

RESOLUTION No. 09-2025 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA,
FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION
TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND
EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY
PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings that could lead to a criminal prosecution or code enforcement actions are exposed to threats and other acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, municipal clerks often administer elections, and some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for; and

WHEREAS, municipal clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances and, occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants; and

WHEREAS, currently public records exemptions in Florida include those for local personnel who either investigate, enforce or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken, and municipal clerks and their staff fall within the need for a window for greater protection; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Association of City Clerks is very concerned about the safety and well-being of the municipal clerks and their staff who serve the public on a daily basis and are oftentimes the first contact of citizens within cities; and

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

Section 1. The City Commission hereby adopts the recitals set forth in this Resolution (whereas clauses) as the legislative findings of the City Commission of the City of Lake Worth Beach.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, hereby urge and encourage the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a municipality.

Section 3. The City of Lake Worth Beach is hereby directed and authorized to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida State Senators Lori Berman and Mack Bernard and Florida State Representative Debra Tendrich, the Palm Beach County League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities (FLC).

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The passage of this resolution was moved by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch
Vice Mayor Sarah Malega
Commissioner Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Mimi May
Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk