## **ORDINANCE 2019-1**

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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LAZY LAKE, FLORIDA, SETTING MARCH 17, 2020 FOR THE VILLAGE 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DATE TO COINCIDE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL AS ELECTION DATE PRIMARY PREFERENCE ALLOWED BY SECTION 101.75, FLORIDA STATUTES; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO OCCUR FROM NOON ON THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2020 THROUGH NOON ON THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2020, AS REQUIRED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; FOR PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, for the 2020 election cycle, the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election is scheduled to be held on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3 of the Village of Lazy Lake Charter provides that the Mayor may call a general election no sooner than three (3) weeks before April 1 and no later than two (2) weeks before April 1 in a year in which a municipal general election is to be held, and the March 17, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election Date falls within this timeframe; and,

WHEREAS, Section 101.75, Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities to move their elections to the same date as the Presidential Primary Election (or other statewide or countywide election) by adopting an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections ("Supervisor") has established dates and deadlines for the March 17, 2020 election, and has provided that all qualifying periods be completed no later than Thursday January 9, 2020, in order to meet the Supervisor's timeline for preparation for the March 17, 2020 ballot; and

WHEREAS, should the Village decide to hold a separate General Municipal Election in March, the Village will be responsible for a greater share of election-related costs; and

WHEREAS, if the Village moves its 2020 General Municipal Election date to coincide with the Presidential Preference Primary Election, it will only be responsible for limited election costs, resulting in a significant financial savings to the Village; and

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WHEREAS, Section 101.75, Florida Statutes, provides that the ordinance moving the date of the Village's General Municipal Election must establish a qualifying period for the election; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Village to modify its General Municipal Election in 2020, to coincide with the Presidential Preference Primary Election on March 17, 2020;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LAZY LAKE, FLORIDA, THAT:

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The preceding "Whereas" clauses are ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** Election Date Modified. Pursuant to the authority of Section 101.75, Florida Statutes, the date of the Village 2020 General Municipal Election shall be March 17, 2020, to coincide with the Presidential Preference Primary Election.

**SECTION 3. Qualifying Period Set.** The qualifying period for the 2020 General Municipal Election on March 17, 2020 shall run for seven (7) calendar days from noon on Thursday January 2, 2020, through noon on Thursday January 9, 2020.

**SECTION 4.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** Conflicts. All prior ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

Council Member	Voice Vote	Absent
John Boisseau	Yea Nay	
Sally Boisseau	Yea Nay	
Patrick Kaufman	Yea Nay	
Carlton Kirby	Yea Nay	
Ray Nyhuis	Yea Nay	,
SIGNED by the Mayor this 22 day of Weccauder, 2019.		
	MAYOR EV	AN ANTHONY
ATTEST:		APPROVED DATE
	REQUESTED BY:	

AS TO FORM ONLY

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VILLAGE QULAIFYING AND ELECTION AGENT

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