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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM

TO: HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON, AND CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JONATHAN E. EVANS, CITY MANAGER, , MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED QUALIFYING PERIOD CHANGE

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2021

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

Communication has been received and is attached from the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office (PBCSOE) requesting the qualifying period for Uniformed Municipal Elections end on or prior to the 95th day prior to Election Day. An inquiry was submitted to the Palm Beach County Supervisor asking whether or not the submittal included the required translation of Spanish and the provided translation of Creole – the response was in the affirmative.

It is desirable of the city to accommodate the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections' request as a participant in Uniform Municipal Elections. This is advantageous as all expenditures outside of payroll and polling locations are shared with all municipalities having an election on the same day. A shared expenditure could include any service provided by the PBCSOE.

Although it is not required for the city to accommodate this request, staff is recommending the city does so in an effort to reduce any reasons for the entity's inability to assist this organization with its electoral process.

The next election date is March 8, 2022. The last day for qualifying as a candidate in this election, according to current legislation is 12 noon, December 14, 2021 which is 84 days (including weekends) or 55 workdays (do not include weekends) prior to election day



The proposed qualifying period is 112 days (including weekends) or 72 workdays (not including the weekends) prior to the upcoming election. However, the proposed qualifying period covers future election dates to include Presidential Preference Primaries unless there revisions are made by the state, which can be addressed by ordinance if this occurs.

City Goals:

The Citywide goal is to conduct an election in accordance with Florida Election Laws, the City’s Charter, and Chapter 5 of the City’s Code of Ordinances as well as work harmoniously with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office

Fiscal/Budget Impact:

There is no fiscal impact for the proposed action.

Recommendation:

It is hereby recommended the City Council approve the ordinance on first reading and adopt the proposed ordinance on second reading accommodating the request of the PBCSOE.

Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance
Communication Received from PBCSOE

