

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney/City Clerk

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2025-22 – Second 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.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Article II, Section 4 prohibits City-owned property west of the A1A roadway, 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. Three versions of the Ordinance were presented at the November 18 regular meeting; version #2 was approved by a vote of 4 – 1.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2025-22 calling for referendum to amend the Charter regarding lease terms for other City-owned properties.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 2025-22 – revised ballot question & charter language (Version #2)
Charter – West of A1A