

**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.14.040 OF THE PALMER LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR ANNEXATION ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the Palmer Lake Municipal Code, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, annexation of land to the Town of Palmer Lake is governed by Colorado statute and by the provisions of Section 17.14.040 of the Palmer Lake Town Code.; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2025 a majority of the electors of the Town of Palmer Lake approved an initiated ordinance requiring voter approval of all annexation proposals.

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 05-2025 to incorporate the Initiative Question approved by the electors into Section 17.14.040 of the Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to further amend Section 17.14.040 of the Town Code to establish certain requirements and guidelines governing annexation elections including but not limited to the timing, expense, and ballot language for annexation elections and to provide other details related to such elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Section 17.14.040 is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read in its entirety as set forth on Exhibit A, attached.

**Section 2.** Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**Section 3.** Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.**

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO**

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Erica N. Romero  
Town Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denis Stern  
Mayor