

ORDINANCE NO. 2506
INTRODUCED BY: Green

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, CREATING TERM LIMITS FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND AUTHORITIES BY AMENDING ARTICLES 2-8, 2-25, 2-33, AND 2-40 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on the City Council discussed the topic of term limits for board, commission, and authority members to examine which ones had term limits, length of terms, and term limits in other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council identified inconsistencies in term lengths and existence of term limits among the various City of Brighton boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to create consistency for the various boards, commissions, and authorities it has created or to which it has the responsibility to appoint the members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interests of the City of Brighton to create consistent four-year terms and require term limits for all boards, commission, and authorities, thus increasing participation from community members and encouraging more civic engagement.

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

Section 1. Article 2-8, General Organization, Section 2-8-25(b) shall be amended to read as follows:

(b) The terms of office of appointed members of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority shall be limited to two (2) terms, which shall include the term of office which the member was previously appointed and is serving on June 23, 2009; and for the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, it shall include the term of office which the member was previously appointed and is serving on June 15, 2026. Except as may be otherwise determined by the City Council, no person may be appointed to serve a succeeding term on the board, commission, or authority from which that person has been term limited. The term limits herein stated shall not apply to the appointment to an unexpired term of no more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the full term of office. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the number of terms that the City Historian may serve.

Section 2. Article 2-25, Brighton Youth Commission, Section 2-25-50(1) shall be amended to read as follows:

(1) The terms for all youth Commissioners shall be two (2) years. The terms for at-large Commissioners shall be four (4) years. The term of office for at-large Commissioners shall be limited to two (2) terms, which shall include the term of office which the member was previously appointed and is serving on June 15, 2026. No person may be appointed to serve a succeeding term on the commission from which that person has been term limited. The term limits herein stated shall not apply to the appointment to an unexpired term of no more than one-half (1/2) of the full term of office.

Section 3. Article 2-33, Sustainability Advisory Board, Section 2-33-50(a) shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) The terms of office for members of the Board shall expire on January 31 and begin on February 1. The terms of office of the Board shall be as follows: The term of office for the members appointed from City Council shall be the same as their tenure in office and subject to change by the Mayor. Subsequent to the initial appointment, the terms of office for all other members shall be four (4) years and shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms or until a successor has been appointed. No person may be appointed to serve a succeeding term on the commission from which that person has been term limited. The term limits herein stated shall not apply to the appointment to an unexpired term of no more than one-half (1/2) of the full term of office.

Section 4. Article 2-40, Housing Authority, Sections 2-40-20(d),(f), and (i) are amended to read as follows:

(d) Not more than one (1) of such Commissioners may be a City official, defined as an elected City Council member. In the event that a City Council member is appointed as Commissioner, acceptance or retention of such appointment shall not be deemed a forfeiture of office and such term shall run concurrent with the City Council term. Any such appointment by the Mayor shall be for two (2) years, and the persons are eligible for re-appointment as long as they remain an elected City Council member.

(f) The term of office of each Commissioner shall be for four (4) years for all new appointments on or after June 15, 2026, except the City Manager and City official. A Commissioner shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. Vacancies other than by reason of expiration of terms of office shall be filled for the unexpired term. The term of office shall be limited to two (2) terms, which shall include the term of office which the member was previously appointed and is serving on June 15, 2026. No person may be appointed to serve a succeeding term on the commission from which that person has been term limited. The term limits herein stated shall not apply to the appointment to an unexpired term of no more than one-half (1/2) of the full term of office.

(i) Alternates shall be appointed for four-year terms, provided that, after the initial appointment of the two (2) alternates, one (1) of the initial alternates shall serve for three (3) years and the other for five (5) years, determined by lot, and thereafter each alternate shall serve the full four-year term.

Section 5. All sections and subsections not expressly amended or modified herein remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. 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 May 2026.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FINAL READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE 2026.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

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