

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** November 18, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney/City Clerk

**TITLE:**

Ordinance No. 2025-22 – First 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. At its November 4, 2025 regular commission meeting, there was discussion of removing "to the Lake Worth Lagoon" for clarity. There was a motion and second but the meeting adjourned before a vote was taken; therefore the Ordinance is back for first reading.

Version # 1, the original version of the Ordinance has been included. Version # 2 is a version that changes the ballot question, and Version # 3 is a version that changes the ballot question and the Charter language to provide the Commission with options for adoption upon further discussion at this meeting.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Version # 1, Version # 2, or Version # 3 of Ordinance 2025-22 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2025.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Ordinance 2025-22 – original version (Version # 1)

Ordinance 2025-22 – revised ballot question (Version # 2)

Ordinance 2025-22 – revised ballot question & charter language (Version # 3)

Charter – West of A1A