2026-68

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO VOTE “YES” ON LOCAL BALLOT ISSUE 2G AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, COORDINATED GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD'S SALES AND USE TAX RATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.54.060(A)(2)(b)(iii)(A) of the Lakewood Municipal Code, the City Council for the City of Lakewood (the “City”) is expressly authorized to pass a Resolution taking a position of advocacy on a local ballot issue;

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution 2026-58, to submit Ballot Issue 2G to the registered electors of the City at the November 3, 2026, coordinated General and Special Municipal Election;

WHEREAS, if approved, Ballot Issue 2G would authorize an increase in the City’s sales and use tax rate from three percent (3%) to three and one-half percent (3.5%), with “food” as defined in Section 3.01.430(G) of the Lakewood Municipal Code, exempt from the additional one-half percent tax, and with all resulting revenue dedicated to public safety purposes and traffic safety improvements;

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified public and traffic safety as a community priority, including investments in crime prevention, homelessness response, and other strategies supporting safer streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists;

WHEREAS, the City has substantial unmet transportation and pedestrian safety needs, including missing sidewalk segments, bicycle facilities, crossing lighting, and neighborhood traffic-safety improvements (“Unmet Safety Needs”);

WHEREAS, the City’s ability to address the Unmet Safety Needs is constrained by existing funding, and voter approval of Ballot Issue 2G will provide additional resources to address these concerns;

WHEREAS**,** Ballot Issue 2G proposes a modest increase in the City's sales tax rate from 3.0% to 3.5%, and would be the first increase in the City's sales tax rate in 20 years;

WHEREAS, a sales tax rate of 3.5% remains lower than the rates levied by neighboring cities, and the proposed increase exempts most groceries while supporting a competitive environment for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, if Ballot Issue 2G is approved by voters, revenues from the tax increase would be expressly dedicated to public safety-related equipment, services, and

personnel, as well as the maintenance and improvement of streets, sidewalks, paths, and related infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The Lakewood City Council hereby encourages the registered electors of the City to vote "YES" on Ballot Issue 2G at the November 3, 2026, coordinated General and Special Municipal Election for the purpose of authorizing a voter-approved revenue change allowing the City of Lakewood to provide greater funding for public safety and traffic related infrastructure.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 11 for and 0 against at a hybrid regular meeting of the City Council on September 28, 2026, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Lakewood Civic Center, 480 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD ★ SEAL ★ COLORADO

Wendi Strom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jay Robb, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney