

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 224, 2025, Amending Section 2-31 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Concerning Allowing Executive Sessions to Discuss Any Matter Authorized by Colorado Open Meetings Law.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to amend City Code that describes the bases for City Council executive sessions to add language approved by Fort Collins voters in the November 4, 2025, election. The additional basis for City Council executive sessions is to discuss any matter authorized by Colorado Open Meetings Law.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Colorado law requires governing bodies of local governments such as City Council to conduct their business in meetings open to the public, except for executive sessions. Colorado Open Meetings Law lists several bases for local government governing bodies to meet in executive session. Article II, Section 11 of the City Charter and Fort Collins Municipal Code Section 2-31 authorize City Council, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, to meet in executive session, which is closed to the public.

On November 4, 2025, a coordinated election was held, and Fort Collins voters approved a City Charter amendment to allow City Council to add a new basis for meeting in executive session. The new basis is for consideration of any matter authorized by the Colorado Open Meetings law, as amended.

The proposed amendments to Section 2-31 of the City Code will add the voter-approved basis for City Council to meet in executive session.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This amendment effectuates a change approved by the Fort Collins voters.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 224, 2025