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## **CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM**

**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

**Through:** James Elensky, City Manager

**From:** Fred Reilly, City Attorney

**Date:** April 24, 2025

**Subject:** Motion concerning waiver of reading requirement for Ordinance No. 25-2109

### **Introduction**

The action being taken is for the City of Haines City, Florida, (the “City”) to consider a Proposed Motion concerning the waiver of a reading requirement (stated in Section 5.01(a) of the City Charter) for an Ordinance adjusting City Commissioner and Mayor compensation (“Ordinance No. 25-2109”).

### **Background**

Section 5.01(a) Compensation: of the City of Haines City Charter states:

- (a) Ordinance enactment. Every proposed ordinance or resolution shall be introduced in written or printed form, and shall not contain more than one subject, which subject shall be clearly stated in the title, but general appropriation ordinances may contain the various subjects and accounts for which moneys are to be appropriated. The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be "Be it Enacted by the City Commission of the City of Haines City, Florida." *No ordinance, unless it shall be an emergency measure shall be passed until it shall have been read at two (2) regular meetings, not less than one week apart, or unless the requirement of such reading has been dispensed with by unanimous vote of the commission.* An emergency ordinance is one necessary for preservation of peace, health, prosperity or safety. The affirmative vote of three (3) members shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance or resolution, and the passage of all ordinances and resolutions shall be taken by "yeas" and "nays" and entered upon the journal. (Emphasis added).

For purposes of the City Commission considering the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 25-2109 at a Special meeting to be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, the City Commission must – *by unanimous vote* – waive the requirement that the meetings for the vote on Ordinance No. 25-2109 be not less than one week apart (as set forth in Section 5.01(a) of the City Charter).

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I make the motion that for purposes of the City Commission considering the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 25-2109 at a Special meeting to be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, the City Commission hereby unanimously waive the requirement that the meetings for the vote on Ordinance No. 25-2109 be not less than one week apart (as set forth in Section 5.01(a) of the City Charter).

**Organizational Goal(s)**

Quality of Life: Create an environment that enhances the quality of life and benefits the community culturally, recreationally and economically.

**Budget Impact**

There is no budget impact related to this Agenda Item.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission unanimously approve the Proposed Motion.