

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor
Okeechobee, Florida

NOTICE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION AT THE 2022 GENERAL CITY ELECTION

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of the provisions of the Charter, Elections Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Okeechobee, and Florida State Laws, it is the duty of the Mayor to proclaim and call a Referendum during the General Election at the time and manner provided therein; and

WHEREAS, proclaiming a Referendum shall be issued by a Proclamation, at least 90-days prior to the date of holding of such election, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk, and specify the issues or questions to be voted upon in the Referendum, including the wording of the Referendum as it will appear on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk shall publish the Proclamation in the local newspaper at least twice, once being in the fifth week, and once being in the third week, prior to the week in which the Referendum Question on the General Election Ballot will be held.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Mayor of the City of Okeechobee, Florida do hereby proclaim and declare that a **REFERENDUM** be held at the **NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION** by the City of Okeechobee qualified electors who have registered to vote by October 11, 2022. Election day voting will be from **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**; at the County Polling or Voting Precinct(s), which have been established by the County Supervisor of Elections and Board of County Commissioners; or during the **EARLY VOTING** period as provided by State Law, to be held from **OCTOBER 29, THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 7 PM**, at the Supervisor of Elections Office; or **Vote-by-Mail** as provided by State Law.

Said **Referendum** wording shall appear on the **General Election Ballot**, as adopted on June 7, 2022, and set out in Section 5.B of City Ordinance No. 1253:

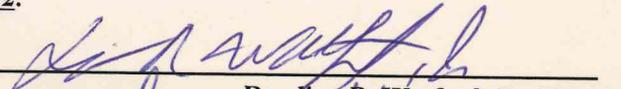
REVISION OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA

Shall the Charter for the City of Okeechobee be updated and revised to (i) incorporate a Citizens' Bill of Rights; (ii) update and modernize the City Charter; (iii) codify a number of charter-type provisions now in the City Code of Ordinance, but not in the City Charter; (vi) eliminate provisions that are obsolete or inconsistent with, state law and modern municipal governance; and (v) render the City Clerk office from an elective position to an appointive position.

Yes _____

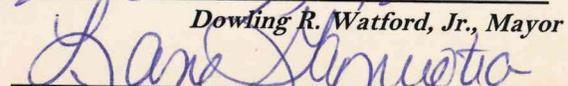
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IN TESTIMONY AND WITNESS of the foregoing Notice of City Referendum, I have hereunto set my hand as Mayor of the City of Okeechobee, Florida, and caused the corporate seal of said City to be affixed, and attested to by the City Clerk, this **19th** day of **July, 2022**.



Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

