

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18 “ELECTIONS”, TO AMEND THE CODE CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENTLY ADOPTED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE CITY ELECTION, RUN-OFF, AND QUALIFYING DATES; TO AMEND THE SECTIONS REGARDING THE CANVASSING BOARD AND ADJUSTING OTHER ASSOCIATED DATES FOR VACANCIES IN QUALIFYING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-06 and Resolution No. 2026-07, the electors of the City considered various Charter amendments regarding the date and process for the City’s general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 2026-112 and Resolution No. 2026-, the City Commission accepted and approved the results of the April 21, 2026 special mail ballot election where two questions regarding the City’s elections were approved by the voters with the support of over 60% of the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance amends the City Code consistent with those Charter amendments approved by the voters to move the date of the general election to November of even-numbered years and move associated qualifying and run-off dates, and amends sections regarding the canvassing board and vacancies in qualification.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does hereby amend Chapter 18, “Elections” as indicated in the attached Exhibit A<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City Code and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 6.** If the City Code Table of Contents or other reference portion is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2026.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ  
CITY ATTORNEY

