PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.50 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING ELECTIONS TO CONFORM TO STATE STATUTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO (THE "TOWN"), IS A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DULY ORGANIZED AND OPERATING AS A STATUTORY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO; AND

WHEREAS, CHAPTER 1.50 OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNS ELECTIONS WITHIN THE TOWN BUT IS INCONSISTENT WITH STATE STATUTES GOVERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AS A RESULT OF CHANGES IN STATEWIDE LEGISLATION GOVERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; AND

WHEREAS, A REGULAR ELECTION OF THE TOWN SHALL BE HELD ON APRIL 3, 2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, NECESSITATING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 1.50 OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AVOID VOTER AND CANDIDATE CONFUSION ON APPLICABLE DEADLINES AND TO CONFORM TO STATE LAW; AND

WHEREAS, DUE TO THE PENDING ELECTION AND THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN STATE STATUTE AND THE TOWN CODE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 5.10 OF THE PALMER LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE, THE TOWN BOARD FINDS THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Chapter 1.50 entitled "Elections" is repealed and readopted with a new title to read as follows in its entirety:

CHAPTER 1.50
ELECTIONS

Sections:
1.50.010 Cancellation of Election
1.50.020 Write-In Candidate Affidavit

Sec. 1.50.010. Cancellation of election.

(a) If the only matter before the voters is the election of persons to office and if, at the close of business on the deadline before the election as set forth in applicable
state statute, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at such election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent as set forth in section 1.50.020, the Town Clerk, if instructed by resolution either before or after such date, shall cancel the election and such candidates shall be deemed elected.

(b) Notice of such cancellation shall be published, if possible, and notice of such cancellation shall be posted at each polling place and in not less than one (1) other public place.

Sec. 1.50.020. Write-in candidate affidavit.

No write-in vote for any municipal office shall be counted unless the candidate files an affidavit of intent with the Clerk prior to the deadline as set forth in applicable state statute indicating that such person desires the office and is qualified to assume the duties of that office if elected.

Section 2. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado that the sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of Court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the Board of Trustees without the incorporation of any unconstitutional or invalid sentence, clause or phrase.

Section 3. Emergency Declared, Effective Date and Publication. The Town Board finds that an emergency exists in that the public health safety and welfare requires the immediate effectiveness of this Ordinance. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and the Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause notice of its contents and passage to be published or posted by title only.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018 BY A VOTE OF __ FOR AND __ AGAINST. _/\_/\_\_

JOHN CRESSMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CATHY GREEN, ACTING TOWN CLERK
I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake at its meeting of [DATE], 2018, and ordered published by title only by [LETTER] newspaper on [DATE], 2018.

Cathy Green, Acting Town Clerk
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF El Paso

I, Rachel Johnson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Legal Sales Representative of The Colorado Springs Gazette, L.L.C., a corporation, the publishers of a daily/weekly public newspapers, which is printed and published daily/weekly in whole at the city of Colorado Springs in the County of El Paso, and the State of Colorado, and which is called Colorado Springs Gazette; that a notice of which the annexed is an exact copy, cut from said newspaper, was published in the regular and entire editions of said newspaper 1 time(s) to wit 03/04/2018

That said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of El Paso for a period of at least six consecutive months next prior to the first issue thereof containing this notice; that said newspaper has a general circulation and that it has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879 and any amendment thereof, and is a newspaper duly qualified for the printing of legal notices and advertisement within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado.

[Signature]
Rachel Johnson
Sales Center Agent

Subscribed and sworn to me this 03/06/2018, at said City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.
My commission expires November 1, 2020.

[Signature]
Mary Heifner
Notary Public
The Gazette

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