

ORDINANCE 2020-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES TO ADD A MISSION STATEMENT; PROVIDING UPON FINAL PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OR AT A SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON A CHARTER AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales (“City Commission”) is the governing body of the City of Lake Wales, Florida, an incorporated Florida municipality; and

WHEREAS, §8-86 of the Lake Wales Code of Ordinances and §166.031, Florida Statutes, sets forth the process for amending the Charter of a Florida municipality and specifically allows for charter amendments to be proposed to municipal electors by the municipality’s governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales finds it in the best interests of the citizens of the City to initiate an ordinance proposing an amendment to Article I of the City’s Charter to provide a Mission Statement for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales finds that this ordinance proposes a single-subject amendment to the *Charter of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida*; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

Be it enacted by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida:

Section 1. Section 1.01 of the *Charter of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida*, shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 1.01. Mission statement.

The mission of the City of Lake Wales is to serve and unify its citizens, to foster economic growth while building on our City’s existing small town values, and to promote the Bok ethic that we make our City a “bit better and more beautiful” for our being here.

The existing §1.01. Incorporation. Is renumbered as §1.02.

The existing §1.02. General powers. Is renumbered as §1.03.

The existing §1.03. Ethics policy. Is renumbered as §1.04.

Ballot Title:

Addition of a Mission Statement to Article I. In General, to the Charter of the City of Lake Wales, Florida.

Ballot Summary:

Proposing that the Mission Statement of the City of Lake Wales be published as the first entry in the City's Charter and that the existing §§ 1.01., 1.02., and 1.03., be renumbered accordingly.

Ballot Question:

Shall the above described Amendment be adopted?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

Section 2. After final passage of this Ordinance, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot for a vote of the electors at the 2021 municipal election held within the City Lake Wales, Florida, or at a special election called for the purpose of voting on charter amendments, whichever election occurs first. In accordance with §166.031, Florida Statutes, Section 1 of this Ordinance shall take effect only upon adoption of the amendment by a majority of the electors voting in a regular municipal election or in a duly called special election to consider the proposed amendment.

INTRODUCED on First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2020.

PASSED AND ENACTED on Second Reading, with a quorum present and voting, by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Eugene Fultz, Mayor

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Attest:

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney