

ORDINANCE NO. 1515, 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 ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THE INCUMBENT TO RESIGN, BEFORE THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A RECALL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8.3 provides that an incumbent who is the target of a recall may resign within five days of the petition being determined sufficient by the City Clerk, which decision means the City is not required to conduct a recall election; and,

WHEREAS, this five day period is unnecessarily short and forces the incumbent to make a decision of important consequence to the City and its voters; and

WHEREAS, extending the allowed time for resignation may help the City avoid the \$30,000.00 cost of a special election, a cost that must be borne by City taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would give the incumbent up to fourteen days following the City Clerk's determination of petition sufficiency within which to resign; 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 voters 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 April 7th, 2026.

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

PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING AMENDING CHARTER SECTION 8.3 TO PERMIT MORE TIME FOR AN INCUMBENT TO RESIGN, BEFORE THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A RECALL ELECTION.

<p>SHALL SECTION 8.3 OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PERMIT MORE TIME FOR AN INCUMBENT TO RESIGN BEFORE THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A RECALL ELECTION.</p>	<p>YES _____</p> <p>NO _____</p>
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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 as follows:

Section 8.3 – Recall

(c) If the officer sought to be recalled resigns within ~~five (5)~~ fourteen (14) days after the City Clerk determines the petition sufficient, the petition shall not be adopted, and no recall election shall be had.

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: 4

Nays: 0

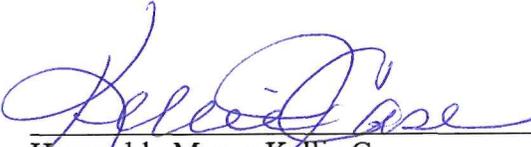
Absent /Abstain:

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

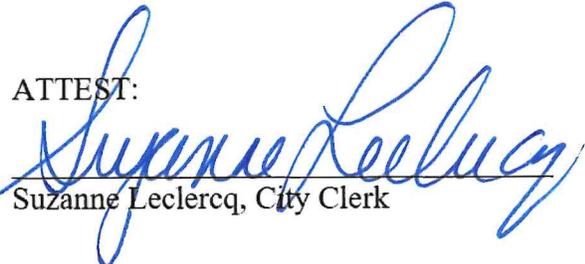
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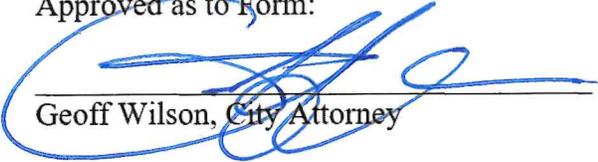
Absent /Abstain:


Honorable Mayor Kellie Case

ATTEST:


Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Geoff Wilson, City Attorney