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We, the undersigned registered electors of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado wish to submit, pursuant to Charter Section 16.8(a), the following proposed amendments to the Wheat Ridge City Charter and do hereby submit to the voters for their consideration at a Special Election on November 2nd, 2010.

PETITIONER'S COMMITTEE

The following registered electors shall represent the signers of the petition in all matters affecting the same.

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>MAILING ADDRESS</i>
1.	<u>John R. "Dick" Matthews</u>	<u>10405 W. 34th Place, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033</u>
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4.	<u>Susan M. Motika</u>	<u>3651 Miller Court, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033</u>
5.	<u>Kent O. Davis</u>	<u>8080 Melrose Drive, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033</u>

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PREFATORY SYNOPSIS

(Paragraph 3)

The charter provides for the MAYOR-COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR ~~a Council-Manager~~ form of government. THE EXECUTIVE POWER IS VESTED IN A MAYOR WHO IS ELECTED AT LARGE AND WHO APPOINTS A CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EFFICIENTLY ADMINISTER THE DAILY AFFAIRS OF THE CITY. The mayor presides over council meetings and possesses the power of veto. The mayor shall be the recognized head of the city government for all legal and ceremonial purposes and shall be the conservator of the peace.

(Paragraph 4)

The city council is established as the policy-making legislative body of the city. The council consists of eight (8) members with two (2) members elected from each of four (4) districts. The council shall appoint citizens to all boards and commissions on an equal representation basis. ~~The City Council also appoints a City Manager to run the daily affairs of the City.~~

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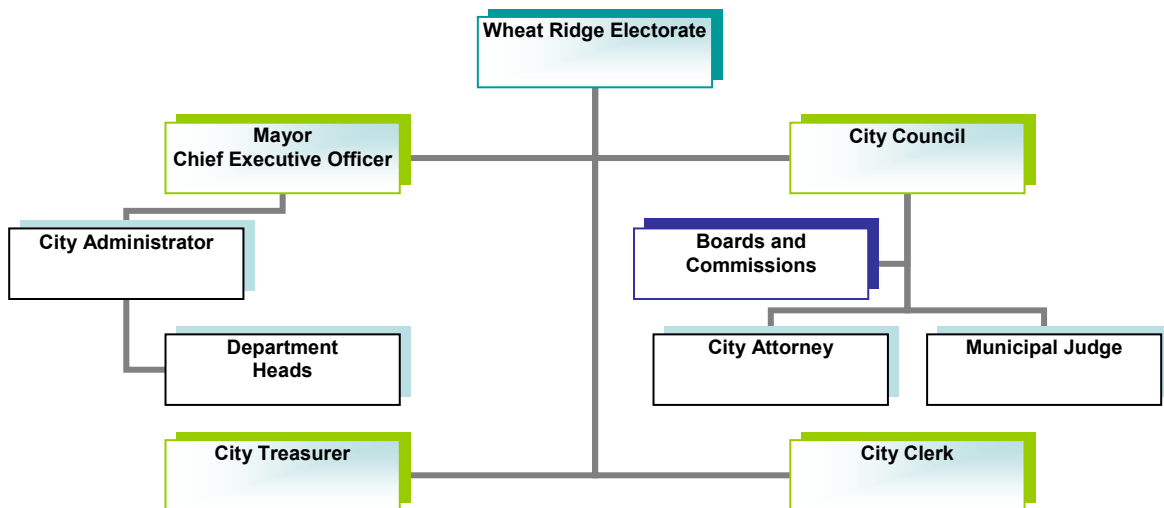
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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.4. Form of government.

The municipal government provided by this Charter shall be known as the “MAYOR-COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR” “~~Council-Manager~~ government.” (See Diagram)



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CHAPTER III. MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 3.2. Power and duties of the mayor.

(Paragraph 2)

The mayor shall be the chief elected AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE officer of the city. HE/SHE SHALL APPOINT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.4, A CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EFFICIENTLY ADMINISTER THE DAY-TO-DAY AFFAIRS OF THE CITY. The mayor shall be responsible for the efficient administration of all affairs of the city placed in his HIS/HER charge AND ASSURING THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR EFFICIENTLY PERFORMS HIS/HER DUTIES AS PROVIDED BY THIS CHARTER. The mayor shall serve as a liaison between the city council and the city administration, including, but not limited to, attendance at meetings and special events involving the city administration.

Section 3.4. City ADMINISTRATOR ~~manager~~

The city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR shall be the chief administrative officer of the city. The ~~council~~ MAYOR, ~~by majority vote of all members,~~ shall appoint a city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR who shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~council~~ MAYOR, without definite term and at a salary RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR AND RATIFIED ~~fixed~~ by the council. The ~~council~~-MAYOR shall appoint a city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR within a reasonable time after a vacancy exists in the position. During the period of any vacancy or extended absence in the office of city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR, the ~~council~~ MAYOR shall appoint an acting city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR. The city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR may appoint an employee of the city as acting city ADMINISTRATOR during the temporary absence (not to exceed thirty (30) days) of the city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR. Any acting city ~~manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR shall have all of the responsibilities,

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duties, and authority of the city manager ADMINISTRATOR. Pursuant to Charter section 17.7, the city administrator serving upon the effective date of this section 3.4, as amended, shall be deemed to have been appointed city manager as provided hereby.

The city Manager ADMINISTRATOR shall be appointed BY THE MAYOR with regard to fitness, competency, training, and experience in professional urban administration. At the time of his HIS/HER appointment, the city Manager ADMINISTRATOR need not be a resident of the city, but during his HIS/HER tenure in office he HE/SHE shall reside within IN the city WITHIN ONE YEAR OF HIS/HER APPOINTMENT. No mayor shall be appointed city Manager ADMINISTRATOR during or within one (1) year after the termination of his HIS/HER elected term AS MAYOR.

The city Manager ADMINISTRATOR is responsible to the Council MAYOR for the EFFICIENT operation of the city and may be dismissed by him HIM/HER should the council MAYOR should it determine that such removal is in the best interest of the city. dismissal of the city manager shall be by a majority vote of all members of the council. The Council MAYOR shall assure that the city Manager ADMINISTRATOR performs his HIS/HER duties as provided by this Charter.

The duties of the city Manager ADMINISTRATOR shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) unchanged
- (b) Hire, suspend, transfer and remove city department heads, who serve under the jurisdiction, and at the will of the city Manager ADMINISTRATOR.
- (c) – (l) unchanged

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Section 3.6. Relationship of CITY ADMINISTRATION ~~administrative service~~ to Council THE MAYOR.

The city ~~Manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR shall be held accountable to the Council MAYOR for his HIS/HER actions and those of his HIS/HER subordinates.

Section 4.9. Relationship to ~~administrative service~~ CITY ADMINISTRATION.

No member of the council shall dictate the appointment or duties of any department head or employee of the city, except as expressly provided in this Charter. The council and its members shall deal with the administrative service of the city solely through the city ~~Manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR, and neither the council nor its members shall give orders or reprimands to any employee or subordinate of the city ~~Manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR. THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE MAYOR FOR HIS/HER ACTIONS AND THOSE OF HIS/HER SUBORDINATES. The council retains the prerogative of requiring the city ~~Manager~~ ADMINISTRATOR to make verbal or written reports of his-HIS/HER activities, those of his HIS/HER subordinates and the ~~administrative service~~ CITY ADMINISTRATION under his charge, not in conflict with other provisions of this Charter.

CONFORMING CHANGES

In addition to the above changes, strike all references to “city manager” and insert “city administrator” throughout the Charter including, but not limited to, the following Charter sections: Section 5.7(b)(2); Section 16 11(d),(l)

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AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____, swear that I reside at: _____
Circulator - PRINTED NAME Street name and number of RESIDENCE

City/Town County State Zip Code

and do further swear that I have read and understand the laws governing the circulation of petitions; that I was at least 18 years of age at the time this section of the petition was circulated and signed by the listed electors; that I circulated this section of the petition; that each signature thereon was affixed in my presence; that each signature thereon is the signature of the person whose name it purports to be; that to the best of my knowledge and belief each of the persons signing this petition section was, at the time of signing, a registered elector; and that I have not paid or will not in the future pay and that I believe that no other person has paid or will pay, directly or indirectly, any money or other thing of value to any signer for the purpose of inducing or causing such signer to affix his or her signature to the petition.

Signature of Circulator Date of Signing

STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF _____

(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature (and Title) of Official Administering Oath

My Commission Expires: _____