

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney/City Clerk

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2025-19 – First Reading – calling for referendum to amend the Charter to repeal Article IV, Section 10, regarding City police & fire departments

SUMMARY:

Proposed Ordinance calling for referendum to repeal provisions in the Charter related to City police and fire departments that no longer exist.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Article IV, Section 10 sets forth provisions related to the City's police and fire departments. The City no longer has police or fire departments. These or similar provisions could be adopted by Ordinance into the City's Code in the future should the City decide to re-constitute the police and/or fire departments.

According to Florida Statute 166.031, amendments to a municipality's charter must be submitted to its electors. A referendum question would be needed to delete this Section from the Charter. At the October 6, 2025 special meeting, the City Commission voted to include such an amendment on an upcoming ballot.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2025-19 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for November 18, 2025.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 2025-19
Charter – police & fire departments