

CITY OF LAKE WALES CHARTER AMENDMENT – ORDINANCE 2011-01

AMENDMENT: 9

TITLE: ESTABLISHING RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSION DISTRICTS

SUMMARY: Effective with the 2013 election, five commissioners will be elected from four geographical districts as equal as possible in population. Commissioners will fill four district seats and one city-wide “at-large” seat. This means that candidates for four seats must reside within a geographical district, and candidates for one seat may reside anywhere in the city. All candidates will be elected by all voters in the city, and each commissioner will represent all citizens equally.

TEXT: Sec. 8.10. Commission districts; adjustment of districts.

- (a) There shall be four ~~(4)~~ geographical city commission districts containing population that is as equal as feasible. ~~composed of the geographical areas included in Polk County, Florida, voting precinct numbers 19, 122, 27 and 28. The number of commission seats authorized for each commission district shall be based upon the population within each district. The allocation of commission seats shall be specified in Chapter 8, Elections, Lake Wales Code of Ordinances. An increase in the total number of commission seats to be allocated shall require amendment of section 3.01 of this charter through vote of the qualified electors of the city at the next regularly scheduled commission election and, if approved, shall become effective immediately. In years in which a state election is held, the city will hold an election on the date upon which the general election is held to elect a member to a newly created commission seat. In any year in which a state election is not held, the commission will call a special election in accordance with section 8-18(c), Lake Wales Code of Ordinances.~~

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