2020-31

A RESOLUTION

CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020, TO SUBMIT TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD A CITIZEN-INITIATED ORDINANCE REGARDING RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Clerk’s Office received an initiative petition on June 2, 2020, which the City Clerk determined to contain the sufficient number of required registered electors’ signatures;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Lakewood Home Rule Charter (the “Charter”), Section 13.1(c), upon a finding of sufficiency, the City Clerk shall present the petition to the City Council at its first regular meeting held more than thirty days after the date the petition is filed;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.1(d) of the Charter, the City Council shall either: (1) adopt the initiated ordinance by a majority vote of all members of City Council without any change to the initiated ordinance; or (2) submit the initiated ordinance to a vote of the registered electors of the City at a special election to be held within ninety days;

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that submitting the initiated ordinance to a vote of the registered electors of the City is and shall be in the best interest of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-10-401, the City Council shall appoint, or authorize the City Clerk to appoint, election judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby calls and sets a special municipal election for November 3, 2020, which shall be a mail ballot election conducted in coordination with the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to conduct the special municipal election and to perform all duties and responsibilities relating to such election.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall take all actions necessary for such ballot question to be presented to the registered electors of the City of Lakewood at the special municipal election to be held on November 3, 2020.
SECTION 4. The ballot title for the ballot question shall be as follows:

"Shall the City of Lakewood adopt an ordinance adopting regulations governing the operation of retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana cultivation facilities in the City of Lakewood and making corresponding amendments to certain sections of Lakewood Municipal Code, Chapter 5.51 concerning medical marijuana businesses?"

_____ YES (FOR THE ORDINANCE)

_____ NO (AGAINST THE ORDINANCE)

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 10 for and 0 against at a virtual regular meeting of the City Council on August 24, 2020 at 7 o'clock p.m.

Adam Paul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Millard, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Timothy P. Cox, City Attorney