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An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, setting the date for the 2021 regular City election and the date for the 2021 run-off election, if necessary; setting the early voting dates for the 2021 regular city election and 2021 run-off election, if necessary; setting the dates for qualifying for the 2021 regular election; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-2 of the Code of Ordinances the City Commission

is to adopt an ordinance setting the date of the next regular election by July 1st of each year;

and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-2 of the Code of Ordinances, the run-off election

is to be held on the sixth Tuesday following the regular election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances the dates for any

person who meets the eligibility requirements described in Article II of the City Charter and

Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances to become a candidate for a seat on the City

Commission by filing the necessary qualifying papers with the supervisor of elections shall

run from noon of the 50th day prior to the day of the election to noon of the 46th day prior to

the day of the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.6-5 of the Code of Ordinances the City

Commission is to set the early voting dates in the election ordinance adopted annually by the

City Commission; and

WHEREAS, at least 10 days notice has been given once by publication in a

newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a

public hearing in the Auditorium of City Hall in the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held pursuant to the published notice described at

30 which hearing the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact,
31 heard;

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**
33 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

34 **Section 1.** The 2021 regular election for the City of Gainesville shall be held on
35 Tuesday, March 2, 2021; and, pursuant to Section 9-2(a) of the Code of Ordinances, the date
36 of the run-off election, if necessary, shall be Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The dates for early
37 voting for the 2021 regular election shall be from Friday, February 19, 2021 to and including
38 Saturday, February 27, 2021. The dates for early voting for the 2021 run-off election, if
39 necessary, shall be from Friday, April 2, 2021 to and including Saturday, April 10, 2021.

40 **Section 2.** The dates for any person who meets the eligibility requirements described
41 in Article II of the City Charter and Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances to become a
42 candidate in 2021 for a seat on the City Commission by filing the necessary qualifying papers
43 with the registration and qualifying officer for the City shall run from noon on Monday,
44 January 11, 2021 to noon on Friday, January 15, 2021.

45 **Section 3.** If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this
46 ordinance or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or
47 unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the
48 ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or
49 application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

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

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

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of June, 2020.

LAUREN POE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality

OMICHELE D. GAINY
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

NICOLLE M. SHALLEY
CITY ATTORNEY

This Ordinance passed on first reading on June _____, 2020.

This Ordinance passed on second reading June _____, 2020.