

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE DATES OF THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH TO THE SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH; AMENDING THE DATES OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD; AMENDING THE DATE ON WHICH COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, based on the ordinary terms of office for the City Council, the City is scheduled to have a general election in March 2026; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-401 (a) of the City's Code of Ordinances provides that the City's general elections shall be held on the first Tuesday of March; and

WHEREAS, the first Tuesday in March 2026, is Tuesday, March 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City requires the administrative assistance and support of the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections to conduct its March 2026 general election; and

WHEREAS, as published on its website, the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections is prepared to conduct municipal elections on March 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park General Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, and conducted by and in collaboration with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park desires to establish the qualifying period for the March 2026 general election for a date that is consistent with the City's Tuesday, March 10, 2026, General Election; and

WHEREAS, Section 100.3605 (2), Florida Statutes, allows a municipal governing body, by ordinance, to change both the dates of its election and qualifying period, and also provides for the orderly transition of office from such date changes, and Florida Attorney General's Opinion 2001-81 opines that such action is a legal and proper means to amend such dates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The 2026 General Election for the City of Pinellas Park shall be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

SECTION 2: The candidate qualifying period for the 2026 General Election will begin on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025.

SECTION 3: Newly elected Council Members will be administered the oath of office at a City Council meeting to be scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. In the event the certification of the election has not been concluded by such date, then the City Council meeting to swear in newly elected Council Members will take place at the next regular meeting of City Council following the certification of the election.

SECTION 4: That it is the intention of the City Council that each provision hereof is to be considered severable, and, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 6: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and are hereby repealed insofar as such provision is in conflict with this Ordinance.

FIRST READING _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PUBLISHED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Sandra L. Bradbury
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jennifer R. Carfagno, MMC
CITY CLERK

Business Impact Estimate

This form must be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the City's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Proposed ordinance's title/reference: **Ordinance 2025-XX**

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This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes.

If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is ***not*** required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- ☒ The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in Florida Statutes § 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under Florida Statutes § 163.3220-163.3243;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the City;
 - c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

(c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):