

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 8, "ELECTIONS," SECTION 8-51, "OATH; CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS; STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS; FEE," IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND POSTING OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORTS AS WELL AS PENALTIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING SAME; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has enacted legislation that requires all candidates for state offices to file their campaign treasurer reports electronically with the Department of State; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office is supportive of having Broward County cities require all candidates for municipal office to file their campaign treasurer reports electronically via the VR Systems software; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek (City) has been committed to the use and implementation of technology to improve government efficiency, make government user-friendly, and whenever possible, reduce the demands on resources; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority under Section 106.07(2)(a)2., Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, to impose electronic filing requirements for campaign finance reports required to be filed by each person, candidate, political committee, electioneering communications organization or other individual or organization required to file such reports pursuant to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the implementation of a mandatory electronic filing system for campaign treasurer reports would continue the commitment

any way violate any federal, state, or local law or any information that is exempt and/or confidential.

e) Penalties.

In addition to any other penalties which may be applicable, any individual who violates this section shall be subject to a fine in accordance with Section 106.07, Fla.Stat., as amended from time to time.

f) Technical Assistance.

The City Clerk, or Deputy City Clerk, shall provide technical assistance to candidates regarding the electronic filing requirements herein as requested.

Section 3: Conflicts. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances, all City Code sections or parts of City Code sections, and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4: Severability. That should any section or provision of this ordinance or any portion thereof, any paragraph, sentence, clause or word be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereof as a whole or part hereof other than the part declared invalid.

Section 5: Codification. That the provisions of this ordinance shall be codified within the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, and any paragraph or section may be renumbered to conform with the Code of Ordinances.

Section 6: Effective Date. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage on second and final reading.

PASSED FIRST READING THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

PASSED SECOND READING THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

Rebecca A. Tooley, Mayor

Attest:

Marianne Bowers, Interim City Clerk

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Rydell	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Sarbone	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Welch	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Railey	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>

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