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4 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,
5 SETTING MARCH 20, 2018 AS THE DATE FOR THE 2018
6 REGULAR CITY ELECTION AND MAY 1, 2018 AS THE DATE
7 FOR THE 2018 RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY;
8 SETTING THE EARLY VOTING DATES FOR THE 2018
9 REGULAR CITY ELECTION AND 2018 RUN-OFF ELECTION,
10 IF NECESSARY; SETTING THE DATES FOR QUALIFYING
11 FOR THE 2018 REGULAR ELECTION; PROVIDING A
12 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING
13 CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
14 DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9-2(b) of the Code of Ordinances the City
17 Commission is to adopt an ordinance setting the date of the next regular election by July 1st
18 of each year; and

19 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances the dates for any
20 person who meets the eligibility requirements described in Article II of the City Charter and
21 Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances to become a candidate for a seat on the City
22 Commission by filing the necessary qualifying papers with the supervisor of elections shall
23 run from noon of the 50th day prior to the day of the election to noon of the 46th day prior to
24 the day of the election; and

25 **WHEREAS**, at least 10 days notice has been given once by publication in a
26 newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a
27 Public Hearing in the Auditorium of City Hall in the City of Gainesville; and

28 **WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held pursuant to the published notice described
29 at which hearing the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in

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1 fact, heard;

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**
3 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

4 **Section 1.** The 2018 regular election for the City of Gainesville shall be held on
5 Tuesday, March 20, 2018; and, pursuant to Section 9-2(a) of the Code of Ordinances, the
6 date of the run-off election, if necessary, shall be Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The dates for early
7 voting for the 2018 regular election shall be from Saturday, March 10, 2018 to and including
8 Saturday, March 17, 2018. The dates for early voting for the 2018 run-off election, if
9 necessary, shall be from Saturday, April 21, 2018 to and including Saturday, April 28, 2018.

10 **Section 2.** The dates for any person who meets the eligibility requirements described
11 in Article II of the City Charter and Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances to become a
12 candidate in 2018 for a seat on the City Commission by filing the necessary qualifying
13 papers with the registration and qualifying officer for the City shall run from noon of the
14 50th day prior to the day of the election to noon of the 46th day prior to the day of the
15 election. Specifically, the qualifying dates shall be from noon on Monday, January 29, 2018
16 to noon on Friday, February 2, 2018. To the extent that the qualifying dates for the 2018
17 general election set forth herein conflict with the requirements of Section 9-10 of the Code
18 of Ordinances, the qualifying dates set forth herein shall govern and control for the 2018
19 general election.

20 **Section 3.** If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this
21 ordinance or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or

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1 unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the
2 ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or
3 application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

4 **Section 4.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the
5 extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

6 **Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption.

7 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this ____ day of June, 2017.

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LAUREN POE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality

KURT M. LANNON
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

NICOLLE M. SHALLEY
CITY ATTORNEY

This Ordinance passed on first reading on _____, 2017.

This Ordinance passed on second reading _____, 2017.