

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: August 2, 2022

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

TITLE:

Resolution No. 50-2022 – approving the electronic filing of campaign reports

SUMMARY:

Every election cycle, candidates are required to file campaign treasurer reports which have strict statutory requirements. Reports that are filed late are subject to fines as high as \$500 a day, paid from personal, not campaign, funds. Implementing online filing of reports would extend the deadline for filing from 5 pm to midnight on the due date and allow candidates to file reports from anywhere.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The attached Resolution is for the City Commission to implement the provisions of Section 106.07(2)(A)2, Florida Statutes, requiring the submission of Campaign Finance Reports through an Electronic Filing System, establishing requirements for the system, establishing requirements for system access and authorizing the City Clerk to promulgate rules, for other guidance related to the system and for providing an effective date.

The implementation of the Electronic Filing System will allow candidates and political committees to obtain the reporting forms electronically, submit reports before deadlines, as well as file amended reports when necessary. This will also allow a candidate, their designated campaign treasurer(s), and a political committee agent to have access to the campaign treasurer's reports at all times. In addition to the above, the electronic filing of campaign reports by candidates and political committees will promote accuracy, efficiency, and transparency, as the public will have access as soon as the reports are submitted.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 50-2022 – approving the electronic filing of campaign reports.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Resolution 50-2022