

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. **4279**

COUNCILOR'S BILL NO. **3**

SERIES OF 2025

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILORS

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A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO REFER LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINTS TO THE COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INVESTIGATION WHEN SUCH COMPLAINTS PRESENT AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT FOR THE CITY CLERK OR THE CITY CLERK'S STAFF

WHEREAS, Colorado House Bill 24-1283, codified in Section 1-45-111.7 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, allows for the City Clerk to refer local election campaign finance complaints to the Colorado Secretary of State if that complaint presents an actual or potential conflict for the City Clerk or the staff of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City Clerk to refer such a potentially conflicting investigation to the Colorado Secretary of State, the City must first pass an ordinance allowing for such referral; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance does not require that any particular action be taken on any particular campaign finance complaint, nor does it require that any particular campaign finance complaint be referred to the Colorado Secretary of State, but instead only allows for the option of making such a referral when action by the City Clerk or the City Clerk's staff might be inappropriate due to an actual or potential conflict.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER ORDAINS:

Section 1. In accordance with Colorado House Bill 24-1283, codified in Section 1-45-111.7 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Westminster City Clerk is hereby authorized to refer a campaign finance complaint to the Colorado Secretary of State if there is an actual or potential conflict for the City Clerk or the City Clerk's staff, as determined in writing by the City Clerk.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage after second reading. The title and purpose of this ordinance shall be published prior to its consideration on second reading. The full text of this ordinance shall be published within ten (10) days after its enactment after second reading.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING, AND TITLE AND PURPOSE ORDERED PUBLISHED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

PASSED, ENACTED ON SECOND READING, AND FULL TEXT ORDERED PUBLISHED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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City Attorney's Office