ORDINANCE NO. 2005-016

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORINANCES, CHAPTER 34; ELECTIONS; BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 34.21, EARLY VOTING OPT OUT PROVISION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREVITY, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has adopted a revision to Section 101.657 of the Florida Statutes, said section relating to Early Voting; and,

WHEREAS, State law allows the City of Fruitland Park, Florida to "opt out" of the provisions of Section 101.657, and because of financial and logistical considerations, "opting out" is a proper action to take; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fruitland Park, Florida states that it is in the best interest of its residents to "opt out" in accordance with Florida State Statute Section 101.657 of the Florida Statutes.

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the City Commission of the City of Fruitland Park, Florida:

SECTION 1. The City of Fruitland Park hereby exercises its right to exempt itself from the provisions of 101.657, F.S. and shall contract with the Lake County Supervisor of Elections to conduct early voting for the City of Fruitland Park at the Lake County Supervisor of Elections Office.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Should any portion of this Ordinance be held invalid, then such portions are not declared invalid and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, THIS 2/6 P DAY OF May, 2005.

RISTOPHER J. BELL, MAYOR

Q0 h BEA L. MEEKS, CMC, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

Passed First Reading May 12 2005

Passed Second Reading Mary 26 2005

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Scott A. Gerken, City Attorney

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Date