

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE CITY ELECTORS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER INCLUDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.12 REGARDING REFERENDUM APPROVAL FOR LEASES, AND A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9.02 REGARDING THE CONVENING OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission appointed a charter review committee to review the city charter pursuant to Section 9.02;

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Committee (CRC) conducted a complete review of the city charter, having received input from the public, the City Commission, city staff and others;

WHEREAS, the CRC submitted a report to the City Commission on July 7, 2020 recommending amendments to the city charter be presented to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to call an election to allow the city's electorate to vote on the proposed changes to the city charter at the next regular city election on November 3, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LARGO CITY COMMISSION HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. It is hereby proposed that Section 2.12(b)(2) of the City of Largo's Charter be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.12. Actions requiring an ordinance or a referendum.

(b) In addition to other acts required by law or specific provision of this Charter to be approved by referendum, the following acts of the city commission shall be approved by referendum:

(2) The lease of real property owned by the city by fee simple title for a term greater than ten (10) years.

Section 2. It is hereby proposed that Section 9.02 of the City of Largo's Charter be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9.02.

Amendments to this Charter may be framed and proposed in the manner provided by law. At least once every ten (10) years, the city commission shall appoint a committee of at least seven (7) registered voters to review and recommend changes, if any, to the Charter. The members of this committee shall be appointed by the entire city commission and not as provided in Section 2.03 of this Charter.

Section 4. A referendum election is hereby called and will be held on the 3rd day of November, 2020 at the regular city election to be held on said date, for the consideration by the voters of the City of Largo of the proposed amendments to the City Charter. The questions to appear on the referendum ballot

reflecting the proposed amendments to the City Charter at the election scheduled for November 3, 2020 shall be as follows:

Question No. 1

Referendum Approval of Lease of City Owned Real Property

Should section 2.12 of the city charter be amended to require referendum approval of a lease of city-owned property for a term greater than ten years, instead of the present provision, which requires referendum approval of a lease with a term of greater than five years?

- Yes - For Amendment
- No - Against Amendment

Question No. 2

Charter Review Committee

Should section 9.02 of the city charter be amended to require that the Charter Review Committee convene at least once every ten years, instead of the present provision, which requires that the Charter Review Committee convene at least once every seven years?

- Yes - For Amendment
- No - Against Amendment

Section 5. The city clerk is directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that the referendum items provided above shall be considered at the City’s Regular Election to be held on November 3, 2020 by the electors of the City of Largo.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption. The amendments to sections 2.12 and 9.02, respectively, shall take effect only upon approval of a majority of the city electors voting at the referendum election on each issue and upon the filing of the amended charter with all amendments approved by the city electors with the Secretary of State.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON
SECOND AND FINAL READING _____

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

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Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

ATTEST:

City Attorney

City Clerk