

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-197**

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8 OF THE CITY CHARTER ENTITLED "CREATION, COMPOSITION, ELECTION, TERMS, VACANCIES, QUALIFICATIONS.", TO CHANGE THE MAYOR'S TERM FROM FOUR YEARS TO TWO YEARS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE ISSUE AT THE GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 14, 2009, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Florida Constitution provides that a municipality's charter may be amended pursuant to general or special law.

**SECTION 2.** That Section 166.031, Florida Statutes provides that the governing body of a municipality may, by ordinance submit to the electors of said municipality a proposed amendment to its charter, which amendment may be to any part or to all of said charter except that part describing the boundaries of such municipality. The governing body of the municipality shall place the proposed amendment contained in the ordinance or petition to a vote of the electors at the next general election held within the municipality or at a special election called for such purpose.

**SECTION 3.** That Section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter provides that unless an election occurs not less than 60 or more than 120 days after the draft proposed Charter amendment is submitted, the proposal shall be submitted at a special election within that time.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Attorney is directed to prepare an Ordinance calling for the holding of a special municipal referendum election at the general biennial election of Coral Gables, Florida, on April 14, 2009, for the submission to the qualified electors of said City, an amendment to the City Charter, Section 8, which is entitled, "Creation, composition, election, terms, vacancies, qualifications.", to change the Mayor's term from four years to two years.

**SECTION 5.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 2008.

(Moved: Cabrera / Seconded: Withers)

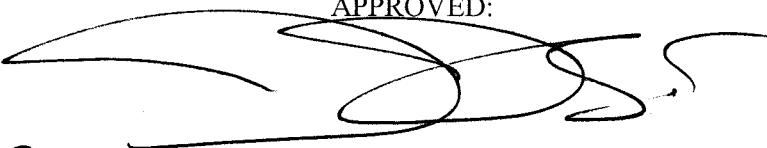
(Yea: Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Withers)

(Nays: Slesnick)

(Majority: 4-1 Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-3)

APPROVED:

  
DONALD D. SLESNICK II  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
WALTER J. FORMAN

CITY CLERK

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ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ  
CITY ATTORNEY