

# **STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING**

**AGENDA DATE:** October 6, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney/City Clerk

**TITLE:**

Ordinance No. 2025-22 – First Reading – calling for referendum to amend the Charter regarding lease terms for other City-owned properties

**SUMMARY:**

Proposed Ordinance calling for referendum to amend provisions in the Charter to allow for longer lease terms for City-owned property including public parks, parking lots within downtown, and west of the A1A roadway to the Lake Worth Lagoon.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Article II, Section 4 prohibits City-owned property west of the A1A roadway to the Lake Worth Lagoon, City-property including parking lots within downtown Lake Worth, and public parks within the City of Lake Worth Beach from being declared surplus, sold, hypothecated, conveyed or leased, except for a period of less than 20 years, without an affirmative vote of the City electors through referendum. This limit on lease terms may be prohibitive of investment and redevelopment in the City.

According to Section 166.031, Florida Statutes, amendments to a municipality's charter must be submitted to its electors. A referendum question is needed to amend this Section of the Charter to allow for longer lease terms. At the October 6, 2025 special meeting, the Commission voted to include a an amendment on the ballot to allow a 99-year maximum lease term.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2025-22 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for November 18, 2025.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Ordinance 2025-22  
Charter – West of A1A