

2025 Charter Amendment Ballot Items and Preferred Order

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Adopted Charter Amendment Ordinances



- Ordinance No. 063, 2025, Submitting Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II, IX, and X of the City Charter to Correct Errors and Conform to Amendments Adopted in November 2024
- Ordinance No. 064, 2025, Submitting Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II, IV and XIII of the City Charter Related to Alignment with Amended or Further Developed Laws and Removing Inconsistencies
- Ordinance No. 065, 2025, Submitting Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II and IV of the City Charter to Modernize Certain Provisions.
- Ordinance No. 066, 2025, Submitting Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Article IV of the City Charter Related to Conflicts of Interest
- Ordinance No. 067, 2025, Submitting Proposed Charter Amendment Amending the City Charter to Modernize and Update It by Reformatting and Updating Language Usage for Ease of Reading and Clarity and Eliminating Inapplicable and Invalid Provisions.
- Possible Ordinance to submit a proposed Charter Amendment to update Council Vacancy Amendment process.

- Presented for discussion in prior Work Session item: Possible Charter Amendment updating Council Vacancy Process
- Council Vacancy Amendment Ordinance to be presented for consideration on June 17.
- Ordinance setting order of Charter amendments also expected for June 17.
- In this discussion, consider Council Vacancy Amendment placement among other items.

**CITY-INITIATED
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. ____**

Shall Articles II, IX, and X of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, be amended to correct errors and eliminate outdated or unnecessary language in light of the Charter amendments adopted in November 2024, by:

- Clarifying in Section 2(d) of Article II that a registered elector must notify the City Clerk before seeking a court determination to challenge the qualifications of any member of the Council; and
- Updating language in Section 2(e)(1) of Article IX about determining the number of votes cast in a specific race to work with the new ranked voting rules that were approved in November 2024; and
- Changing language in Section 2(e)(1) of Article X to restore the number of days for a signature gatherer to circulate an initiative petition by increasing it from 63days to 77 days?

_____ Yes/For
_____ No/Against

Ordinance No. 064, 2025 Ballot Language



CITY-INITIATED PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. ____

Shall Articles II, IV, XIII of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins be amended to improve consistency with amended or further developed laws and removing inconsistencies, in order to minimize conflicts between the Charter legal developments, by:

- Changing Section 8 of Article II about contributions to City Council elections to:
 - Specify which city employees are prohibited from contributing to Council elections for consistency with state law;
 - Continue to prohibit a political party, public service corporations, and persons or entities with city contracts from contributing to any City Council election, while recognizing that some speech is protected by the U.S. or Colorado constitution;
- Adding definitions to Article XIII to correspond to the changes to Article II; and
- Adding language to Section 11 of Article II incorporating state law provisions regarding City Council executive sessions; and
- Clarifying language in Section 5 of Article IV that City records are available for public inspection and disclosure consistent with state open records laws?

____ Yes/For
____ No/Against

Ordinance No. 065, 2025 Ballot Language



CITY-INITIATED PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. ____

Shall Articles II and IV of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, be amended to modernize publication requirements and requirements for adopting ordinances, by:

- Revising Section 6 of Article II about adopting ordinances, resolutions, and motions to:
 - Make the provision easier to read and understand by adding subsections, subsection titles and better organizing them;
 - Remove language entitling any Councilmember to request that an entire ordinance be read aloud at a Council meeting; and
- Revising Section 7 of Article II about publication and effective date of ordinances to:
 - Allow an ordinance to proceed to adoption if publication of the ordinance before adoption was not timely, so long as all other notice requirements have been met; and
 - Cure late publication of ordinance after final passage if publication completed within a reasonable period of time; and
 - Delay the effective date of the ordinance until publication requirements are met; and
 - Toll the deadline to file a notice of referendum protest; and
- Revising Section 7 of Article IV to require notice be published on the City's website and posted at City Hall, instead of publishing formal legal notices in a local newspaper; and
- Adding a new Section 17 to Article IV of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins about how to apply deadlines throughout the Charter in the manner already enacted for Articles VIII, IX and X?

____ Yes/For
____ No/Against

CITY-INITIATED PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. ____

Shall Section 9 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, regarding conflicts of interest, be amended to:

- Allow City Councilmembers or the Mayor to sell real property to the city if the property is needed for a city project or public use, while retaining all requirements for disclosure and refraining from involvement that otherwise apply in the case of a conflict of interest; and
- Allow City employees to rent property from the city with City Manager approval, if it is for the city's benefit and related to the employee's performance of their job?

_____Yes/For
_____No/Against

Ordinance No. 067, 2025 Ballot Language



CITY-INITIATED PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. ____

Shall the Charter of the City of Fort Collins be amended to modernize and update it by reformatting and updating language usage for ease of reading and clarity, and eliminating inapplicable and invalid provisions, without undoing any substantive Charter amendments approved by the voters at the Tuesday, November 4, 2025, municipal election, by:

- Changing the words “ shall” to “ will,”“ must” or “may,” or other words to improve clarity; and
- Making the language more inclusive by taking out words “ he” and “ she” and related word forms; and
- Dividing sections into subsections and adding titles to subsections to make them easier to read and understand; and
- Eliminating transitional provisions that
 - Address residency requirements for City department heads appointed prior to March 6, 1985 (Section 3 of Article IV); and
 - Set a mill levy cap on Council’ s adoption of taxes (Section 6 of Article Iv), which Council must now adopt only with voter approval; and
 - Provide for transition from the prior Charter when the Charter was adopted (Article XIV); and
- Renumbering and updating section cross- references throughout the Charter’?

____ Yes/For
____ No/Against

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