mayor. A vice-mayor succeeding to the office of mayor as the result of a vacancy shall serve the remaining portion of his regular term of office as a city commissioner following the election of a new mayor.

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of vice-mayor, the city commission shall select from among its members a successor to serve until the next regular election.

~~The city shall hold a transitional organizational meeting in November, 2007, and the vice-mayor selected by the city commission shall continue to hold office until November, 2008, at which time the initial organizational meeting provided herein shall be conducted.~~

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SECTION 4. The ballot title and questions for the charter amendment proposed in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of Lauderdale Lakes at the next general election to be held on November 5, 2024, and shall be in substantial form as follows:

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CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES (only)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2**

**Deletion of Reference to November 2007 Transitional Meeting and 2008 Vice Mayor Term**

Shall the amendment to Section 3.09 of the Charter of the City of Lauderdale Lakes deleting language referring to holding a transitional organizational meeting in November 2007 with the term of Vice Mayor extended to November 2008 be adopted?

For Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Against Approval \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 5. The Charter Amendment set forth in this Ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of Lauderdale Lakes at the next general election to be held on November 5, 2024.

SECTION 6. If the Charter Amendment set forth in this Ordinance is approved by a majority of the electors voting in the next general election to be held on November 5, 2024, such amendment shall be effective as of the day immediately following the certification of the results of the election.

SECTION 7. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES: Upon adoption, the Charter Amendment set forth in this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the City of Lauderdale Lakes Charter. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Chapter," "Section," "Article" or such other appropriate word or phrase, the use of which shall accomplish the intentions herein expressed; provided, however, that Section 1 hereof or the provisions contemplated thereby shall not be codified.

SECTION 8. CONFLICT: All ordinances or Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage on second reading.

PASSED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES ON FIRST READING AT ITS REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING ON THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES ON SECOND READING AT ITS REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING ON THE 14th DAY OF MAY 2024.

  
VERONICA EDWARDS PHILLIPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
VENICE HOWARD, CMC, CITY CLERK



Approved as to form and legality  
for the use of and reliance by the  
City of Lauderdale Lakes only:

  
Sidney C. Calloway, City Attorney

APPROVED

VOTE:

Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (For)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Against)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Other)
Vice-Mayor Mark Spence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (For)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Against)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Other)
Commissioner Tycie Causwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (For)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Against)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Other)
Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> (For)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Against)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Other) Absent
Commissioner Sharon Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (For)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Against)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Other)

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