

RESOLUTION NO. 26-51

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES,
COLORADO, SETTING A BALLOT TITLE AND PLACING A CITIZEN-INITIATED
AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES HOME RULE CHARTER ON THE
BALLOT FOR THE COORDINATED ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Castle Pines, Colorado (the “City”) is a home rule municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Colorado and the City Home Rule Charter (the “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 26-48 and in accordance with Section 2-1-10 of the City Municipal Code, the City’s regular election on November 3, 2026 will be conducted in coordination with Douglas County and pursuant to the requirements and procedures of the Uniform Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Colorado law reserves the power to the registered electors of a home rule municipality to initiate proceedings to amend the municipality’s home rule charter, subject to applicable constitutional, statutory, and Charter requirements; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.7 of the Charter provides for Charter amendments in the manner provided by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution upon questions that may be submitted by the electors of the City subject to the procedures set forth in state statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-2-210(1)(a), a citizen-initiated petition was filed with the City Clerk seeking to submit a proposed amendment to the Charter to be placed on the ballot for the November 3, 2026 election; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk certified to the City Council that the petition is valid and sufficient on August 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 31-2-210(3) states, “If the petition is sufficient, the governing body shall set a ballot title for the proposed amendment at its next meeting”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment would require voter ratification of any annexation, occurring within 180 days after the amendment takes effect, of a parcel larger than 20 acres under common ownership or control, but would allow the City Council to repeal such Charter provision by ordinance without an election if no such annexation occurs during that period; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is required to set the ballot title for the citizen-initiated Charter amendment and further finds that by such submission, it is not endorsing any provision proposed by the petition, conceding that any provision proposed by the petition is valid, or waiving any right to challenge the substantive validity of any element or provision proposed by the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby refers to the voters and sets the ballot title for the Charter

amendment proposed by the petition and authorizes the City Clerk to take the actions required to submit the question to the City's registered electors at the November 3, 2026, election.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby sets the following as Ballot Title No. 2 for the citizen-initiated proposed amendment to the City of Castle Pines Home Rule Charter, to be submitted to the registered electors of the City at the November 3, 2026, election:

BALLOT TITLE:

SHALL THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION AS FOLLOWS: ANY PARCEL OVER 20 ACRES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY A SINGLE OWNER OR OWNERSHIP GROUP ANNEXED WITHIN 180 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REFERRED FOR RATIFICATION AT AN ELECTION OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO, AND IF NO SUCH ANNEXATION OCCURS WITHIN SUCH 180-DAY PERIOD, THIS SECTION MAY BE REPEALED BY COUNCIL ORDINANCE WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO?

Yes _____
No: _____

Section 2. The proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to the registered electors of the City at the election to be held on November 3, 2026. The City Clerk, as the City's Designated Election Official, is authorized and directed to certify Ballot Title No. 2 and the proposed Charter amendment to the appropriate election official, to coordinate the election as applicable, and to take all other actions necessary or appropriate to submit the measure to the City's registered electors in accordance with the Charter and applicable law.

Section 3. The full text of the proposed Charter amendment submitted to the registered electors shall be the text contained in the petition certified by the City Clerk as valid and sufficient. Nothing in this Resolution modifies the text of the proposed Charter amendment contained in that petition.

Section 4. The City Clerk is authorized to correct typographical errors and omissions and to cause to be entered into the blanks of the ballot issue the appropriate ballot question number or letter upon designation of the ballot number or letter by the appropriate election official.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining issues of this Resolution.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the City Council.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, AND 0 ABSENT THIS 25th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.



ATTEST:

Tobi Duffey

Tobi Duffey, MMC, City Clerk

Tracy Engerman

Tracy Engerman (Sep 1, 2026 07:31:38 MDT)

Tracy Engerman, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Linda Michow

Linda Michow (Aug 31, 2026 16:11:39 MDT)

Linda C. Michow, City Attorney