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Woodland Park Referendum Petition of Ordinance No. 1431 Deemed Sufficient

On January 23, 2023, City Clerk of the City of Woodland Park, Suzanne Leclercq, MMC, deemed a petition repealing Ordinance No. 1431 as sufficient. The Woodland Park City Council shall either repeal Ordinance No. 1431, or open the repeal of the Ordinance to the community by way of City election, paid for by the City of Woodland Park.

At the November 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting, Council voted to approve Ordinance No. 1431, an ordinance amending Titles 5 and 18 of the Woodland Park Municipal Code to license and regulate short-term rentals in Woodland Park.

On November 28, the Woodland Park City Clerk received letters of intent from residents interested in filing a Referendum Petition for Ordinance No.1431. A petition was received and certified by the City Clerk, and the petitioners were given approval to collect signatures until December 27, 2022.

On December 27, 2022, the City Clerk's Office received petitions back from the registered citizen committee, Protecting Residential Property Rights, with a total of 906 signatures.

Section 8.2 of the City of Woodland Park Charter states that a minimum of 714 valid signatures were required in order for the Petition to be deemed as sufficient to proceed. A valid signature requires that the signer is a registered voter within the City of Woodland Park. The City of Woodland Park, through the City Clerk's office, was able to validate 837 of those signatures. With these signatures validated, pursuant to C.R.S. 31-11-109, City Clerk of the City of Woodland Park, Suzanne Leclercq, MMC, has hereby deemed the petition as sufficient.

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As per C.R.S. 31-11-110, there is a 40-day window following an initiative or referendum petition filing in which it may be protested. This period began on December 27, 2023 and will conclude at the end of business on February 6, 2023.

A protest in writing under oath may be filed in the office of the clerk by a registered elector who resides in the municipality, setting forth specifically the grounds for such protest. When the protest period closes, any individual with concerns or declaring the petition or signatures found within to be deficient, may then schedule a hearing with the City Clerk.

With the ending of the protest period, City Council shall either repeal Ordinance No. 1431, or open the repeal of the Ordinance to the community by way of City election, paid by the City of Woodland Park. This measure will be included on the agenda for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, to be held on February 16, 2023 at 7pm.

Meeting information can be found on the home page of the City website. All official updates since July of 2022 on the topic of short-term rental regulation in Woodland Park can be found at WhatsUpWoodlandPark.com.

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