

ORDINANCE NO. 1502, 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 TO PROVIDE THAT TERM LIMITS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WILL BE AS PROVIDED IN SUCH BODY’S BY-LAWS, AS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5.3 limits terms of board or commission members to the lesser of two consecutive terms or eight years on a particular board or commission; and

WHEREAS, these term limits have resulted in perfectly qualified persons being obliged to leave their public positions, while Council confronts a shortage of potential appointees for these positions ; and

WHEREAS, consequently, a more flexible system, in which the various boards and commissions decide what works for them, through their by-laws, better serves the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council will retain oversight of these decisions by having to approve board or commission by-laws; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Woodland Park voters should be asked whether they support amending the charter to afford charters and commissions this flexibility.

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 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 ALLOW BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS IN THEIR BY-LAWS.

SHALL SECTION 5.3 OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK CHARTER BE AMENDED TO MAKE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBJECT TO TERM LIMITS ESTABLISHED IN THEIR BY-LAWS ?	YES _____ NO _____
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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 5.3 shall be amended as follows:

Section 5.3 – Composition of Boards and Commissions.

- (a) Initial appointments by the Council to any Board, Commission, or Committee shall specify the term of office of each member in order to achieve overlapping terms, and thereafter all appointments shall be for the full term specified. ANY LIMITS ON TERMS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE BY-LAWS OF THE PARTICULAR BOARD OR COMMISSION, AS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ~~No non-City staff Board, Commission, or Committee member may serve more than the lesser of two (2) consecutive terms or eight (8) years on a specific Board, Commission, or Committee.~~ Members of such Boards, Commissions, and Committees shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid their authorized expenses actually incurred in the discharge of their official duties. Council shall also make appointment to fill vacancies for unexpired terms. Appointees shall be subject to removal upon two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the Mayor and City Council.

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 21st day of Aug 2025, the vote upon roll call being as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent /Abstain: 0

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 Coer Absent)

Kellie Case
Honorable Mayor Kellie Case

ATTEST:

Suzanne Leclercq
Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Geoff Wilson
Geoff Wilson, City Attorney