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**AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL  
AMENDING THE DATE FOR THE CANDIDATE  
QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR WELLINGTON'S 2022  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Wellington's Charter provides that the regular Village elections are to be held on the second Tuesday in March of each election year and any required runoff is to be held on the fourth Tuesday in March; and

WHEREAS, Wellington's Charter further provides that the qualifying period shall be no sooner than noon on the last Tuesday in January nor later than noon on the second Tuesday in February of the year in which the election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, Section 100.3605(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the governing body of a municipality may, by ordinance, change the dates for qualifying and for the election of members of the governing body of the municipality and provide for the orderly transition of office resulting from such date changes; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County's Supervisor of Elections has requested that Palm Beach County municipalities with elections scheduled to be held in March, 2022 modify their qualifying periods in order to allow time for the Supervisor of Elections to program the elections software, prepare the ballots and mail overseas ballots.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1:** The Village of Wellington hereby amends its 2022 municipal election qualifying period as follows:

Qualifying periods for candidates for the March 8, 2022 election will be from noon on November 2, 2021 to noon on November 16, 2021.

**SECTION 2.** The date of Wellington’s municipal election for 2022, and any runoff required, will remain unchanged.

**SECTION 3.** Nothing herein is intended to create a permanent change to the Village Charter. Following the March 8, 2022 election, and any subsequent runoff, Wellington's qualifying period for municipal elections shall thereafter comply with its Charter.

**SECTION 4.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance conflict with any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of any prior Wellington

1 Ordinance, Resolution, or Municipal Code provision; then in that event the provisions of  
2 this Ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

3 **SECTION 5:** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this  
4 Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision  
5 shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole as a whole or any portion or part  
6 thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

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8 **SECTION 5:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption of  
9 the Wellington Council following second reading.

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11 **PASSED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021 upon first reading.

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13 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 on second and  
14 final reading.

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16 **WELLINGTON**

**FOR** **AGAINST**

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18 BY: \_\_\_\_\_

19 Anne Gerwig, Mayor

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22 John McGovern, Vice Mayor

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25 Michael Napoleone, Councilman

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28 Michael Drahos, Councilman

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31 Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman

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33 **ATTEST:**

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36 BY: \_\_\_\_\_

37 Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk

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40 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND**  
41 **LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

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44 BY: \_\_\_\_\_

45 Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney