CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 43
SERIES OF 2026

TITLE: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT QUESTION CONCERNING A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR COMMUNITY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado (the "City"), is a home rule municipality organized and existing under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Wheat Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has a responsibility to plan for the long-term financial health, infrastructure needs, public safety, parks and recreation facilities, transportation system, and overall quality of life of the Wheat Ridge community; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the City has undertaken significant long-range planning efforts, including the Facilities Master Plan, transportation planning, parks and recreation planning, bicycle and pedestrian network planning, and ongoing infrastructure assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged the community through extensive planning, public outreach, community conversations, statistically valid community surveys, and other engagement efforts to better understand Wheat Ridge residents' priorities for future capital investments; and

WHEREAS, through these community engagement efforts, Wheat Ridge residents have consistently identified the preservation and maintenance of existing infrastructure, safe and connected streets, sidewalks and bicycle facilities, parks and community spaces, public safety facilities, and other essential community assets as important priorities for investment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the capital priorities identified in the proposed ballot question are informed not only by technical assessments and long-range planning, but also by the priorities and feedback expressed by the Wheat Ridge community; and

WHEREAS, these planning efforts have identified significant capital needs, including proactive street and infrastructure maintenance, improvements to bicycle and pedestrian safe

ty and connectivity, preservation of community spaces at the Wilmore Davis and Kullerstrand school properties, replacement of the Anderson Park outdoor pool, and modernization of police and City services facilities; and

WHEREAS, existing City revenues are insufficient to address all of these significant capital needs in a timely manner without identifying additional dedicated funding; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2026, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1849, Series 2026, calling a coordinated election to be held on November 3, 2026, and submitting to the registered electors of the City a ballot question concerning an increase in the City sales and use tax of one percent (1.0%) for community capital investments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that maintaining and replacing aging infrastructure and public facilities is a fundamental responsibility of local government and that delaying necessary capital investments can increase future costs to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes that investments in streets, sidewalks, bicycle connections, parks, public safety facilities, and other community infrastructure provide benefits to residents, businesses, and visitors and contribute to the long-term vitality and sustainability of Wheat Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the proposed ballot measure represents a comprehensive community investment program and provides an opportunity for Wheat Ridge voters to determine whether to provide a dedicated local funding source for these identified capital priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Support for Ballot Question.

The City Council hereby expresses its support for the ballot question to be submitted to the registered electors of the City of Wheat Ridge at the November 3, 2026, coordinated election concerning an increase in the City sales and use tax of one percent (1.0%) for community capital investments.

Section 2. Community Investment.

The City Council supports the ballot question because it would establish a dedicated funding source to make long-term investments in the Wheat Ridge community, including:

- Proactive street and infrastructure maintenance;
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements and connectivity;
- Preservation of community spaces at the Wilmore Davis and Kullerstrand school properties;
- Replacement of the Anderson Park outdoor pool; and
- Modern police and City services facilities;

together with the operations and maintenance of such investments as authorized by the ballot question.

Section 3. Long-Term Stewardship.

The City Council recognizes that the proposed investment is intended to address significant capital needs over multiple years and to preserve and improve community assets for current and future generations. The Council supports a phased and financially responsible approach to implementation that considers project priorities, available revenues, financing costs, debt capacity, and the City's long-term financial sustainability.

Section 4. Accountability.

If approved by the voters, the City Council commits to responsible stewardship of the revenues generated by the ballot measure and to using those revenues for the purposes authorized by the voters and applicable law.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 14th day of September 2026.

Korey Stites, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Janeece Hoppe, City Clerk