

R-2025-48

A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS
OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE CITY COUNCIL
GOALS WITHIN THE AREA OF SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4.5 of the Charter for the City of Lakewood provides that “[a]d hoc advisory committees may be created or abolished by resolution or upon motion of the City Council”;

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is committed to advancing sustainability, resilience, and climate action for the long-term benefit of the community;

WHEREAS, the scale and urgency of the climate crisis demands the entire Lakewood community work collectively toward a common goal, uniting the in shared action;

WHEREAS, meaningful progress in sustainability requires all stakeholders working together, including coordination across City departments and leadership, collaboration with businesses and organizations, and active engagement with residents;

WHEREAS, the City Council is positioned to play an important role in advancing a collaborative structure to broaden the City’s reach in accomplishing its sustainability initiatives;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of creating an inclusive and permanent structure for sustainability work that brings together elected officials, community voices, business perspectives, and City staff expertise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood:

SECTION 1. The Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee is hereby established, and initial membership shall include Councilmember Paula Nystrom, Councilmember Jacob LaBure, Councilmember Ken Cruz, Councilmember Bill Furman, and any additional members of the City Council who request formal appointment to this ad hoc committee.

SECTION 2. The membership of this Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee shall be reestablished in January 2026 at the time of City Council committee appointments.

SECTION 3. The term of the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee shall be through December 31, 2026.

SECTION 4. The Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee shall establish monthly meeting dates and times for review of sustainability matters, shall be available to consider sustainability matters presented to them by members of City staff or the Lakewood community, shall provide verbal committee reports to the City Council regarding sustainability issues within the community of which the City Council as a whole should be advised, shall identify the scope and purpose of a permanent Sustainability Committee, shall work to prioritize City Council goals within the area of sustainability, shall work with City staff to draft an ordinance establishing a permanent Sustainability Committee of the City Council, and shall bring such ordinance forward to the City Council for consideration on or before December 31, 2026.

SECITON 5. A staff liaison from the Community Sustainability, Climate & Zero Waste division of the Sustainability and Community Development Department will work with the City Clerk's Office to assure that meeting notices and meeting minutes are appropriately posted and that the ad hoc committee has the necessary staff support for its monthly meetings.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 11 for and 0 against at a hybrid regular meeting of the City Council on August 25, 2025, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Lakewood Civic Center, 480 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

ATTEST:



Jay Robb, City Clerk



Wendi Strom, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney