

ORDINANCE NO. 1153 (2024)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO REFERRING A QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS APPROVING CHANGES TO THE CRAIG CITY CHARTER CONCERNING THE STATEMENT OF EXPENSES RELATED TO ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCING; AND SETTING A BALLOT MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024 COORDINATED ELECTION.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Craig (the “City”) is a Colorado home rule city duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado;

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of the City (the “City Council”) have been duly elected and qualified;

WHEREAS, the City of Craig Charter (“the Charter”) is the governing document that defines the City organization and the powers and functions;

WHEREAS, over time, the Charter provisions may become obsolete, contradictory, or warrant change to comply with the law, address current needs or trends;

WHEREAS, the Charter may only be amended by a vote of the registered electors of the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council from time to time appoints a charter review committee and considers charter provisions which may need to be updated, modified or improved, and submits such charter revisions to a vote of the registered electors;

WHEREAS, a review of Article VI Section 4 of the Charter requires revision to repeal the provision that restricts the amount that may be spent by a candidate for campaign expenses to ensure the candidates first amendments rights are preserved;

WHEREAS, Article VI Section 4 of the Charter currently limits candidates to five hundred dollars for expenditures related to campaign financing;

WHEREAS, the Craig City Council is hereby referring a ballot measure for the coordinated election on November 5th, 2024, which would remove the limitation on campaign financing from Article VI Section 4 of the Charter if passed by the registered electors of the City of Craig.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG AS FOLLOWS:

1. The question of a change to Article VI, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Craig which would remove the Charter provision related to the limitation on

campaign financing is authorized for referral to the Craig City Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, which shall be submitted for approval by the registered electors in the City of Craig. The measure referred by this Ordinance shall automatically take effect upon certification of the City Clerk, or Moffat County Clerk, as may be necessary, that a majority of the registered electors voting at that election have approved the question.

2. The ballot issue shall be substantially as follows:

BALLOT MEASURE (number to be determined):

SHALL THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CRAIG ARTICLE VI SECTION 4 BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON CAMPAIGN FINANCING TO READ IN ITS ENTIRETY AS FOLLOWS:

Article VI, Section 4. Statement of Expenses.

“Every candidate at any City Election shall within thirty days thereafter, file with the City Clerk an itemized statement showing in detail all amounts of money contributed or expended by him, directly or indirectly, in aid of his candidacy, and giving therein the names of the various persons receiving such money, and the specific nature of each item, and the purpose for which expended or contributed.

In addition to the above requirements, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act (C.R.S. Title 1, Article 45) as exists or as may hereafter be amended shall be followed in the conduct of campaigns.

(Renumbered and amended by Ord. 957 approved by voters on 11/7/06)”

YES _____ NO _____

3. The City Council may submit additional ballot issues or other measures to appear on the ballot of the regular election by the adoption of appropriate ordinances as required by law.
4. The officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance. Upon approval on second reading, the City Clerk shall certify the ballot content to the Moffat County Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the November 5th, 2024 coordinated election.
5. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after passage and upon publication of such ordinance after passage.

7. The City Council deems it appropriate to publish the title of this Ordinance, together with a summary of the Ordinance and with the statement that the text is available for public inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

READ, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2024 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

Chris Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk

Votes in favor: ____

Votes opposed: ____

Abstained: ____

FOLLOWING SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING, PASSED AND BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Chris Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk

Votes in favor: ____

Votes opposed: ____

Abstained: ____