

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 28
Series 2015

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
COLORADO, SUBMITTING A BALLOT QUESTION TO
THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE
NOVEMBER 3, 2015 REGULAR ELECTION, TO AMEND
GENDER AND OTHER REFERENCES IN THE CITY
CHARTER**

WHEREAS, the City's regular election is scheduled for November 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit a number of Charter amendments to the registered electors of the City at the November 3, 2015 regular election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: There is hereby submitted to the vote of the registered electors of the City of Littleton at the election to be conducted on November 3, 2015 a ballot question proposing an amendment to the Littleton City Charter regarding gender, title and capitalization.

Section 2: The official ballot shall contain the following ballot question:

Shall the Littleton City Charter be amended so that all references to the President of the Council be changed to Mayor; the President of the Council Pro Tem to Mayor Pro Tem; the City Council to Council; and the City Treasurer to Finance Director; and shall capitalization be consistent and the Charter made gender neutral?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Section 3: The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the officers of the City to certify on or before September 4, 2015 the ballot question in substantially the form set forth in Section 2 to the County Clerks in Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson Counties.

Section 4: The officers of the City are authorized and directed to take all other action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5: The Charter shall be amended as follows if a majority of the registered electors voting at the election on November 3, 2015 vote "yes" in response to the ballot question in Section 2:

- a. All references to "President of the Council" shall be changed to "Mayor";
- b. All references to "President of the Council Pro Tem" and "President Pro Tem" shall be changed to "Mayor Pro Tem";
- c. All references to "City Council" shall be changed to "Council";
- d. All references to "City Treasurer" shall be changed to "Finance Director";
- e. All references to "he" shall be changed to "he or she";
- f. All references to "him" shall be changed to "him or her";
- g. All references to "councilman" or "councilperson" shall be changed to "Council Member";
- h. All references to "councilmen" shall be changed to "Council Members";
and
- i. All titles of officials or official bodies shall be capitalized, including but not limited to, City, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member, Council, Election Commission, Finance Director, City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Manager.

Section 6: If a majority of the registered electors voting at the election on November 3, 2015 vote "yes" in response to the ballot question in Section 2, the language and terminology changes contemplated in Section 5 shall also be applied to any other amendments to the City Charter approved by the registered electors on November 3, 2015.

Section 7: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

Section 8: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton on the 21st day of July, 2015, passed on first reading by a vote of ____ FOR and ____ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 4th day of August, 2015, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ____ FOR and ____ AGAINST on the ____ day of _____, 2015 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

ATTEST:

Wendy Heffner
CITY CLERK

Phil Cernanec
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kristin Schledorn
CITY ATTORNEY