

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

### CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that a Referendum will be held in the City of Bartow, Florida, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, for the purpose of voting on proposed amendments to the City Charter. This notice is published pursuant to Sections 50.0311 and 100.342, Florida Statutes.

The election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and will be open to all registered voters within the city limits.

The proposed City of Bartow Charter Amendments to be voted upon are as follows:

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#### **NO. 1 – CHARTER AMENDMENT**

##### **TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Revises the term of office for a city commissioner from three (3) years to four (4) years in order to align terms with an election cycle in November of odd-numbered years. Revises the timing of formally taking office from May to January.

Shall the above Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES  NO

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#### **NO. 2 – CHARTER AMENDMENT**

##### **ELECTION DATES FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Revises the dates for city elections from every April to November of odd-numbered years starting in 2027.

Shall the above Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES  NO

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#### **NO. 3 – CHARTER AMENDMENT**

##### **TIMING OF SELECTION OF MAYOR**

Revises the timing of the annual selection of a Mayor and Vice-Mayor to align with the change of election dates to November of odd-numbered years. Aligns the selection of Mayor and Vice-Mayor with the updated four-year terms of office, with the formal taking of office to occur in January.

Shall the above Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES  NO

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#### **NO. 4 – CHARTER AMENDMENT**

##### **SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS**

Revises the schedule of elections from the April cycle to the November cycle in odd-numbered years. Updates the provisions for any necessary run-off election to be moved from May to December.

Shall the above Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES  NO

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For additional information regarding this referendum, please contact the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 450 N. Wilson Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, or visit the City's official website at [www.cityofbartow.net](http://www.cityofbartow.net).

Published in accordance with the requirements of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, on March 4 and March 18, 2026, in the Winter Haven Sun newspaper. Pursuant to Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, this notice was posted on the City's website [www.cityofbartow.net](http://www.cityofbartow.net) on February 6, 2026.

City of Bartow, Florida  
By: Jacqueline R. Poole, City Clerk