



**City of Coral Gables
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 6, 2025**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 1- " CREATION, COMPOSITION, ELECTION, TERMS, VACANCIES, QUALIFICATIONS" AND SECTION 1.1 "RUN-OFF ELECTION" OF ARTICLE 1 "CITY COMMISSION AND MAYOR" OF THE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FROM APRIL 13, 2027 TO NOVEMBER 03, 2026 AND TO CHANGE THE DATE OF ALL SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A FOUR (4) MONTH REDUCTION OF EXISTING TERMS OF OFFICE ; MOVING THE RUN-OFF ELECTION TO FOUR (4) WEEKS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION AND MOVING THE SWEARING-IN DATE TO FIVE (5) WEEKS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION; AMENDING SECTION 3 "ELECTION TO OFFICE; COMMISSION AS JUDGE OF QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, BALLOTS, CANVASSING, AND QUALIFYING PERIODS" AMENDING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD; ADOPTING SUCH CHARTER AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 100.3605, 101.75, AND 166.021(4), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

This proposed ordinance would change the date of the general election from April 13, 2027 to November 03, 2026 and change the date of all subsequent elections to November of even years. This change would reduce existing terms of office by four months, and would adjust the run-off, qualification, and swearing in dates outlined in the City Code and Charter.

The proposed ordinance also calls for a special election to be held at a later date to send a question to the electors of the City to affirm this change in election date.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

| No. | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
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| Total: Savings TBD | 0 | | |
| Fiscal Impact: Savings TBD | | | |

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance