Public Hearing 6 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits. The City Commission will conduct these public hearings in its dual capacity as Local Planning Agency and City Commission.

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City of Boynton Beach
Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 08/19/2025

Proposed Ordinance No. 25-011- Second Reading, An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article III "Elections" of the City Code Ordinances, to re-title Section 2-42 to read "Candidate Requirements and Qualifications, Official Ballot, and Filing Fees" establishing qualifying requirements, modifying the number of petitions required to run for office, and the amount of the Campaign Filing Fee; and creating Section 2-48 entitled "Campaign Signs- Bonds, Penalties, and Financial Responsibility;" providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-011, on second reading.

Explanation of Request:

Section 2-42 of the City's Code of Ordinances currently requires candidates to file a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) duly qualified voters of the City and establishes a filing fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for candidates seeking to appear on the official ballot for regular and special elections in the City. The City Commission has determined that an increase in the number of petitions required to qualify, and the filing fee is warranted to more accurately reflect the administrative costs incurred by the City in processing candidate applications and conducting elections.

Article I, Section 3 of the City Charter establishes residency requirements for candidates running for the office of Mayor or City Commission; however, it does not establish verification requirements. The City Commission desires to clarify the documentation required to qualify for office within the City.

The City seeks to ensure proper placement and timely removal of temporary campaign signs. The City Commission has studied filing fees and political sign bond fees charged by comparable municipalities in Palm Beach County and the State of Florida to ensure that any fees or penalties remain reasonable and do not create an undue burden to candidate

participation. The City Commission finds that requiring personal financial responsibility for sign bonds and penalties serves the public interest by ensuring candidates maintain accountability for campaign signage compliance.

How will this affect city programs or services? Establishes new requirements to run for Mayor or City Commissioner.

Account Line Item and Description: N/A

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the budget for this item.

Attachments:
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