



STATEMENT OF INITIATIVE PETITION SUFFICIENCY (Regular Election)

I, Delynn Coldiron, City Clerk, do hereby certify that:

1. On May 1, 2025 petition representatives Linda Stanley, Kelly Ohlson and Margit Hentschel submitted a petition to initiate an ordinance. The following describes the intent of the initiative:

For purposes of acquiring, restoring, and maintaining natural areas, open spaces, wildlife habitat, river, streams, and other riparian areas, and biodiverse landscapes, and providing for the appropriate use and enjoyment of these areas by residents, this initiative continues, without expiration, the existing 1/4 of one percent Natural Areas sales and use tax approved in 1992 by the City of Fort Collins voters and extended by voters in 2002 (Open Space, Yes!). By continuing this funding, the Natural Areas Program will continue to protect natural areas and open spaces; offer appropriate recreation; provide revenue for responsible restoration and management of protected lands; and partner with Larimer County, GOCO, and others to make funding go further. This ordinance makes several modifications to Citizen-Initiated Ordinance No. 1, 2002 language (Open Space, Yes!) related to Land Conservation, Operations, and Maintenance Activities to ensure that long-term operations and maintenance needs can be met within the parameters of the initiative language.

2. Said petition requested that the initiated ordinance be placed before the voters at a regular municipal election; and
3. An initiative petition seeking consideration at a regular election must be signed by registered electors of the city equal in number to at least ten (10) percent of the total ballots cast in the last regular city election; and
4. The number of signatures of registered voters who live within the Fort Collins city limits required for said petition to be sufficient is 5,070; and
5. Upon examination of the petition, it has been determined that the petition sections reviewed contain 6,205 valid signatures, and the petition is therefore sufficient for placement on a regular municipal election ballot; and

6. This determination of sufficiency is subject to protest within seven (7) days of this initial determination of sufficiency, which deadline is 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2025; and if protested, will be superceded by a new determination of sufficiency or insufficiency following hearing on the protest(s) and certification of the results of the hearing.

Signed this 22nd day of July, 2025.



Delynn Coldiron, City Clerk