

O-2026-29

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR EXPENSES
RELATED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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

WHEREAS, Section 3.04.060 of the Lakewood Municipal Code (L.M.C.) requires approval by the City Council for any unbudgeted purchase;

WHEREAS, the request referenced below would constitute unbudgeted purchases that must be approved by City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office estimates that it will cost the City approximately two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to hold administer the election;

WHEREAS, the city anticipates entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County to facilitate the election;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 31-20210(1)(b) authorizes the City Council to adopt an ordinance submitting a proposed charter amendment to a vote of the registered electors of the City;

WHEREAS, Ordinances O-2026-29 include four proposed changes to the City's Charter;

WHEREAS at the July 20th Study Session and joint meeting of the budget and audit board, city council members and the Budget and Audit Board directed that a ballot measure for a sales tax increase be included on the November General Election;

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that approving these supplemental appropriations requests are and shall be in the best interest of the residents of the City;

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 any particular proposal related to this proposal identified herein.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby appropriates and authorizes the expenditure of:

A. Two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) from the unappropriated fund balance of the General Fund.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 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 such remaining portions or application of the 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 10th day of August 2026; published by title in the Denver Post and in full on the City of Lakewood's website at www.lakewood.org on the 13th day of August, 2026; set for public hearing to be held on the 24th day of August, 2026; read, finally passed and adopted by the City Council on the 24th day of August, 2026; and signed by the Mayor on the ___ day of August, 2026.

Wendi Strom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jay Robb, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney