

ORDINANCE NO. _____
INTRODUCED BY: Fiedler

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, REPEALING ARTICLE 1-27 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PUBLIC RECORDS

WHEREAS, Article 1-27 of the *Brighton Municipal Code* contains provisions related to public records requests; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Open Records Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-72-200, *et. seq.* ("CORA"), comprehensively governs the process, timing, and obligations of the City of Brighton (the "City") regarding public records requests, and provides the exclusive framework for the handling of open records requests; and

WHEREAS, Article 1-27 is duplicative of CORA, which is subject to amendment by the Colorado General Assembly and has the potential to create conflicts with state law and create confusion; and

WHEREAS, public records requests are adequately governed by state law and information regarding public records requests is publicly available on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that repealing Article 1-27 will not affect the public's right to access records under CORA, is in the best interest of the City, and furthers the public's interest in accessing open government records.

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

Section 1. Article 1-27 of the *Brighton Municipal Code* is hereby repealed.

Section 2. As provided in City Charter Section 5.9(A), this Ordinance, either as presented or as amended, shall be published in full as it was adopted after the initial reading. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after its final publication, as provided in City Charter Section 5.8, except as set forth herein.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FINAL READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

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