

**CITY OF LAKE HELEN  
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTIONS 101.161 AND 166.031 SETTING FORTH A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S CHARTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT SUMMARY AND TITLE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission appointed a Charter Review Committee that drafted a new Charter for the City, which was submitted to the electors of the City as a single ballot question in the 2016 election. The proposed new Charter was not passed by a narrow vote.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission believes that many of the changes in the proposed new Charter are extremely important for the efficient, cost effective operations of the City.

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 the City Commission appointed a new Charter Review Committee to review the current City Charter and the new City Charter that was proposed in the 2016 election and to recommend any proposed amendments to the current City Charter.

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Review Committee has recommended that there be three separate ballot questions, each addressing a separate proposed Charter amendment: one proposing four (4) year staggered terms; one proposing the City Administrator have the authority to hire, terminate and discipline employees; and the last one proposing changes to eliminate the inconsistencies within the City Charter and make the City Charter consistent with State law and current City operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA**

**SECTION 1.** The proposed Charter amendment is the following:

**BALLOT SUMMARY**

The City Charter currently has provisions that are outdated, inconsistent, superseded by State law; requires the City operate inefficiently; and not consistent with good management practices. The proposed Charter amendment shall make the Charter consistent with State law, repeal outdated and inconsistent provisions; incorporate provisions consistent with current operations and good management practices; and incorporate changes to make the City's operations more efficient.

**UPDATING CURRENT CHARTER**

Should the Charter be amended to make the Charter consistent with State law, repeal outdated and inconsistent provisions; incorporate provisions consistent with current operations and good management practices; and incorporate changes to make the City's operations more efficient?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, in favor of amending City Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, opposed to amending City Charter.

**SECTION 2. CONFLICTS.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

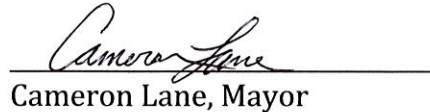
**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption

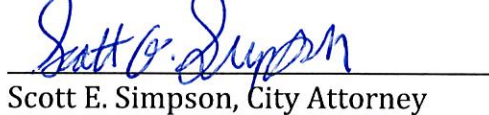
**THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED ON SECOND READING** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 by the City Commission of the City of Lake Helen, Florida.

ATTEST:

  
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Lee Evett, City Administrator

  
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Cameron Lane, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

  
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Scott E. Simpson, City Attorney

**CITY OF LAKE HELEN  
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04**

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**SECTION 1.** The proposed Charter amendment is the following:

**BALLOT SUMMARY**

The City Charter currently provides for two (2) year staggered terms, which requires a City election every year, with each election costing several thousand dollars. The proposed amendment establishes four (4) year staggered terms. In addition to saving thousands of dollars every other year, four (4) year staggered terms will allow for stability in the Commission as having elections every year could result in constant changes in the Commission.

**FOUR (4) YEAR STAGGERED TERMS**

Shall the City Charter be amended to change the term of office to four (4) years with staggered terms and making the necessary adjustments to the terms of office to implement this change?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, in favor of amending City Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, opposed to amending the City Charter.

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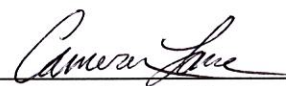
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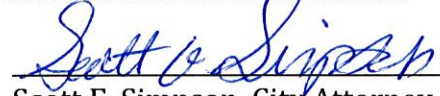
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**CITY OF LAKE HELEN  
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA**

**SECTION 1.** The proposed Charter amendment is the following:

**BALLOT SUMMARY**

The City Charter currently requires the City Commission to hire, terminate and evaluate all employees and requires a personnel board that does not currently exist. This proposed Amendment will provide the City Administrator the administrative and supervisory authority to hire, terminate, discipline, promote, etc. City employees and eliminates the requirement for a personnel board.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY  
OVER CITY EMPLOYEES**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide the City Administrator with administrative and supervisory authority of City employees

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, in favor of amending City Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, opposed to amending the City Charter.

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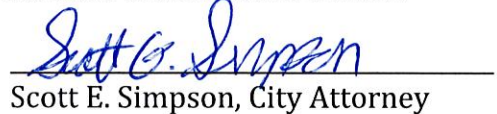
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