

The following Ordinance placing a proposed Charter amendment on the April 6, 2021 Regular City Election ballot was adopted by the Council on final reading on January 19, 2021. Proposed amendments to the current language in the Charter are shown on the next page. Text with a line through the middle indicates language that will be deleted if the amendment is approved by the voters. Text that is highlighted in yellow indicates new language that will be added to the Charter if the amendment is approved by the voters.

ORDINANCE NO. 015, 2021  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT  
COLLINS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE CITY  
CHARTER UPDATING THE REFERENCE TO “CHIEF JUDGE” IN  
THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PROVISION

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins (“Charter”) provides that the Charter may be amended as provided by the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5, of the Charter (“Section 5”) establishes a Board of Elections to consist of the City Clerk, Chief Deputy City Clerk, and Municipal Judge; and

WHEREAS, at the regular municipal election on April 4, 2017, the voters of Fort Collins approved Ordinance No. 004, 2017, modifying Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter to establish a Chief Judge where previously was referenced the Municipal Judge; and

WHEREAS, a conforming change is needed in Section 5 to update the reference there from “Municipal Judge” to “Chief Judge” in accordance with Ordinance No. 004, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend the Charter to ensure clarity and internal consistency in these provisions and to avoid any confusion or question regarding the composition of the Board of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the following proposed changes to Section 5 of Article VIII of the City Charter shall be submitted to the registered electors of the City as “Proposed Charter Amendment No. 5” at the regular municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021:

**ARTICLE VIII.  
ELECTIONS**

**Section 5. - Board of Elections.**

There is hereby created a Board of Elections consisting of the City Clerk, Chief Deputy City Clerk, and ~~Municipal~~ Chief Judge. The Board shall be responsible for any election duties specified in this Charter and for such additional duties related to the conduct of elections as may be established by the Council by ordinance.

Section 4. That the following ballot title and submission clause are hereby adopted for submitting Proposed Charter Amendment No. 5 to the voters at said election:

CITY-INITIATED  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 5

Shall Section 5 of Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, establishing the Board of Elections, be amended to replace a reference to “Municipal Judge” with “Chief Judge” in conformance with a 2017 update to that title?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes/For  
\_\_\_\_\_ No/Against

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 5th day of January, A.D. 2021, and to be presented for final passage on the 19th day of January, A.D. 2021.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 19th day of January, A.D. 2021.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk