ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 8-9, "VOTING PLACES," OF CHAPTER 8, ELECTIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DESIGNATE THE EDDIE LEE RHODES GYMNASIUM, LOCATED AT 360 EAST MAIN STREET, PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS THE CITY'S VOTING PLACE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee, Florida (the "City"), has established Section 8-9, "Voting Places," of Chapter 8, Elections, of its Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-9 currently designates the City's cafeteria building at the Recreation Complex, located at 360-C East Main Street, Pahokee, Florida, as the City's voting place for municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the cafeteria building does not meet the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections' Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for use as a polling place; and

WHEREAS, the ADA is a federal law, and the City is required to comply with accessibility requirements of federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Eddie Lee Rhodes Gymnasium, located at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Florida, has been cleared by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections for use as a polling location; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that amending Section 8-9 to reflect the approved polling location and maintain the City's Code of Ordinances consistent with federal and state law is in the best interests of the City.

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. Amending Section 8-9 of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances entitled "Voting Places", shall be replaced and shall read as follows:

Sec. 8-9. - Voting place.

Until otherwise directed by the City Commission, there shall be one (1) voting place in all City elections, and that voting place shall be at the ~~cafeteria building at the recreation complex located at 360-C East Main Street, Pahokee, Florida~~ Eddie Lee Rhodes Gymnasium located at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Florida.

Section 3. Conflict & Repealer.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances or code provisions in conflict herewith ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 5. Inclusion in Code.

It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Pahokee that the provisions of this Ordinance shall at some time in the future become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pahokee and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Chapter," "Section," "Article" or such other appropriate word or phrase, the use of which shall

accomplish the intentions herein expressed; provided, however, that Section 1 hereof or the provisions contemplated thereby shall not be codified.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and adoption.

PASSED FIRST READING this 27th day of October 2026.

PASSED SECOND READING this ____ day of _____ 2026.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P. A.
City Attorney

Vote:

Mayor Babb	_____(Yes)	____(No)
Vice-Mayor McDonald	_____(Yes)	____(No)
Commissioner Cowan-Williams	_____(Yes)	____(No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____(Yes)	____(No)
Commissioner Scott	_____(Yes)	____(No)