

RESOLUTION 2019-020
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
CLARIFYING THAT THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
TO INCREASE CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION
TO APPEAR ON THE APRIL 2, 2019 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT
WAS NOT INITIATED BY THE COUNCIL, BUT BY CITIZEN PETITION

WHEREAS, Article V, 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, C.R.S., provides that Charter amendments may be initiated by registered electors of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a petition proposing to amend the Charter has been submitted to the City; and

WHEREAS, the amendment proposed by said petition would repeal and replace Article 2, Section 3 of the Charter relating to compensation of Council members; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk certified the validity and sufficiency of said petition to the City Council as provided in Section 31-2-210(3), C.R.S., and in December certified said petition as sufficient for submission of the initiated Charter amendment to a vote of the people at the next regular municipal election; and

WHEREAS, under Section 31-2-210(3), C.R.S., upon presentation of a petition certified as sufficient by the City Clerk, the Council was required to set a ballot title for the proposed amendment at its next meeting; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, and January 2, 2019, the City Council adopted on first reading and second reading, respectively, Ordinance No. 173, 2018, submitting a citizen-initiated Charter amendment relating to Council compensation to a vote of the registered electors of the city at the regular municipal election on April 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, a citizen-initiated ballot question will appear on the April 2 municipal election ballot that seeks approval by the registered electors of repeal and replacement of City Charter Article II, Section 3 with a new Section 3 offering the Mayor and all Councilmembers compensation equal to the Fort Collins Area Median Household Income, in accordance with the U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates, plus benefits afforded to full-time, exempt city employees, and requires Councilmembers to publicly report their Council-related activities; and

WHEREAS, that citizen-initiated ballot question has not yet been numbered for placement on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Council has not sought an increase to Councilmember compensation of any sort, and has not moved forward the proposed increase except as required under the Colorado statute related to citizen-initiated Charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned about misunderstanding in the public about the origin of and Council role in this citizen-initiated Charter amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Council has taken no action to support the proposed Charter amendment increasing Council pay that it was required to present to the registered electorate for consideration as part of the regular municipal election on April 2, 2019.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 5th day of February, A.D. 2019.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

