

O-2026-9

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS
TO THE 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE FUNDS BY THE CITY
CLERK'S OFFICE TO PAY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE SPECIAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 2026

WHEREAS, Article XII, section 8 of the City Charter allows City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance during the fiscal year for unanticipated expenditures required for the operation of the City of Lakewood ("City") using monies not anticipated in the adopted budget;

WHEREAS, Section 3.04.060 of the Lakewood Municipal Code ("L.M.C.") requires approval by the City Council for any unbudgeted purchase or any purchase of more than eighty thousand dollars (\$85,000.00) that has a change in funding source;

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2026, the City Council voted to approve Resolutions R-2026-8, R-2026-9, R-2026-10, and R-2026-11, to refer Ordinances O-2025-27, O-2025-28, O-2025-29, and O-2025-30, respectively, to a vote of the registered electors of the City of Lakewood at a special municipal election to be held on April 7, 2026;

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office estimates that it will cost the City approximately two hundred twenty-eight thousand, one hundred forty-one dollars (\$228,141.00) to hold the special municipal election on April 7, 2026 (the "Election Cost");

WHEREAS, the City did not anticipate the Election Cost expenditure when preparing the 2026 City Budget, and the Election Cost is anticipated to result in a shortfall of approximately one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) in the City Clerk's Office's 2026 budget;

WHEREAS, as a result of the Election Cost, the City will need to expend one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) that was not anticipated in the 2026 City Budget;

WHEREAS, the unbudgeted City expenditure of one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) requires City Council approval pursuant to Section 3.04.060 of the L.M.C.;

WHEREAS, approval of this Ordinance on first reading is intended only to confirm that the City Council desires to comply with the Lakewood Municipal Code by setting a public hearing to provide City staff and the public an opportunity to present evidence and testimony regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Ordinance on first reading does not constitute a representation that the City Council, or any member of the City Council, supports, approves, rejects, or denies the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

Section 1. Appropriation and Expenditure. The City Council hereby appropriates one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) from the City's General Fund for fiscal year 2026 and authorizes the expenditure of such funds by the City Clerk's Office for the purpose of paying for the expenses related to the special municipal election to be held on April 7, 2026.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after final publication.

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance should be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid portion, provided that such remaining portions or application of this Ordinance are not determined by the court to be inoperable.

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing ordinance was introduced and read on first reading at a hybrid regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council on the 9th day of February, 2026; published by title in the Denver Post and in full on the City of Lakewood's website at www.lakewood.org on the 12th day of February, 2026; set for public hearing to be held on the 23rd day of February, 2026; read, finally passed and adopted by the City Council on the 23rd day of February, 2026; and signed by the Mayor on the 24th day of February, 2026.



Wendi Strom, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jay Robb, City Clerk



Approved as to form:



Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney