



# Charter Amendment Initiatives

# Legal Standards

- Council sets the ballot title by ordinance. CRS § 31-2-210(1)(b)
- Ballot titles are not to include the entire measure or include every possible effect of the measure. The ballot title is the question printed on the ballot to “briefly” and “correctly and fairly express the true intent and meaning of the proposed measure” so that a voter can “determine intelligently whether to support or oppose the proposal.” Ballot titles are invalid only if they are misleading, inaccurate or fail to reflect the central features of the proposed initiative.

Shall the Boulder Home Rule Charter be amended to ensure that residents of neighborhoods have a voice in changes to land use regulations for residential developments that may have an impact on their quality of life, neighborhood character or property values, including without limitation those that increase the maximum allowable building height, size, density, floor areas, or occupancy limits, changes to allowable uses, or reductions in ~~reduce~~ on-site parking requirements, required setbacks, or solar access protection, or change zoning district designations or regulations within residential neighborhoods; and shall such neighborhoods be contiguous areas reasonably demarcated by the city that contain at least a portion of the MH, RE, RL-1&2, RM-1,2&3, RMX-1&2, RH-1-7 or RR-1&2 zoning districts, including without limitation at least 65 separate neighborhoods listed in the petition and such other neighborhoods as the city may reasonably identify; and shall any changes to these land use regulations or combinations of neighborhoods adopted by city council not be effective for 60 days, and if within such 60 days, one or more residential neighborhood submits a petition signed by 10 percent of the registered electors of the neighborhood meeting the referendum requirements of the charter, such changes shall not be effective for that neighborhood unless approved by the voters of such neighborhood; and shall there be a separate election for each residential neighborhood that has submitted a proper petition; and shall the city pay the costs of such elections; and related details as set forth in the initiative petition for this measure?

Shall the Boulder Home Rule Charter be amended to prevent the city, to the extent allowed by state and federal law, from approving new development that does not fully pay for or otherwise provide additional facilities and services to fully offset the additional burdens imposed by the new development; such facilities and services to include without limitation police, fire-rescue, parks and recreation, public libraries, housing, human services, senior services, parking services, transportation, and open space and mountain parks, ~~but~~ and exempting utilities that have set services standards including water, wastewater, flood control, and electric; and to allow require the city council to apply standards and practices reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this section, that are consistent with generally accepted professional standards and practices where they exist, and that consider indirect revenues and contributions from new development, such as sales and use tax paid by occupants; and to require the ~~and~~ adopt standards for transportation facilities and services to include without limitation including emergency response times, daily vehicle miles traveled within the city, and travel times on designated streets during morning and evening peak and near-peak hours; and shall the city council by a vote of six members be able to exempt permanently affordable housing or publicly-owned new developments from this section; and shall ~~this section apply to~~ new development with a complete and properly submitted that has not submitted an application for a building permit, or a change of use permit as of the date of passage of this section, be exempt from the requirements of this section, but only for the construction or change of use covered by the permit or change of use application as submitted; and shall the city manager be required to report annually all standards used and a summary of the measurements and actions taken and analyses performed to satisfy this section; and setting forth related details set forth in the initiated petition for this measure?