



TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 8.06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR

WHEREAS, the Town of Larkspur is a Colorado home rule municipality, governed in part by it's the Larkspur Home Rule Charter ("the Charter"); and

WHEREAS, the Charter can only be amended by the electors of the Town at a municipal election; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2016, the Larkspur Town Council voted to place the following proposed charter amendment questions on the ballot for the April 5, 2016 Larkspur municipal election; and

WHEREAS, at the April 5, 2016 Larkspur municipal election a majority the electors of the Town of Larkspur voted in favor of each of the proposed charter amendment questions, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Larkspur website is www.townoflarkspur.org.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

1. To implement the charter amendment questions approved by the electors, the following sections of the Town Charter shall be amended to read as follows by removing language indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ and adding underlined language to read as follows:

Section 2.03 – Special Municipal Elections.

Any special municipal election may be called by resolution of the Council at least thirty days in advance of such election. The resolution calling a special election shall set forth the purpose or purposes of such election. Notice of such special election shall be posted and also published ~~in a paper of general circulation~~ on the Town of Larkspur website at least eight days prior to the election. Such notice shall include the date of the election, the polling place, and the purpose for such election.

Section 2.08 Nominating Petitions

The nomination petition for each candidate for either mayor or councilman shall be signed by not less than ten percent of the different qualified electors from the Town. Any elector may sign more than one petition for any elective office, and there shall be no limit as to the number of different petitions an elector may sign for

any elective office. Nominating petitions shall be filed not later than 45 days prior to a municipal election.

Section 2.13 – Referendum Petitions

Referendum petitions shall require the signatures of no less than twenty percent of the number of eligible registered voters at the last regular municipal election.

Section 2.14 – Initiative Petitions

Initiative petitions shall require the signatures of no less than twenty percent of the number of eligible registered voters at the last regular municipal election.

Section 2.15 – Withdrawal of Petitions

The timeframe in which an initiative or referendum petition can be withdrawn shall be no later than noon on the date the Town Council is to consider the subject petition.

Section 3.21 – Publication Procedure and Requirements.

Any requirements contained in this Charter or in an ordinance of the Town for publishing legal ordinances or other documents of the Town shall be met by ~~publishing in a newspaper of general character and circulation within Douglas County, Colorado~~ on the Town of Larkspur website. Proof of such publication shall be kept by the Town Clerk

~~—The affidavit of the printer or publisher of such newspaper shall be kept in a book for that purpose by the Town clerk.~~

Section 7.04 – Budget Hearing

A budget hearing on the proposed budget shall be held by the Council no later than December 4 Z, prior to the close of the fiscal year. Notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be posted and published one time at least eight days prior to the hearing. A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available to the general public at the office of the Town Clerk at least eight days prior to the hearing.

2. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

3. Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this Ord 8.06

repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this ordinance.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR AND SIGNED THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2016.



Votes Approving:	<u>5</u>
Votes Opposed:	<u>0</u>
Absent:	<u>2</u>
Abstained:	<u>0</u>

ATTEST:

TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO

**Manfred Krimmer
Town Clerk/Manager**

By:

Gerry Been, Mayor