ORDINANCE NO. 139-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF AMENDING THE VILLAGE ELECTIONS CODE AT SECTION 2.B. REGARDING QUALIFYING DATES FOR VILLAGE ELECTIONS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 93, the Village Council of the Village of Golf adopted the Village Elections Code on April 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 14 of Article III of the Village Charter authorizes the Village Council to regulate the conduct of elections by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 100.3605, Florida Statutes, allows any municipality to change by ordinance the dates of qualifying for its municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) has requested that all municipalities in Palm Beach County amend their charters and/or ordinances to allow compliance by the SOE with recent changes to Florida elections laws; and

WHEREAS, included in the requests by the SOE is a request to end the qualifying period for municipal elections no later than the 95th day prior to the election date; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest of the Village that the Village comply with the SOE's request to amend the qualifying dates for Village elections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1: The Village Elections Code is amended at Section 2.B. as follows:

SECTION 2. DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; QUALIFYING PERIOD

- A. (Shall remain the same as previously adopted.)
- B. QUALIFYING. Qualifying for general elections shall begin no earlier than noon on the first Monday in December first Monday in November and shall end no later than noon on the third Monday in December third Monday in November in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the election is to be

held, and all documentation required by state law as well as by Village ordinance shall be submitted to the Village Clerk within those time frames.

SECTION 2: Repeal of Laws in Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 3: Severability. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance or any portion hereof, or any paragraph, sentence or word be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

FIRST READING this 15th day of September 2022.

SECOND READING AND FINAL READING this 26^h day of October 2022.

VILLAGE OF GOLF

Michael E. Botos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donn M. Lynn, Village Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Claudia M. McKenna, Village Attorney

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