# City of Fort Lauderdale

## City Commission Agenda Item

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Paul G. Bangel, Senior Assistant City Attorney

THRU: Harry A. Stewart, City Attorney

**DATE:** August 21, 2012

TITLE: Charter Amendment – Articles III and VII – Government of City and Form

of Governments and Elections

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve on second reading an ordinance amending the City Charter, Articles III and VII – Government of City and Form of Government and Elections, conditioned on approval by the voters.

### **Background**

If the corresponding ballot question is approved by the voters, the proposed ordinance would amend the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to eliminate municipal primary elections, to provide for municipal elections in conjunction with the general election in November 2018 and every four years thereafter, to provide for the mayor and commissioners elected in 2015 to serve until their successors are elected and qualified in the November 2018 election, and to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and commissioners beginning in 2018.

The City Attorney recommends the introduction of the ordinance on second reading.

#### Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$52,782.00. Funding for this item is available in FY 2013 budget in General Funds, Fund 01, Subfund 001, Index CLK010201, Subobject 3199 – other professional services

|    |      | AVAILABLE: |      |              |           |            |         |                             |             |
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|    |      |            | SUB  |              |           |            | SUB     |                             |             |
| FY |      | FUND       | FUND | FUND NAME    | INDEX#    | INDEX NAME | OBJECT# | SUBOBJECT NAME              | AMOUNT      |
|    | 2013 | 001        | 01   | General Fund | CLK010201 | Elections  | 3199    | Other Professional Services | \$52,782.00 |
|    |      |            |      |              |           |            |         |                             |             |
|    |      |            |      |              |           |            |         | total                       | \$52,782.00 |

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### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - CAR No. 12-1146 Exhibit 2 - Ordinance 12-28

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