

## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** September 10, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**VIA:** James Slaton, Interim City Manager

**FROM:** Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

**REGARDING:** Ordinance 2020-16 Candidate Qualifying 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing

**SYNOPSIS:** *Ordinance 2020-16 modifies language in our Code of Ordinances to comply with Florida State Statutes concerning when a potential candidate may begin their campaign.*

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Commission approve Ordinance 2020-16 after second reading and public hearing.

### BACKGROUND

In the Lake Wales Code of Ordinances Chapter 8 Elections, Article III potential candidates are to file the form for appointing a campaign treasurer and designating of a campaign depository during qualifying.

This is inconsistent with Florida State Statute that says:

*106.021: Each candidate for nomination or election to office shall appoint a campaign treasurer. Each person who seeks to qualify for nomination or election to office shall appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a primary campaign depository before qualifying for office.*

This Ordinance brings our Code into compliance with this section of the statute.

### OTHER OPTIONS

Do not pass Ordinance 2020-16 or recommend additional modifications.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None

### ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance 2020-16