City of Delray Beach
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Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

File #: 21-1020 **Agenda Date:** 10/5/2021 **Item #:** 9.C.

TO: **Mayor and Commissioners**
FROM: **Katerri Johnson, Office of the City Clerk**
THROUGH: **Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM**
DATE: **October 5, 2021**

ORDINANCE NO. 33-21: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 34, "ELECTIONS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING SECTION 34.16, "FILING OF NOMINATING PETITION", TO AMEND THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH'S GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING)

Recommended Action:
Motion to approve Ordinance No. 33-21 amending the qualifying period for the general election to accommodate statutory vote-by-mail requirements.

Background:
To accommodate statutory vote-by-mail requirements, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections strongly recommends that municipalities amend their qualifying period so that it ends on or before the 95th day before Election Day. The qualifying period for future elections will be the first 14 business days in November, opening no earlier than noon on the first business day and closing no later than noon on the fourteenth business day.

City Attorney Review:
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:
N/A.

Timing of Request:
This item is not time sensitive.