

ORDINANCE # 97-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, AMENDING SECTION 2.24 OF THE CITY CHARTER, TITLED: "PROCEDURE FOR QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES" FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNATING QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES WISHING TO RUN FOR MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION, TO COMMENCE AT NOON OF THE 50TH DAY AND TO END AT NOON OF THE 46TH DAY PRIOR TO THE CITY'S REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OR A FOUR DAY QUALIFYING PERIOD, AND WAIVING THIRTY-DAY WAITING PERIOD, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION.

WHEREAS, The City of West Miami City Charter specifies in Section 2.24 that candidates wishing to run for election in West Miami may qualify on or after the second Tuesday of February of each election year, provided that the final date for qualification for each April election shall be at the close of the regular business day the second Tuesday of March of each election year, and

WHEREAS, The City of West Miami is desirous of shortening the commencement of the qualifying period for candidates running for the office of Mayor and City Commission, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 99.061 the City may amend Section 2.24 of the City Charter to shorten the existing qualifying period to a four-day qualifying period, and waiving thirty day waiting period, and

WHEREAS, It has been recommended by the City Clerk that the City Commission adopt a 4 day qualifying period in conformity with Section 99.061 of the Florida Statutes, and pursuant to Section 100.3605(2) of the Florida Statutes, which permits the governing body of a municipality to change the dates for qualifying by the adoption of an Ordinance, and

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of West Miami that:

Section 1. That Section 2.24 of the City Charter titled; Procedures for Qualification of Candidates be amended to allow a four day qualifying period for candidates running for the Office of Mayor and City Commission.

Section 2. That the thirty day waiting period is hereby waived making this Ordinance effective March 5 1997.

Section 3. That this Ordinance upon adoption be codified in the next available supplement.

Passed and adopted this 5 day of March 1997, 1997.

Approved:



Rebeca Sosa,
Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

Approved as to form and sufficiency:

City Attorney

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Sosa	_____y_____
Vice Mayor Diaz-Padron	_____y_____
Commissioners:	

Enrique Gonzalez	_____y_____
Purita Martin	_____y_____
Tania Rozio	_____n_____