

ORDINANCE NO. 093, 2024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE
HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024,
LARIMER COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

A. Section 31-2-210, Colorado Revised Statutes, provides that Charter amendments may be initiated by the adoption of an ordinance by the City Council submitting a proposed amendment to a vote of the registered electors of the City of Fort Collins.

B. The decision to call a special election must be made by ordinance sooner than the deadline to place measures on the ballot.

C. City staff is presenting to the City Council for consideration proposed Charter amendments related to City elections and possibly other measures for voter approval.

D. For the foregoing reasons, the City Council wishes to call a special municipal election on November 5, 2024, to be held in conjunction with the Larimer County General Election, for the purpose of submitting to the electorate of the City any ballot issues approved by the City Council prior to the deadline for certifying ballot content to the Larimer County Clerk and Recorder.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. A Special Municipal Election in the City is hereby called for Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to be held in conjunction with the Larimer County General Election and conducted in such manner as shall be determined by the Larimer County Clerk and Recorder.

Section 2. The provisions of the Uniform Election Code, as amended, are hereby adopted with respect to the conduct of said election in lieu of the provisions of the Municipal Election Code.

Section 3. Subject to any applicable provision in Colorado statute to the contrary, the City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, submit to the voters at said election any citizen-initiated or City-initiated measure that complies with the requirements of the City Charter, irrespective of the nature of such measure.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to certify the ballot content for the Special Municipal Election to the Larimer County Clerk no later than September 6, 2024, for any ballot titles set by the City Council prior to said date.

Section 5. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Larimer County for conduct of the election, pursuant to Section 1-7-116(2) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Section 6. In the event that the City Council does not take action by ordinance or resolution prior to September 6, 2024, to submit any ballot measures to the voters at the November 5, 2024, Larimer County General Election, the election provided for herein shall be cancelled and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be of no further force and effect.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on July 2, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on July 16, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: July 26, 2024
Approving Attorney: Carrie Daggett