

ORDINANCE 2024-006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.15 - INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.391, FLORIDA STATUTES; 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 3.15-Independent Audit* of the Charter to provide consistency with the requirements of Section 218.391, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has considered the recommendations 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 3.15- Independent audit, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Lauderdale Lakes is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3.15. - Independent audit.

The city commission shall provide for an independent annual audit of all city accounts and may provide for such more frequent audits as it deems necessary. Such audits shall be made by a certified public accountant or firm of such accountants who have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the city government or any of its officers; and shall be obtained in the manner consistent with the requirements of Section 218.391, Florida Statutes (2023) as amended from time to time. ~~The city commission may, without requiring competitive bids, designate such accountants or firm of accountants annually or biennially, provided that the designation for any particular fiscal year shall be made not later than ninety (90) days after the beginning of such fiscal year.~~ If the State of Florida makes such an audit, the city commission may accept it as satisfying the requirement of this section.

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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:

CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES (only)
PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3

Independent audit

Shall the amendment to Section 3.15 of the Charter of the City of Lauderdale Lakes providing for compliance with the requirements of Section 218.391, Florida Statutes 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

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1 or phrase, the use of which shall accomplish the intentions herein expressed; provided, however,
2 that Section 1 hereof or the provisions contemplated thereby shall not be codified.

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4 hereby repealed.

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

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

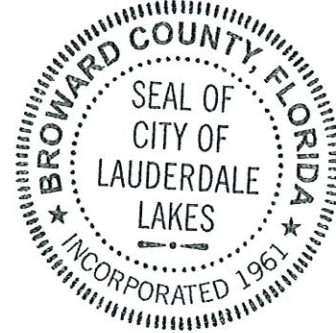
PASSED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES ON FIRST READING AT ITS REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING ON THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2024.

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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