

## **ORDINANCE NO. 1500, SERIES 2025**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO, SUBMITTING A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING RECALL TO PROVIDE THIRTY DAYS FOR THE CLERK'S REVIEW OF SIGNATURES.**

**WHEREAS**, Charter Section 8.3 provides that recall elections shall be conducted according to State law, except as provided in the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, State law only allows five days for the clerk's review of recall petition signatures, an amount of time that is wholly inadequate for this task; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment would give the clerk up to thirty days to review petition signatures, which is far more reasonable; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that Woodland Park voters should be asked whether they support amending the charter to make this change in the City's recall procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO, ORDAINS:**

**Section 1:** Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Woodland Park, and the Constitution of the State of Colorado, all action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance) by the City and the officers thereof, directed towards the election and the objects and purposes herein stated is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. This proposal shall hereby be submitted to the electors of the City, shall become effective if, and only if, it is approved by the majority of the voters at the regular municipal election to be held November 4, 2025.

**Section 2:** That the following ballot language is hereby referred to the voters at said election:

**PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING AMENDING THE CHARTER TO PERMIT MORE TIME FOR THE CLERK'S REVIEW OF RECALL PETITION SIGNATURES.**

<b>SHALL SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE CLERK UP TO THIRTY DAYS TO REVIEW RECALL PETITION SIGNATURES?</b>	<b>YES</b> _____ <b>NO</b> _____
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**Section 3:** Should the above question become ratified by the electorate of the City of Woodland Park at the regular election, the Woodland Park Charter section 8.3 shall be amended by the addition of a new subsection (b), as follows:

**Section 8.3 - Recall**

(a) The Mayor or any Council member may be recalled from office pursuant to the State statutes which establish procedures for the recall of municipal elective officers, except as otherwise provided in this Charter.

(b) THE CITY CLERK WILL ISSUE A WRITTEN DETERMINATION THAT THE PETITION IS SUFFICIENT OR NOT SUFFICIENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE PETITION IS FILED.

[Re-letter succeeding subsections accordingly.]

**Section 4.** No amendments are proposed by this ordinance to those sections, subsections, paragraphs, or subparagraphs of the Charter which do not appear in Section 3 of this ordinance.

**Section 5.** Within twenty (20) days after approval of any of the Charter amendments, the City Clerk shall file with the Secretary of State a certified copy of each amendment. The amendments shall take effect on the date of such filing.

**Section 6.** All acts, orders, resolutions, ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith shall be repealed at the time the amendments provided for herein take effect. However, no such repeal shall be construed to destroy any property right, contract right, or right of action of any nature or kind, vested in or against the City by virtue of any such act, order, resolution, ordinance, or part thereof, theretofore existing or otherwise accruing to the City.

**Section 7.** If any portion of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 8.** The officers of the City are authorized to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 9.** This Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to the home rule Charter of the City of Woodland Park, Colorado.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Aug 2025, the vote upon roll call being as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: X

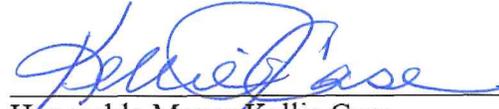
Absent /Abstain: X

PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL ON SECOND AND FINAL READING FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING THIS 4th DAY OF September, 2025.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

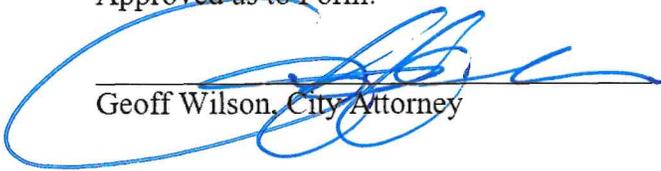
Absent /Abstain: 1 (absent Coer)

  
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Honorable Mayor Kellie Case

ATTEST:

  
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Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Geoff Wilson, City Attorney