

**CITY OF TAMARAC
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

**TO: Michael C. Cernech,
City Manager**

DATE: April 22, 2020

**FROM: Jennifer Johnson
City Clerk**

**RE: TO2428 – Increase Filing Fee for
Mayor and Commissioner
Candidates**

RECOMMENDATION:

I request TO2428 – Increase in Mayor and Commission Filing Fees, be placed on the agenda for first reading at the April 22, 2020 City Commission meeting.

ISSUE:

Election filing fees, for both the Mayor and Commission, have not been adjusted since 1975. In many instances, Tamarac's filing fee is much lower than other cities in Broward County. The proposed increase is a \$750 filing fee for Mayor, and a \$500 filing fee for a Commissioner.

BACKGROUND:

Section 2-26 of the City's Code of Ordinances states candidates for elected office shall file a timely notice of intention to run for office with the City Clerk on a form provided by the City Clerk. Each notice shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee. The filing fee for mayor is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The filing fee for any other elected city office is ten dollars (\$10.00).

The proposed increase would be a \$750 filing fee for Mayor, and a \$500 filing fee for a Commissioner.

If adopted, the companion ordinance, TO2429 – Electronic Campaign Treasurer Reporting, would mandate the use of electronic software to submit campaign treasurer reports. The annual cost of the software is \$2,718. Any money received from the new filing fees could be used to offset the cost of the new software.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenue from the increased filing fee will vary depending on the number of candidates in an election.

