

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: August 17, 2021

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2021-11 – First Reading – amending the candidate qualifying period

SUMMARY:

Ordinance No. 2021-11 proposes to amend the candidate qualifying period to begin at noon on the second Tuesday in November and end at noon on the fourth Tuesday in November

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

In July 2021, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) requested that cities change their qualifying periods for the March 2022 municipal elections to accommodate the new 95-day rule for vote-by-mail ballots. Specifically, the SOE is requesting that qualifying periods end no later than the first Friday in December in 2021 in order for her office to timely prepare and mail out the vote-by-mail ballots.

The City's current end date for qualifying for the March 2022 election is December 14, 2021, which would not meet the SOE's requested deadline. Accordingly, the proposed ordinance would change the qualifying period to commence on noon of the second Tuesday in November and conclude at noon on the fourth Tuesday in November.

PBC Supervisor of Elections, Wendy Sartory Link, will be making a presentation to the commission regarding elections at the meeting and will explain why the qualifying dates need to be changed.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2021-11 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for September 21, 2021.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Letter from SOE
Ordinance 2021-11