

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER URBAN
COUNCIL BILL NO. 03
ORDINANCE NO. 1635
Series 2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE WHEAT RIDGE CODE OF LAWS REGARDING ELECTIONS TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY AND COMPATIBILITY WITH THE COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAWS

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado (the “City”), is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing pursuant to Section 6 of Article XX of the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council (the “Council”) has authority pursuant to the Home Rule Charter and C.R.S. §31-16-101, et seq. to adopt and enforce all ordinances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, the City has previously enacted Chapter 7 of the Code of Laws of the Code of Wheat Ridge, Colorado (the “Code”) to govern elections within the City; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 31-10-101 et seq., also known as the "Colorado Municipal Election Code," as well as related portions of title 1, C. R. S., govern many aspects of the conduct of elections held within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council now finds it efficient and desirable to streamline its Code regarding elections by repealing certain sections of Chapter 7, which are adequately covered and governed by state election laws, specifically those portions concerning reporting requirements, filing and timeliness requirements, violations and penalties, and automatic recount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. The following sections of Chapter 7 are hereby repealed:

Section 7-5 - Reporting requirements; candidates;
Section 7-6 - Reporting requirements; persons;
Section 7-7 - Filing; where to file; timeliness;
Section 7-9 - Violations; penalties; and
Section 7-11 – Automatic recount.

Section 2. The remaining sections of Chapter 7 are renumbered accordingly.

Section 3. **Severability, Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise

invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and signature by the Mayor and City Clerk, as permitted by Section 5.11 of the Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED on first reading by a vote of 8 to 0 on this 8th day of January, 2018, ordered published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Wheat Ridge, and Public Hearing and consideration on final passage set for January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 7500 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED on second and final reading by a vote of 7 to 0, this 22nd day of January, 2018.

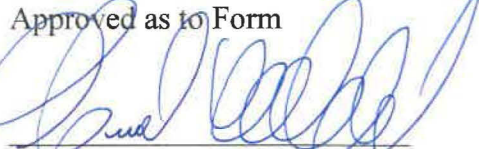
SIGNED by the Mayor on this 22nd day of January, 2018.

ATTEST:


Janelle Shaver, City Clerk




Bud Starker, Mayor

Approved as to Form

Gerald E. Dahl, City Attorney

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