

**ORDINANCE NO. 180024**

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4       An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, setting March 19,  
5       2019 as the date for the 2019 regular City election and April 30,  
6       2019 as the date for the 2019 run-off election, if necessary; setting  
7       the early voting dates for the 2019 regular city election and 2019 run-  
8       off election, if necessary; setting the dates for qualifying for the 2019  
9       regular election; providing a severability clause; providing a  
10       repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

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12       **WHEREAS**, Section 9-2 of the Code of Ordinances requires that in the event the  
13       City Commission does not adopt an ordinance setting the date of the next regular election by  
14       July 1st of any year, the regular election shall be held on the third Tuesday in March; and

15       **WHEREAS**, the City Commission did not adopt an elections ordinance by July 1,  
16       2018, so this ordinance recognizes that the regular election date is set as Tuesday, March 19,  
17       2019 in accordance with City Code; and

18       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9-2 of the Code of Ordinances, the run-off election  
19       is to be held on the sixth Tuesday following the regular election; and

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

26       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9.6-5 of the Code of Ordinances the City  
27       Commission is to set the early voting dates in the election ordinance adopted annually by the  
28       City Commission; and

29           **WHEREAS**, at least 10 days' notice has been given once by publication in a  
30 newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a  
31 public hearing in the Auditorium of City Hall in the City of Gainesville; and

32           **WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held pursuant to the published notice described at  
33 which hearing the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact,  
34 heard;

35           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**  
36 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

37           **Section 1.** The 2019 regular election for the City of Gainesville shall be held on  
38 Tuesday, March 19, 2019; and, pursuant to Section 9-2(a) of the Code of Ordinances, the  
39 date of the run-off election, if necessary, shall be Tuesday, April 30, 2019. The dates for  
40 early voting for the 2019 regular election shall be from Saturday, March 9, 2019 to and  
41 including Saturday, March 16, 2019. The dates for early voting for the 2019 run-off  
42 election, if necessary, shall be from Saturday, April 20, 2019 to and including Saturday,  
43 April 27, 2019.

44           **Section 2.** The dates for any person who meets the eligibility requirements described  
45 in Article II of the City Charter and Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances to become a  
46 candidate in 2019 for a seat on the City Commission by filing the necessary qualifying  
47 papers with the registration and qualifying officer for the City shall run from noon of the  
48 50th day prior to the day of the election to noon of the 46th day prior to the day of the  
49 election. Specifically, the qualifying dates shall be from noon on Monday, January 28, 2019  
50 to noon on Friday, February 1, 2019. To the extent that the qualifying dates for the 2019  
51 general election set forth herein conflict with the requirements of Section 9-10 of the Code

52 of Ordinances, the qualifying dates set forth herein shall govern and control for the 2019  
53 general election.

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

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

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

62 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 2nd day of August, 2018.

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66 LAUREN POE  
67 MAYOR

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70 ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality

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74 OMICHELE D. GAINNEY  
75 CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

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79 NICOLLE M. SHALLEY  
80 CITY ATTORNEY

81 This Ordinance passed on first reading on July 19, 2018.

82 This Ordinance passed on second reading on August 2, 2018.