

2019-23

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING A RULE NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
STRATEGIC GROWTH INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood referred to Lakewood voters a citizen-initiated ordinance, referred to herein as the strategic growth initiative or Ballot Question 200, that would, if approved, impose certain limitations on the number of new residential dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, a majority of voters who submitted ballots at a mail ballot election on July 2, 2019 voted in favor of adopting the strategic growth initiative; and

WHEREAS, the election results were certified and made official on July 12, 2019, and the strategic growth initiative became law; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.3 of the City's Home Rule Charter provides that no initiated ordinance adopted by the registered electors of the City may be amended or repealed by the City Council during a period of six months after the date of the election; and

WHEREAS, by its own terms, the strategic growth initiative does allow for the City Council to adopt rules as necessary for the administration of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and City staff have determined that additional rules are necessary not to change or amend the strategic growth initiative but to address items that are not expressly addressed in the approved ordinance; and

WHEREAS, additional rules may be considered and adopted by the City Council in the months ahead, but the City Council believes it is imperative that a rule be adopted at the earliest possible time to provide guidance on how the initiated ordinance will be applied to development projects for which building permit applications are accepted after the date of certification of the election results and prior to the first January after the date of certification of the election results; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's intention that all rules adopted regarding the interpretation and application of the strategic growth initiative, including the rule adopted hereby, ultimately be contained in a single resolution, but in order to provide guidance to interested parties as soon as possible, the Council hereby adopts this Resolution containing the first such rule.

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

SECTION 1. The following language shall be adopted as a rule necessary for the administration of the strategic growth initiative, adopted by the voters of Lakewood as Ballot Question 200 at the July 2, 2019 special election, pursuant to Section 14.27.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code:

All development projects that, as of July 12, 2019, have properly completed and filed with the City all necessary submittals, to the satisfaction of the City, with the exception of the final application for the Building Permit, may continue without obtaining any allocation(s) or an allocation, provided building permits are issued on or before Dec. 31, 2019, after which time the development project will require an allocation and be subjected to the Allocation process.

SECTION 2. At such time as the City Council adopts other rules necessary for the administration of the strategic growth initiative, the rule adopted by this Resolution shall be integrated with the other rules in a single document and numbered for ease of research.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 8 for and 3 against at a special meeting of the City Council on July 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall, 480 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

Adam Paul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Margy Greer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Timothy P. Cox, City Attorney