



Legislation Text

File #: 21-048, **Version:** 2

Ordinance No. 21-08 submitting a Charter amendment to the registered qualified electors of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado at the general municipal election conducted by mail ballot to be held on April 6, 2021, amending section 7-90 (c) of the City Charter eliminating a thirty (30) word limitation on ballot titles for tax or bonded debt increases, providing for the form of the ballot title, providing for certain matters with respect to the election, and providing the effective date of this ordinance

Presenter:

Wayne Williams, City Councilmember

Summary:

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Background:

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Attached following the referral ordinance is an example of ballot language submitted to the voters in 2004 for passage of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority ("PPRTA") formation and tax. The 2004 PPRTA question is an example of TABOR ballot language that is not limited to thirty (30) words.

Previous Council Action:

N/A

Financial Implications:

N/A

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

Council could choose not to adopt the ordinance submitting the question to the voters.

Proposed Motion:

Adopt an ordinance submitting a Charter amendment to the registered qualified electors of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado at the general municipal election conducted by mail ballot to be held on April 6, 2021, amending section 7-90 (c) of the City Charter eliminating a thirty (30) word limitation on ballot titles for tax or bonded debt increases, providing for the form of the ballot title, providing for certain matters with respect to the election, and providing the effective date of this ordinance.

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