

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL, VARIOIUS PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, RESCISSION OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTION PROVISIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7.11 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale provides that special elections may be called by Resolution of the City Commission at any time provided 30 days intervene between the date of the adoption of such Resolution and the date of such election; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Commission to submit to the electorate of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at a special election on November 3, 2026, proposals to amend the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as provided in Ordinance C-26-XXX; and

WHEREAS, Section 166.031, Florida Statutes (2025), provides that a governing body of a municipality may by ordinance submit to the electors of the municipality a proposed amendment to all or any part of its Charter except that part describing its boundaries, which proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate at the next general election held within the municipality or at a special election called for such purpose;

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

SECTION 1. That a special election is hereby called to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for their approval or disapproval, five proposals to amend the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which proposals shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a ballot to be used in the special election ("Ballot"), which Ballot shall be presented in substantially the following form:

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE,  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, AND DESIGNATION OF VICE-MAYOR

Should the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter be amended to update the qualifications for the offices of mayor and city commissioner, and provide that elected officials assume office at the first regular city commission meeting following certification of their election, and that a vice-mayor be designated at the city commission's first meeting after all elected officials assume office following a regular municipal election and annually thereafter, instead of at the first meeting in April?

YES, for approval

NO, for rejection

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2

SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATE DOCUMENTATION  
AND REMOVAL OF CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION  
OF ELECTOR CHALLENGES TO CANDIDATES

Should the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter be amended to specify the procedure for candidates for the office of mayor or commissioner to submit documentation to the City Clerk for review, and to remove the City Commission's authority to receive affidavits alleging that a candidate for the office of mayor or commissioner has violated the charter or is unqualified and make a finding as to whether such candidate violated the Charter or is unqualified?

YES, for approval

NO, for rejection

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 4

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Should the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter be amended to prescribe a method for resolving a tie in nominations to the Civil Service Board Nominating Committee, modify the composition of the election board that certifies the results of elections for the classified employees' recommendation for appointment to the Civil Service Board, and remove the Civil Service Board's duty to review, consider, and advise the city manager concerning job class specifications?

YES, for approval

NO, for rejection

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 5

DELETING PRIMARY ELECTION REFERENCES,  
REMOVING PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT,  
AND UPDATING INTERIM AND ACTING CITY MANAGER TITLES

Should the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter be amended to delete

references to primary elections, remove the requirement of two newspaper publications for public hearings and other types of notice, and distinguish the title of interim city manager, who is appointed in the event of the city manager's resignation or termination, from that of acting city manager, who is appointed during temporary absences of the city manager?

YES, for approval

NO, for rejection

SECTION 2. That said special election shall be held at the same polling places in the several precincts, respectively, in the City as the polling places for the City's regular municipal elections. The inspectors and clerks who shall conduct said special election ("Election Officials") shall be the same as those selected and appointed for the City's regular municipal election. The polling places for the special election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the same day. In accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, all qualified electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, shall be entitled and permitted to vote in the special election.

SECTION 3. Voting Instructions. Electors desiring to vote for the amendment to the Charter shall be instructed to do so by marking the oval adjacent to the words "YES, for approval" following the statement of the question relating to the amendment to the Charter. Electors desiring to vote against the amendment to the Charter shall be instructed to do so by marking the oval adjacent to the words "NO, for rejection" following the statement of the question relating to the amendment to the Charter.

SECTION 4. Printing of Ballot. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a form of the Ballot set forth herein to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections ("Supervisor") for printing, to ascertain that the wording of the Ballot is correctly printed thereon, and to ensure that any reprinting, if necessary, is ordered by the Supervisor, all within such time as is necessary to allow compliance with any mailing requirements imposed by law in connection with vote-by-mail ballots.

SECTION 5. Vote-By-Mail Ballots. Vote-by-mail ballots containing the questions set forth in Section 1 above shall be prepared for the use of qualified electors entitled to cast such Ballots in the referendum in accordance with Chapter 101, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 6. Special Election Procedure. The special election shall be held and conducted

in the manner prescribed by law for holding special elections in the City. The Election Officials at each polling place in the several precincts, respectively, shall prepare and file return of such special election and deliver the same to Broward County Canvassing Board for canvassing in the manner provided by applicable law. Said returns shall be certified to the City Commission of the City ("Commission"), which shall declare the results thereof and record the same in its minutes along with the number of qualified electors of the City who voted at the special election on the questions proposed and the number of votes cast for and against approval of the questions on the Ballot. The Commission shall certify the results of said special election to the Florida Department of State in the manner provided by applicable law.

SECTION 7. Qualified Electors. The Supervisor is hereby authorized and requested to make up and certify a list of the names of all qualified electors residing in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. A certified copy of such list shall be furnished to the City Clerk and filed among the records of the Commission.

SECTION 8. Notice of Special Election. The City Clerk shall prepare a notice of the special election in the manner required by law to be published together with an appropriate caption in such form as the City Clerk shall determine, in the Sun-Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, once in the fifth, third, second, and first weeks prior to the week in which the special election is to be held, the first publication to be not less than 30 days prior to the date of such special election. The City Clerk shall secure from the publisher of said newspaper an appropriate affidavit of proof that the notice has been duly published, and said affidavit shall be made a part of the record of the Commission.

SECTION 9. Severability. In the event any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Rescission. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby rescinded.

SECTION 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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