

CITY OF LAKE WALES CHARTER AMENDMENT – ORDINANCE 2011-01

AMENDMENT: 10

TITLE: ESTABLISHING SEAT ONE AS THE AT-LARGE SEAT

SUMMARY: Candidates for election to seat one may reside anywhere within the city limits. Candidates for seats two through five will still be elected from geographical districts. All candidates will be elected by all the city's voters. Even though residing in a given geographic district, all commissioners are charged to represent every citizen equally. (Adoption of this amendment requires voter approval of Amendment #9.)

TEXT: Sec. 8.03. Commission seats.

Four candidates for the office of municipal commission members shall qualify for and be elected by seat numbers designated ~~two one (1)~~ through five ~~(5)~~ and shall be elected by the voters of the city at large. One candidate shall qualify for and be elected to seat number one without regard to place of residence within the city limits and shall be elected by the voters of the city at large. Candidates shall be qualified electors of the city who qualify for election in accordance with Chapter 8, Elections, Lake Wales Code of Ordinances. ~~and shall be elected by the voters of the city at large. At all general elections after September 16, 1986, each commission member shall be elected to serve for four (4) year terms. After September 2, 1997, e~~Commission terms shall be staggered so that at least one (1) commission member shall be elected term shall expire each year and no more than two ~~(2) commission members shall be elected terms shall expire~~ in the same year. ~~In order to make a transition to a staggered election cycle, on September 7, 1999 the commission member for seat four (4) shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) years. In all subsequent elections, the commission member elected to hold seat four (4) shall serve a term of four (4) years.~~ [Note: Adoption of amending language requires voter approval of amendment to section 8.10(a)]

[Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.]