

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COLORADO
NOTICE OF COORDINATED ELECTION
ON MUNICIPAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 31-2-210 THAT A COORDINATED MAIL BALLOT ELECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF COLORADO, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 2.6(a), 12.12, 13.1(d) and 13.2(e) OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD HOME RULE CHARTER:

**CITY OF LAKEWOOD
BALLOT QUESTION**

Shall Section 2.6(a) of the Lakewood Home Rule Charter regarding terms of office of the Mayor and City Councilmembers be amended to specify that the term of a newly elected Mayor or City Councilmember begins at the first regular meeting following certification of the results of the regular municipal election?

Yes/For _____

No/Against _____

The full text of the proposed charter amendment is as follows:

Pursuant to Article XX, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado and § 31-2-210(1)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, a coordinated, special municipal election is hereby called for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which election the following proposed amendment to Charter Section 2.6, shall be submitted to the registered electors of the City of Lakewood, Colorado. If approved, this amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2027. (STRIKE-THROUGH DENOTES REPEAL OR DELETION OF CHARTER SECTIONS AND UNDERSCORE DENOTES ADDITIONS TO CHARTER SECTIONS)

Section 2.6 TERMS OF OFFICE.

(a) The terms of office of the Mayor and of each member of the City Council shall commence at the first regular meeting following certification of the results of the regular municipal election.

(b) The terms of office of the Mayor and of each member of the City Council shall be four years. Any person appointed or elected as the Mayor or elected as a member of the City Council who serves or has served at least one-half of a term of office shall be considered to have served a term in that office. At the first regular municipal election held after the effective date of this Charter, the Mayor shall be elected for a four-year term; the member of City Council in each ward receiving the greatest number of votes shall serve a four-year term; and the member of City Council in each ward receiving the next greatest number of votes

shall serve a two-year term. Thereafter, each member of the City Council shall be elected for a four-year term. Unless disqualified or removed from office, the Mayor and each member of the City Council shall continue in office until a successor has been elected and sworn.

(c) Neither the Mayor nor any member of the City Council shall serve as the Mayor or as a member of the City Council, respectively, for more than two consecutive terms after the effective date of this Charter. Terms of office commencing after November 3, 1992 are considered consecutive unless they are at least four years apart regardless of any change in ward boundaries or the residency within wards of a member of the City Council. Such limitation on consecutive terms shall not prohibit a person from serving as the Mayor immediately after serving as a member of the City Council or serving as a member of the City Council immediately after serving as the Mayor.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 12.12 of the Lakewood Home Rule Charter be repealed and replaced, to repeal obsolete language authorizing an annual property tax increase of up to 7% without voter approval, and to replace that provision with language stating that the City must comply with the Colorado Constitution and may not increase property taxes without approval of the City's electors?

Yes/For _____

No/Against _____

The full text of the proposed charter amendment is as follows:

Pursuant to Article XX, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado and § 31-2-210(1)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, a coordinated, special municipal election is hereby called for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which election the following proposed repeal and replacement of Charter Section 12.12, shall be submitted to the registered electors of the City of Lakewood, Colorado. If approved, this replacement shall become effective on January 1, 2027. (STRIKE-THROUGH DENOTES REPEAL OR DELETION OF CHARTER SECTIONS AND UNDERSCORE DENOTES ADDITIONS TO CHARTER SECTIONS)

Section 12.12 LIMITATION ON PROPERTY TAXES.

~~(a) The City Council shall not levy an ad valorem tax on taxable property in the City that provides revenue from such levy in an amount greater than was levied in the preceding year plus seven percent, except as hereafter provided. This limitation on the levy of an annual ad valorem tax on taxable property shall not apply for any purpose to the following:~~

~~(1) The payment of securities issued by the City pursuant to the provisions of this Charter if such securities and interest thereon are payable from ad valorem property taxes, and all such securities issued by the City shall be payable pursuant to the terms of issuance;~~

~~(2) The payment of any contractual obligation that has been approved by the registered electors of the City; and~~

~~(3) In the event the City, as the result of exclusion, dissolution, or as otherwise provided by law, continues to provide the services of a special district or special taxing district, the City Council may levy and collect the ad valorem property tax necessary to continue such services in an amount not to exceed that amount most recently levied by the special district or special taxing district for such services; provided, however, that any subsequent levy by the City pursuant to this subsection (a)(3) shall be subject to the seven percent limitation as provided herein.~~

~~(b) In computing the seven percent limitation, the following shall be excluded:~~

~~(1) The increased valuation for assessment attributable to annexation or inclusion of additional land, improvements thereon, and personal property connected therewith within the City for the preceding year;~~

~~(2) The increased valuation for assessment attributable to new construction and personal property connected therewith within the City for the preceding year; and~~

~~(3) The increased valuation for assessment attributable to increased volume of production for the preceding year by a producing mine or petroleum well if said mine or petroleum well is wholly or partially within the City and if such increase in volume of production causes a change in services or an increase in the level of services provided by the City.~~

~~(c) The City Council may submit the question of increasing the levy over the seven percent limitation for any one year to a vote of the registered electors of the City at a regular or special municipal election. If a majority of the registered electors voting thereon vote in favor of increasing the levy over the seven percent limitation, then the City Council may increase the levy for the year voted upon by the amount approved by the registered electors.~~

Section 12.12 - LIMITATION ON PROPERTY TAXES.

The City shall have all taxing rights and authority granted by the Colorado Constitution. The City Council may levy property tax in conformance with the Colorado Constitution. Property tax revenues, mill levies, and any increases thereof shall not exceed limits established under the Colorado Constitution unless approved by the registered electors of the City.

The City Council may temporarily reduce property tax mills via ordinance. Any such temporary reduction shall not prevent the City from returning the property tax mill levy to the tax rate previously approved by a vote of the registered electors of the City. Any reduction of property tax shall automatically expire after one fiscal year unless a longer period is expressly stated in the ordinance authorizing such temporary reduction.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the City's authority to levy taxes for the payment of voter-approved debt, contractual obligations, or other purposes permitted under the Colorado Constitution and applicable State law. In the event the City assumes services previously provided by a special district or taxing entity, the City

may levy taxes as permitted by law, subject to any required voter approval.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Sections 13.1(d) and 13.2(e) of the Lakewood Home Rule Charter regarding initiative and referendum procedures be amended to extend the time frame for conducting regular or special elections on initiative ordinances and referendums to not less than sixty (60) days and not more than one hundred fifty (150) days after the final determination of petition sufficiency?

Yes/For _____

No/Against _____

The full text of the proposed charter amendment is as follows:

Pursuant to Article XX, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado and § 31-2-210(1)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, a coordinated, special municipal election is hereby called for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which the following proposed amendments to Charter Section 13.1(d) regarding initiative procedures, and Section 13.2(e) regarding referendum procedures, shall be submitted to the registered electors of the City of Lakewood, Colorado. If approved, these amendments shall become effective on January 1, 2027. (STRIKE-THROUGH DENOTES REPEAL OR DELETION OF CHARTER SECTIONS AND UNDERSCORE DENOTES ADDITIONS TO CHARTER SECTIONS)

Section 13.1 INITIATIVE PROCEDURES.

- (a) Any initiated measure shall be in the form of an ordinance, which shall be legislative in character.
- (b) An initiated ordinance may be submitted to the City Council by filing a petition with the City Clerk. The petition shall be signed by registered electors of the City in a number at least equal to five percent of the total number of registered electors of the City on the date of the last regular municipal election.
- (c) If the petition is found to be sufficient upon examination by the City Clerk, the City Clerk shall present the petition to the City Council at the first regular meeting held more than thirty days after the date the petition was filed or at a special meeting held on the first Monday more than thirty days after the date the petition was filed.
- (d) Within thirty days after the petition is presented by the City Clerk, the City Council shall either adopt the initiated ordinance by a majority vote of all members of City Council without any change to the initiated ordinance or submit the initiated ordinance to a vote of the registered electors of the City at a special election to be held ~~within ninety days,~~ but not less than thirty sixty (60) days and not more than one hundred and fifty (150) days, ~~after the final determination of petition sufficiency the petition is presented to the City Council;~~ after the final determination of petition sufficiency the petition is presented to the City Council; or at any regular municipal election to be held not more than ~~ninety one hundred and fifty (150) days after the final determination of petition sufficiency presentation of the petition to the City Council.~~ one hundred and fifty (150) days after the final determination of petition sufficiency presentation of the petition to the City Council.

- (e) The initiated ordinance shall be published in full not less than ten days prior to the election. The ballot shall have printed on it the ordinance title and submission clause, and on separate lines under the submission clause, the words, "FOR THE ORDINANCE" and "AGAINST THE ORDINANCE".
- (f) If a majority of the registered electors voting vote "for" the ordinance, it shall be adopted and take effect upon certification of the election results, or at such later date as may be set forth in the ordinance.
- (g) In the event that initiated ordinances containing conflicting provisions are approved at the same election, the initiated ordinance receiving the greatest number of votes shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.

Section 13.2 REFERENDUM PROCEDURES.

- (a) All ordinances adopted by the City Council that are legislative in character shall be subject to referendum. Any ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety; fixing the rate of general property taxation for any year; related to the issuance of securities; adopting the budget; making an appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year; calling for a special election; levying special assessments, or initiating improvement districts shall not be subject to referendum.
- (b) If a petition calling for a referendum of an ordinance is signed by registered electors of the City in a number at least equal to three percent of the total number of registered electors of the City on the date of the last regular municipal election, such petition may be submitted to the City Council by filing it with the City Clerk. A referendum petition shall be filed with the City Clerk prior to the effective date of an ordinance as provided in Section 7.4 (b) and (c) of this Charter.
- (c) If the petition is found to be sufficient upon examination by the City Clerk, the City Clerk shall present the petition to the City Council at the first regular meeting held more than thirty days after the date the petition was filed or at a special meeting held on the first Monday more than thirty days after the date the petition was filed.
- (d) Upon presentation to the City Council of such petition by the City Clerk, the ordinance shall be suspended from operation.
- (e) The City Council shall upon presentation of the referendum petition immediately reconsider the ordinance. If upon reconsideration the ordinance is not repealed in its entirety by a majority of all members of City Council, the ordinance shall be submitted, without amendment or alteration, to a vote of the registered electors at a special election to be held ~~within ninety days, but not less than thirty~~ sixty (60) days and not more than one hundred and fifty (150) days, after the final determination of petition sufficiency presentation of the referendum petition to the City Council; or at a regular municipal election held within the ~~ninety-~~ one hundred and fifty (150) day period as described above.
- (f) A referred ordinance shall be published in full not less than ten days prior to the date of the election. The ballot for the referred ordinance shall have printed on it the ordinance title and submission clause and on separate lines under the submission clause the words, "FOR THE ORDINANCE" and "AGAINST THE ORDINANCE". If a majority of the registered electors voting vote "for" the ordinance, it shall be effective upon certification of the election results. If a majority of the registered electors voting vote "against" the ordinance, the ordinance shall be repealed upon certification of the election results.

I certify that the foregoing is the official text of the ballot questions for the proposed amendments to Sections 2.6(a), 12.12, 13.1(d), and 13.2(e) of the City of Lakewood Municipal Charter as well as the statements of the proposals of such proposed amendments as contained in Ordinances O-2026-25, O-2026-27, and O-2026-28.

This public notice is available in full electronic form on the City's official website, www.lakewoodco.gov/LegalNotices. Copies are also available in printed form in the City Clerk's Office, 480 S. Allison Parkway.

/s/ Jay Robb,
Lakewood City Clerk
Designated Election Official

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