

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: May 7, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Commission

TITLE:

Discussion regarding the city manager residency requirement brought forward by Commissioner May

SUMMARY:

The city manager is required to reside in the city according to the city's code of ordinances.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Located in Part II – City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article I – In General, Section 2-3 specifies a residency requirement for the city manager:

Sec. 2-3. - City manager and utility director residence requirement.

The city manager ... must establish a bona fide residence in the city, within six (6) months of appointment as city manager. A bona fide residence, for the purpose of this section, is a permanent domicile within the city which has not been adopted with the intention of again taking up or claiming a previous residence acquired outside of the city limits.

(Ord. No. 87-2, § 1, 1-19-87; Ord. No. 88-11, § 1, 5-16-88; Ord. No. 92-11, § 1, 5-4-92; Ord. No. 2006-20, § 1, 6-20-06)

Not all municipalities have a residency requirement for the city manager. Of the 39 municipalities in Palm Beach County, only 4 (Belle Glade, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach) require that the city manager reside in the municipality.

The issue will be discussed to determine whether the requirement should be changed.

MOTION:

Direction is sought whether to modify or remove the residency requirement for the city manager.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Ordinance 2006-02
LWB District Map