

ORDINANCE NO. C-17-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION OF THE DATE TO HOLD THE CITY'S REGULAR TRIENNIAL MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN 2018 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTIONS 100.3605 AND 166.021(4); PROVIDING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 7.05 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter currently provides that the regular municipal primary election for members of the City Commission shall be held every third year on the second Tuesday in February; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 100.3605 and 166.021(4) of the Florida Statutes, a governing body of a municipality may, by ordinance change the date of any municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections has informed the City that the voting system devices used by Broward County are not capable of processing both the City's primary election on the second Tuesday in February, 2018, and the general municipal election scheduled for March 13, 2018, within such a short window of time; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida to change the date of the 2018 regular municipal primary election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing WHEREAS clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City's regular triennial municipal primary election date shall be January 16, 2018.

SECTION 3. That the qualifying period for the 2018 regular triennial municipal primary election shall run for seven days commencing at noon November 6, 2017 and ending at noon on November 13, 2017.

SECTION 4. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately on the date of adoption.

PASSED FIRST READING this the ____ day of _____, 2017.

PASSED SECOND READING this the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI