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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2-14.1 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING CANDIDATE QUALIFYING PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, under section 2-14.1 of the City of Lake Worth Beach Code of Ordinances, the qualifying period for the March 2022 municipal election would end on the second Tuesday in December 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) has requested that municipalities change their qualifying periods to end no later than the first Friday in December in order to allow the SOE to comply with the time requirement for preparing and mailing out the vote-by-mail ballots; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance proposes to change the City’s qualifying period to commence at noon on the second Tuesday in November and end at noon on the fourth Tuesday in November in order to comply with the SOE’s request; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds amending the qualifying period as set forth in this ordinance 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 above recitals are incorporated as true and correct findings of the City of Lake Worth Beach.

Section 2. Section 2-14.1 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2

ADMINISTRATION

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ARTICLE II. ELECTIONS

Sec. 2-14.1. Candidate qualifying period.

Candidates for Mayor or City Commissioner shall file such papers and pay such fees as may be required by law with the City Clerk no earlier than noon on the last second Tuesday in November, nor later than noon on the ~~second~~ fourth Tuesday in ~~December~~ November of the preceding calendar year in which the election is to be held.

Section 3. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications

51 of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and
52 to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

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54 Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict be and the same are hereby
55 repealed.

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57 Section 5. Section 2 of this ordinance shall be codified.

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59 Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after passage.

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

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- 65 Mayor Betty Resch
- 66 Vice Mayor Herman Robinson
- 67 Commissioner Sarah Malega
- 68 Commissioner Christopher McVoy
- 69 Commissioner Kimberly Stokes

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71 The Mayor thereupon declared this ordinance duly passed on first reading on the
72 ____ day of _____ 2021.

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

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- 79 Mayor Betty Resch
- 80 Vice Mayor Herman Robinson
- 81 Commissioner Sarah Malega
- 82 Commissioner Christopher McVoy
- 83 Commissioner Kimberly Stokes

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86 The Mayor thereupon declared this ordinance duly passed on second reading on
87 the ____ day of _____ 2021.

88 LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

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92 By: _____
93 Betty Resch, Mayor

94 ATTEST:

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98 Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk