

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

3 The following proposed amendment to Chapter 90-394, Laws of Florida, 1990, as
4 amended, otherwise known as the Charter Laws of the City of Gainesville, Florida, is approved for
5 submission to the electors of the City of Gainesville, Florida, for approval or disapproval at the
6 election set for Tuesday, November 3, 2020:

7 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

8 **Section 1.** The Charter of the City of Gainesville is amended to insert a Preamble prior to
9 Article I of the Charter, as set forth below. Except as amended herein, the Charter remains in full
10 force and effect.

11 **Preamble.**

12 We, the people of the City of Gainesville, under the constitution and laws of the State of
13 Florida, value the benefits of local self-government and an honest and accountable commission-
14 management government, and hereby affirm this charter. By this action, we increase citizen
15 participation and promote equal opportunity of broad cultural diversity of the city and
16 inclusiveness that focuses on justice and equality. Further, we affirm the values of representative
17 democracy, professional management, and environmental stewardship.

18 **Section 2.** The following ballot title and question is approved for submission to the
19 electors of the City of Gainesville, Florida, for approval or rejection at the election set for Tuesday,
20 November 3, 2020:

21 CITY OF GAINESVILLE CHARTER AMENDMENT

22 CREATING A PREAMBLE TO THE CHARTER

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1 “SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO INSERT A PREAMBLE
2 STATEMENT THAT AFFIRMS THE CHARTER AND EXRESSES THE
3 VALUES OF THE PEOPLE, AS PROPOSED BY ORDINANCE NO.
4 _____?”

5 **Section 3.** The Supervisor of Elections is requested to place this ballot title and question
6 on the November 3, 2020 general election ballot.

7 **Section 4.** In the event that the charter amendment proposed by Section 1 of this
8 Ordinance is approved by affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast by the electors of the City of
9 Gainesville, Florida at the November 3, 2020 election, then: 1) the codifier is directed to
10 incorporate the amendments stated in Section 1 of this Ordinance in the Charter Laws of the City
11 of Gainesville; and 2) the Clerk of the Commission is directed to file a true copy of this ordinance
12 with the Florida Department of State.

13 **Section 5.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid
14 or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect
15 the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

16 **Section 6.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of
17 such conflict hereby repealed.

18 **Section 7.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption.

19 **PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.**
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23 _____
24 LAUREN POE
25 MAYOR
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1 ATTEST: Approved as to form and legality
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3 _____
4 OMICHELE D. GAINEY NICOLLE M. SHALLEY
5 CLERK OF COMMISSION CITY ATTORNEY
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7 This ordinance passed on first reading this ____ day of _____, 2020.
8 This ordinance passed on second reading this ____ day of _____, 2020.

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