

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, SETTING THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR MARCH 19, 2024 TO BE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION; SETTING QUALIFYING DATES; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee, Florida, is a duly constituted municipality having such power and authority conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 101.75, Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities, by ordinance, to move the date of any municipal election to a date concurrent with any statewide or countywide election; and

WHEREAS, Article IV of the City Charter entitled "Elections", Section 4.04(a) entitled "Conduct of Elections" provides, in part, that: "The regular election of all commissioners shall be held on the second Tuesday in March"; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the City Charter, Section 101.75, Florida Statutes allows a municipality, by ordinance, to move the date of a municipal election to run concurrently with any statewide or countywide election, so long as the dates for qualifying are specified within the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections has requested that municipalities pass an ordinance to move the date of their municipal elections to the date of the statewide presidential primary date of March 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to set the qualifying dates for its municipal election from noon November 21, 2023 through noon November 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that the enactment of this ordinance is for a proper municipal purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations.

The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Setting Municipal Election for March 19, 2024.

The City Commission of the City of Pahokee hereby sets the City's Municipal Election for March 19, 2024, to run currently with the State of Florida's Presidential Preference Primary Election.

Section 3. Setting Qualifying Dates.

The City of Pahokee hereby sets the qualifying dates for the City election for noon November 21, 2024 through noon November 28, 2023.

Section 4. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this 25th day of July 2023.

PASSED SECOND READING this 8th day of August 2023.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

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| Commissioner Boldin | _____ (Yes) | _____ (No) |
| Commissioner Gonzalez | _____ (Yes) | _____ (No) |
| Commissioner Perez | _____ (Yes) | _____ (No) |
| Vice-Mayor Murvin | _____ (Yes) | _____ (No) |
| Mayor Babb | _____ (Yes) | _____ (No) |