RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPOINTING THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COUNSEL AND RE-APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT HEARING OFFICER FOR ETHICS COMPLAINTS

WHEREAS, City Council passed a comprehensive Ethics Code, Ordinance No. 2397, on October 4, 2022, that created a process to investigate and review complaints and to adjudicate a violation of the Ethics Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2397 the City Council must appoint an Independent Ethics Counsel by a two-thirds majority of all the members of City Council in office at the time the vote is taken; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Ethics Counsel must be a Colorado licensed attorney in good standing and will oversee the complaint, investigation, and enforcement process for ethics complaints; and

WHEREAS, Corey Hoffman is a qualified licensed attorney with municipal law experience who is willing to be appointed as the City of Brighton's Independent Ethics Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Wilson is a licensed attorney who is willing to be appointed as the independent hearing officer if the need arises and has the necessary qualifications and experience; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Mr. Hoffman is qualified and should be appointed as the Independent Ethics Counsel and approves the re-engagement of Geoff Wilson for independent hearing officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> Corey Hoffman is hereby appointed as the City of Brighton's Independent Ethics Counsel for a two-year term, and the City Attorney is authorized to execute the engagement letter for this purpose on behalf of the City.

<u>Section 2.</u> The City Council approves the engagement letter with Geoff Wilson to serve as an independent hearing officer for ethics complaints for another two years and authorizes the City Attorney to sign the engagement letter on behalf of the City.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

RESOLVED this 21st day of January 2025

GREGORY MILLS, Mayor ATTEST: NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ALICIA CALDERÓN, City Attorney

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO