

RESOLUTION NO. 3011

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN,
COLORADO, SUPPORTING BALLOT ISSUE 2M**

WHEREAS, a regular election of the City of Golden (“City”) will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, which election shall be held as a coordinated election with Jefferson County pursuant to the Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2222 dated August 22, 2023, the City Council referred the following ballot issue to Golden voters for consideration at the November 7, 2023, regular election:

Shall the city of golden home rule charter be amended to replace terms used to describe city officers and other persons with generally applicable terms (for example, replace “councilman” with “councilor”)?; and

WHEREAS, the ballot language for the above-referenced measure has been certified to the Jefferson County Clerk and has been assigned the designation of Ballot Issue 2M; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to adopt a resolution in support of Ballot Issue 2M pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A); and

WHEREAS, if Ballot Issue 2M is approved by the electorate, the City would incur minimal expenses, including minimal administrative time and associated costs, to implement the proposed update, as it would be executed using the latest technology and word processing applications to exchange outdated language with modern phraseology; and

WHEREAS, the proposed update would more accurately align with the City’s Strategic Action Plan, which is designed to be inclusive of all Golden citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council proposes an update of certain language in the Home Rule Charter, as set forth in this ordinance, to reflect the City’s commitment to an open, participatory, and responsive government; and

WHEREAS, the proposed update would align with the City’s Strategic Action Plan, which is designed to be inclusive of all Golden citizens; and

WHEREAS, a “Yes” vote on Ballot Issue 2M will Amend the City Charter to more accurately reflect City Council’s current and future diversity,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that passage of Ballot Issue 2M is in the best interest of Golden residents and businesses, and desires to adopt a resolution urging a “Yes” vote on Ballot Issue 2M in accordance with C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council fully and strongly supports the passage of Ballot Issue 2M, to amend the City Charter to replace terms and outdated language with general language that more accurately describes current and future City Officials.

Section 2. The City Council finds that this change would not take a significant amount of time or money to fix, rather it is a routine and straightforward administrative update.

Section 3. The City Council strongly encourages all eligible City residents to register and vote in the November 7, 2023 election, which is being conducted as a coordinated election with Jefferson County.

Section 4. The City Council strongly encourages all eligible City voters to vote “Yes” on Ballot Issue 2M.

Section 5. The City Clerk and City Manager are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, including reporting the passage of or distribution of this resolution through established, customary means, other than paid advertising, pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(B).

Section 5. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, such decision shall not affect the validity of constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately its approval by the City Council.

Adopted this 10th day of October, 2023.

Laura M. Weinberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica S. Mendoza, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sandra Llanes, City Attorney

I, Monica S. Mendoza, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular business meeting thereof held on the 10th day of October 2023.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Monica S. Mendoza, City Clerk

of

the City of Golden, Colorado