

ORDINANCE NO. 1514, 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A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE EDITS TO AND REMOVE OUTDATED LANGUAGE FROM THE CITY CHARTER

WHEREAS, Charter Section 3.5, concerning Council vacancies, contains punctuation errors and redundant language; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 16.6 concerns duties of the City Manager upon initial adoption of the Charter and is thus now outdated; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would correct Section 3.5 and delete Section 16.6; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Woodland Park voters should be asked whether they support amending the charter to make these changes.

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 voters of the City, and shall become effective if, and only if, it is approved by the majority of the voters at the regular municipal election to be held April 7th, 2026.

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

PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING AMENDING THE CHARTER TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE EDITS AND TO REMOVE OUTDATED LANGUAGE FROM THE CITY CHARTER.

<p>SHALL SECTION 3.5 OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK CHARTER, CONCERNING COUNCIL VACANCIES BE AMENDED TO CORRECT DRAFTING ERRORS, AND SHALL SECTION 16.6, CONCERNING DUTIES OF THE MANAGER UPON INITIAL ADOPTION OF THE CHARTER, BE REPEALED AS OUTDATED?</p>	<p>YES _____</p> <p>NO _____</p>
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Section 3: Should the above question be adopted by the electorate of the City of Woodland Park at the regular election, the Woodland Park Charter sections 3.5 and 16.6 will be amended as follows:

Section 3.5 - Vacancies

(b) A vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of ~~the Mayor and/or~~ the remaining Council after such vacancy occurs, provided there will not be a regular municipal election within ninety (90) days of such vacancy. To fill a vacancy, ~~the Mayor and/or~~ the remaining Council members may: (i) appoint any qualified person; (ii) conduct an open application process; (iii) appoint the person who received the next highest vote total in the last municipal election should the vacancy occur within six (6) months of said election. The person appointed shall serve in that office until the next regular election.

~~Section 16.6 – City Manager's Transitional Exception~~

~~The City Manager first appointed under the provisions of this Charter shall hereby be authorized to serve additionally as Supervisor of the Woodland Park Sanitation District, until such time as said District is dissolved in accordance with Colorado Statutes. Following said dissolution, the City Manager shall faithfully observe the requirements of Section 4.1(b) of this Charter.~~

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. The City Clerk of the City of Woodland Park shall cause public notice of the election on such measure to be given in accordance with Section 31-2-210(4) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Section 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. The officers of the City are authorized to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to the home rule Charter of the City of Woodland Park, Colorado.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 2025, the vote upon roll call being as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent /Abstain:

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent /Abstain:



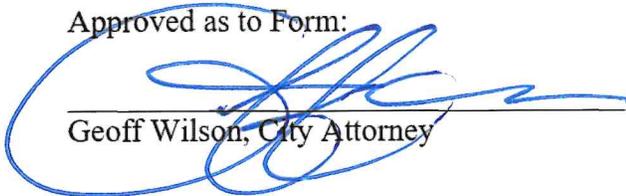
Honorable Mayor Kellie Case

ATTEST:



Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Geoff Wilson, City Attorney