

# **STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING**

**AGENDA DATE:** November 18, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney/City Clerk

**TITLE:**

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

**SUMMARY:**

The Ordinance calls 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. The Ordinance was approved unanimously at the November 4, 2025 regular meeting.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2025-19 calling for referendum to amend the Charter to repeal Article IV, Section 10, regarding City police & fire departments.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Ordinance 2025-19  
Charter – police & fire departments