

**ORDINANCE NO. 191186**

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

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12 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9-2 of the Code of Ordinances the City  
13 Commission is to adopt an ordinance setting the date of the next regular election by July 1st  
14 of each year; and

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

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

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

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

29           **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 16, 2021; and, pursuant to Section 9-2(a) of the Code of Ordinances, the  
36 date of the run-off election, if necessary, shall be Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The dates for  
37 early voting for the 2021 regular election shall be from Friday, March 5, 2021 to and  
38 including Saturday, March 13, 2021. The dates for early voting for the 2021 run-off  
39 election, if necessary, shall be from Friday, April 16, 2021 to and including Saturday, April  
40 24, 2021.

41           **Section 2.** The dates for any person who meets the eligibility requirements described  
42 in Article II of the City Charter and Section 9-10 of the Code of Ordinances to become a  
43 candidate in 2021 for a seat on the City Commission by filing the necessary qualifying  
44 papers with the registration and qualifying officer for the City shall run from noon on  
45 Monday, January 25, 2021 to noon on Friday, January 29, 2021.

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

CODE: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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

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

54           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of June, 2020.



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58           LAUREN POE  
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62           ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality



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66           OMICHELE D. GAINNEY  
67           CLERK OF THE COMMISSION



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72           NICOLLE M. SHALLEY  
73           CITY ATTORNEY

74           This Ordinance passed on first reading on June 4, 2020.

            This Ordinance passed on second reading June 18, 2020.