

ORDINANCE NO. 044, 2023
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF THE CITY'S REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, the voters of the city of Fort Collins approved Charter amendments revising the election provisions to move the City's regular municipal election from April to November in odd-numbered years and to provide for the use of ranked voting methods beginning in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the shift of the City's regular elections from April to November, at a time coinciding with the general election conducted by the Larimer County Clerk and Recorder, enables the City to coordinate with the Larimer County Clerk and Recorder in the conduct of regular City elections; and

WHEREAS, under Section 1 of Article VIII of the City Charter, the Council is to provide by ordinance for the manner of holding City elections; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.1 in Article I of Chapter 7 of the City Code provides if a City election is being conducted as a coordinated election, that election shall be governed by and conducted in accordance with the requirements and procedures of the Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended, to the extent necessary for that election to be conducted as a coordinated election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the discussion of the Council Election Code Committee and the recommendation of staff, in order to formalize and enable planning for the manner in which City regular elections will be conducted, this Ordinance incorporates into the City Code an express provision that regular municipal elections shall be coordinated with the County unless otherwise provided by the Council by ordinance.

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 Chapter 7, Article II, Division 1 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins be amended by the addition of a new Section to read as follows:

Sec. 7-21. Administration of City-administered elections.

The provisions of this article apply to the administration of City-administered elections. Any election conducted as a coordinated election with the County is subject to the provisions of applicable state law.

Section 3. That Chapter 7, Article III, Division 1 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins be amended by the addition of a new Section to read as follows:

Sec. 7-56. Conduct of regular municipal election.

All regular municipal elections, held in November of odd-numbered years, shall be coordinated with the County, unless otherwise provided by the Council by ordinance prior to March 1 of the year in which the election is to be held.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 21st day of March, 2023, and to be presented for final passage on the 4th day of April, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 4th day of April, 2023.

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