

**CITY OF TAMARAC
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
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**TO: Michael C. Cernech,
City Manager**

DATE: Feb. 3, 2021

**FROM: Jennifer Johnson, CMC
City Clerk**

**RE: TO2457 – Amending Sec. 2-58
(a) “Application Process”**

RECOMMENDATION:

I am requesting TO2457 – Amending Sec. 2-58(a) “Application Process” be placed on the February 24, 2021, Commission agenda for consideration.

ISSUE:

During the January 27, 2021, meeting, the City Commission voted unanimously to change the language of Sec. 2-58(a) “Application Process” related to advertising for city board and committee vacancies.

Currently the ordinance provides that advertising shall be through a local newspaper of general circulation. General circulation is defined by Florida Statutes as, a newspaper within a county crossed by a transmission line corridor proper for certification which newspaper has the largest daily circulation in that county and has its principal office in that county, which is the Sun Sentinel.

Advertising for board member vacancies in a newspaper of general circulation is a City specific requirement and not required by state statute. Therefore the recommendation is to revise Sec. 2-58(a) of the Code of Ordinances removing the requirement, and allowing for discretion and flexibility when advertising in more local and niche publications such as the Jewish Journal, Westside Gazette, Caribbean News Daily, etc., as well as using other available electronic means such as the City’s social media channels.

By eliminating the “newspaper of general circulation” requirement, it will allow the City Clerk’s to cast a larger net and hopefully larger pool of resident applicants.

BACKGROUND:

Sec. 2-58. (a) - Application process, of the City’s Code of Ordinances states, The City Commission shall request that individuals who meet the qualification requirements for a specific advisory board and/or committee submit an application for appointment to a specific advisory board. The city clerk shall provide notice of the city commission's request for applications for appointment to the city's advisory boards and committees through notices posted at city hall, on the city's web site, and in a local newspaper of general circulation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the City.

District: Citywide

ATTACHMENT(S)

Sec. 2-58(a) of the City's Code of Ordinances