

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA,
AMENDING POLICIES IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RELATING TO WATER SUPPLY AND ADOPTING
THE 2026 WATER SUPPLY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,
CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the State Legislature of the State of Florida has mandated that all municipalities draft and adopt comprehensive plans to provide thorough and consistent planning with regard to land within their corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, all amendments to the comprehensive plan must be adopted in accordance with detailed procedures which must be strictly followed; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, requires that local governments coordinate appropriate aspects of their comprehensive plans with the appropriate water management district's regional water supply plan and ensure that the future land use plan is based upon availability of adequate water supplies and public facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, also requires, for local governments subject to a regional water supply plan, that such local governments include in their comprehensive plan a water supply facilities work plan spanning at least a 10-year period, that identifies any alternative water supply projects, traditional water supply projects, bulk sale agreements and conservation/reuse programs necessary to meet current and future water use demands within the local government's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the City adopted its existing 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Water Supply Plan) to coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) Lower East Coast (LEC) Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 373.709 and Section 163.3177(6)(c)3, Florida Statutes, the City's Water Supply Plan must be updated when SFWMD updates its LEC Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, the SFWMD adopted updates to its LEC Water Supply Plan on September 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City must now adopt updates to its Water Supply Plan for the purpose of identifying and planning for the water supply sources and facilities needed to serve existing and new development within the City; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2026, the City of Lake Worth Beach Planning and Zoning Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency, held a duly noticed public hearing and recommended approval of the proposed amendments to the Infrastructure Element and the 2026 Water Supply Plan, attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B", respectively, and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2026, the City Historic Resources Preservation Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency, held a duly noticed public hearing and recommended approval of the

proposed amendments to the Infrastructure Element and the 2026 Water Supply Plan, attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B", respectively, and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has considered the proposed amendments to the Infrastructure Element; the 2026 Water Supply Plan; the report prepared by Chen Moore and Associates, Inc.; the recommendations of staff and the Local Planning Agency; and comments from the public at duly noticed public hearings in accordance with Section 163.3184(11), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds adopting the proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan and the 2026 Water Supply Plan is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City and serves a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and accurate and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The 2026 Water Supply Plan and associated amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan as shown in the text attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" are hereby adopted.

Section 3. The City Manager or designee shall transmit this ordinance and all other necessary documents to the State Land Planning Agency and other reviewing agencies in accordance with section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes.

Section 4. Repeal of Laws in Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6. Pursuant to section 163.3184(3)(c)4, Florida Statutes, this ordinance shall become effective 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the City that the plan amendment package is complete. If this ordinance is timely challenged, this ordinance does not become effective until the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission enters a final order determining the adopted amendment to be in compliance. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this ordinance may be issued or commenced before this ordinance has become effective.

The passage of this ordinance on first reading was moved by Commissioner Malega, seconded by Vice Mayor May, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch	AYE
Vice Mayor Mimi May	AYE
Commissioner Sarah Malega	AYE

Commissioner Christopher McVoy AYE
Commissioner Anthony Segrich AYE

The Mayor thereupon declared this ordinance duly passed on first reading on the 5th day of May, 2026.

The passage of this ordinance on second reading was moved by _____, seconded by _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch
Vice Mayor Mimi May
Commissioner Sarah Malega
Commissioner Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Anthony Segrich

The Mayor thereupon declared this ordinance duly passed on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

4. Infrastructure Element

Policy 4.1.7.3: The City will maintain a water supply facilities work plan that is coordinated with SFWMD's ~~2018~~ 2024 *Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan* and Palm Beach County by updating its own work plan within 18 months of an update to SFWMD's ~~2018~~ 2024 *Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan*.

Policy 4.1.7.4: By March, ~~2027~~2026, the City shall coordinate with SFWMD and update the City's 10-year water supply facilities work plan considering the Lower East Coast (LEC) Regional Water Supply Plan. The City hereby adopts by reference the "City of Lake Worth ~~2020~~ 2026 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work *Plan*." The City shall send a letter to SFWMD which identifies projects for future water supply needs of the City. Projects must be selected from the LEC Regional Water Supply Plan or must be prior approved by SFWMD.

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EXHIBIT B

2026 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan