

ORDINANCE NO. C-26-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CONDITIONED ON THE APPROVAL OF A BALLOT MEASURE, BY PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO BE CALLED UPON AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS' NOTICE, EXCEPT THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, WHERE THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR IMMINENT HARM OR THE ABILITY TO LESSEN OR AVERT A CATASTROPHE, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION MAY BE CALLED UPON SUCH NOTICE AS IS PRACTICABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Board has recommended to the City Commission that certain amendments be made to the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission proposes certain amendments to the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to be submitted for voter consideration;

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

SECTION 1. That Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, be, and is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 3.12. - Special meetings—How called.

The mayor or the city manager, may call special meetings of the city commission upon at least ~~six (6) hours' written or e-mail notice~~ seventy-two hours' notice prior to any special meeting, except that in the event of an emergency as determined by the mayor or the city manager, in consultation with the city attorney, a special meeting of the city commission may be called upon such notice prior to a special meeting for an emergency as is

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~~practicable under the circumstances. to each member, the city manager, city auditor, city clerk, and city attorney, served personally, transmitted by e-mail, or left at his or her usual place of residence. The call notice shall state the general purpose of the meeting. For purposes of this section, an emergency is any occasion or instance in which there is the potential for imminent harm to the public's health, safety, or property, or where the city has the ability to lessen or avert the threat of catastrophe. The regularity or validity of any proceedings, taken at any special meeting at which a majority of members of the city commission and city clerk is present, or where written waiver of call and consent in writing is filed, shall not be questioned on account of any omission or irregularity in calling such special meeting.~~

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall not take effect unless a corresponding ballot measure is approved by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale voting at the election to be held on November 3, 2026. The ballot measure to be submitted shall be in substantially the following form:

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 4

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Should the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter be amended so that special meetings of the City Commission may be called upon at least seventy-two hours' notice, except that in the event of an emergency, where there is the potential for imminent harm or the ability to lessen or avert a catastrophe, a special meeting of the City Commission may be called upon such notice as is practicable under the circumstances?

YES, for approval

NO, for rejection

SECTION 3. 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.

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SECTION 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That, at the direction of the City Attorney, the publisher of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is authorized to conform chapter, article, section, subsection, and clause numbers and letters, and capitalization, set forth in this Ordinance, to the numbering, lettering, and capitalization structure established in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and to correct non-substantive scrivener’s errors in the codification of this Charter amendment.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, as conditioned in Section 2, ten days after the date of certification of election results by the Broward County Canvassing Board.

PASSED FIRST READING this 19th day of May, 2026.

PASSED SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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