



# LARIMER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

**GENERAL ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022  
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder**

Elections Office  
200 W Oak Street, Suite 5100  
PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522  
Phone: (970) 498-7820  
Fax: (970) 498-7847  
Website: [vote.larimer.gov](http://vote.larimer.gov)

Normal Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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### LOCAL BALLOT ISSUES

This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.

This Notice is mailed to each address with one or more active registered electors eligible to vote on this question.

**The Larimer County Clerk and Recorder does not warrant, verify, or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot titles, issues, text, and summaries of comments as presented, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation in the materials presented.**

**For information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot issues, contact the respective Designated Election Official as indicated herein.**

Ballot issues for the State will be mailed separately via the State's "Blue Book."

Further, this Notice does not contain ballot issues for those jurisdictions conducting separate elections. A separate Notice will be mailed to the appropriate voters within the jurisdictions conducting an election by mail or polling place. Voters may receive additional materials from other jurisdictions conducting independent elections.

A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM.

The election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballot materials will be mailed during the week of October 17, 2022, to every active, registered voter.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail (postage is 60 cents) or hand delivered to a designated ballot drop box location or a Voter Service and Polling Center.

After October 31, 2022, it is recommended that voters personally deliver their ballot to any of the drop box or Voter Service and Polling Center locations listed in the following pages of this Notice.

Ballots must be RECEIVED at the Larimer County Elections Office, a designated ballot drop box location or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Ballots received after 7 PM on Election Day will not be counted. **Postmarks do not count as a received date.**

Visit our website at [vote.larimer.gov](http://vote.larimer.gov) or call (970) 498-7820 to verify your ballot was received by the Larimer County Elections Office.

## **BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS**

(Open October 17 - November 8)

**Drop off your voted ballot 24 hours a day at a ballot drop box location listed below. Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7 PM Election Night:**

### **Bellvue Area**

Ted's Place (Hwy 14/287), 92 Poudre Canyon Rd

### **Berthoud Area**

Berthoud Community Library, 236 Welch Ave

### **Estes Park Area**

Estes Park Municipal Building, 170 MacGregor Ave

Estes Park Vehicle Licensing Office, 1601 Brodie Ave

### **Fort Collins Area**

Colorado State University, Lory Student Center

Elks Lodge, 1424 E Mulberry St

Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 4001 S Taft Hill Ave

Fort Collins Police Services, 2221 S Timberline Rd

Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr

Fort Collins Traffic Operations, 626 Linden St

Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields St

Larimer County Admin. Services, 200 W Oak St

Larimer County Human Services, 1501 Blue Spruce Dr

Northside Aztlán Community Center, 112 E Willow St

South Transit Center, 4915 Fossil Blvd

### **Laporte Area**

Overland Foods, 3333 County Road 54G

### **Loveland Area**

Loveland Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 5250 N Garfield Ave

Loveland Police & Courts, 810 E 10th St

Loveland Public Library, 300 N Adams Ave

Loveland Vehicle Licensing Office, 200 Peridot Ave

### **Red Feather Lakes Area**

Red Feather Lakes Community Library, 71 Fire House Ln

### **Timnath Area**

Timnath Public Works Building, 4800 Goodman Rd

### **Wellington Area**

Wellington Public Library, 3800 Wilson Ave

## **VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPC)**

**Drop off your voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change your address, register to vote, or vote on an ADA accessible voting machine at a Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC).**

***Visit any VSPC only during dates and times listed below.***

### **VSPCs Open Beginning: Oct 24**

**Monday thru Friday, Oct 24 - Oct 28 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Monday thru Friday, Oct 31 - Nov 4 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Saturday, Nov 5 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Monday, Nov 7 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Tuesday, Nov 8, Election Day (7 AM - 7 PM)**

**Estes Valley Community Center, 660 Community Dr, Estes Park**

**Colorado State University, Durrell Center, Fort Collins**

**Larimer County Admin. Services, 200 W Oak St, Fort Collins**

**Loveland Police & Courts, 810 E 10th St, Loveland**

### **VSPCs Open Beginning: Nov 4**

**Friday, Nov 4 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Saturday, Nov 5 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Monday, Nov 7 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Tuesday, Nov 8, Election Day (7 AM - 7 PM)**

**Clearwater Church, 2700 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins**

**Council Tree Covenant Church, 4825 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins**

**Drake Centre, 802 W Drake Rd, Fort Collins**

**Elks Lodge, 1424 E Mulberry St, Fort Collins**

**Hilton Hotel, 425 W Prospect Rd, Fort Collins**

**Crossroads Church, 5240 N Taft Ave, Loveland**

**Grace Community Church, 240 Barberrry Pl, Loveland**

**King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2919 N Wilson Ave, Loveland**

### **VSPCs Open Beginning: Nov 7**

**Monday, Nov 7 (8 AM - 5 PM)**

**Tuesday, Nov 8, Election Day (7 AM - 7 PM)**

**Brookside Gardens, 619 E County Road 8, Berthoud**

**American Legion, 2124 County Road 54G, Fort Collins**

**Council Tree Library, 2733 Council Tree Ave, Fort Collins**

**Fort Collins Country Club, 1920 Country Club Rd, Fort Collins**

**Front Range Community College, 4616 S Shields St, Fort Collins**

**The Ranch, McKee Building, 5280 Arena Cir, Loveland**

**Timnath Town Center, 4750 Signal Tree Dr, Timnath**

**River of Life Fellowship, 3161 County Road 62E, Wellington**

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
 ESTES PARK LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT  
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO  
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 8, 2022

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local Election Office Address: Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk,  
 170 MacGregor Ave, Estes Park, CO 80517

Telephone Number: (970) 577-4771

**Ballot Title and Text:**

BALLOT ISSUE 6E

SHALL THE ESTES PARK LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$6.3 MILLION ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR BY THE LEVYING OF AN ADDITIONAL 3.5% LODGING TAX ON THE PURCHASE PRICE PAID OR CHARGED FOR ROOMS OR ACCOMMODATIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT, COMMENCING IN 2023 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, WITH SUCH REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED AND USED, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AS AMENDED, FOR:

- CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF WORKFORCE HOUSING OR THE PURCHASE OF LAND TO PROVIDE SITES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING;
- DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND
- DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE CHILDCARE SERVICES;

WITH SUCH FUNDS TO BE COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT AND TRANSFERRED TO THE TOWN OF ESTES PARK FOR EXPENDITURE OR INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE USES; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT AND TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, KEEP, TRANSFER AND SPEND ALL REVENUES RECEIVED IN 2023 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE, OR OTHER LIMITATION IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER STATUTORY LAWS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO?

**Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending	
2022 (Estimated)	\$ 3,400,000.00	
2021	\$ 3,214,350.00	
2020	\$ 3,263,639.00	
2019	\$ 3,276,803.00	
2018	\$ 3,026,847.00	
Overall percentage change from 2018 through 2022 (estimated):		11%
Overall dollar change from 2018 through 2022 (estimated):		\$ 373,153.00
Estimated 2023 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:		\$ 3,450,600.00
Estimated 2023 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:		\$ 6,300,000.00

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6E:**

The Town of Estes Park has been plagued by workforce housing shortages for decades. Those shortages have resulted in affordability challenges as demand outstrips supply. As a result, young families are unable to live and work here or afford to raise a family in the Estes Valley. Reliable daycare is unavailable for infants, adding to the incentives for young families to move down to Loveland or Longmont. Without addressing the urgent need for affordable workforce housing and affordable and available daycare, the Estes Valley as a community may wither and die. It will most certainly change.

Voter approval of this ballot initiative will provide the much needed funds to address these urgent needs of our community. The development of this initiative came from a 16-member citizen task force organized by our local marketing district to determine whether citizens would support an increase in the lodging tax and, if so, what level of lodging tax would be acceptable to fund these urgent needs. Half of the members of the task force were from the lodging industry in the valley (who might be expected to oppose additional charges to their guests), but these lodging interests overwhelmingly supported the task force recommendation of an increase in the lodging tax imposed in the local marketing district from 2% to 5.5%, with the increased amount dedicated to workforce housing and childcare in the Estes Valley.

This lodging tax extension will be paid by overnight guests in Estes and not by our locals. Since the marketing district encompasses the entire Estes Valley, including Drake, Glen Haven and the Tahosa Valley, the tax is not just collected in town but also from the numerous lodges and vacation rentals outside of town. It is expected to generate approximately \$6 million annually to support workforce housing and childcare initiatives.

The Town, the County and the board of the local marketing district have agreed that while the local marketing district will collect the tax, the Town will administer the funds and make disbursement decisions with respect to those funds. In addition, the Town Board has adopted a framework for implementation of the tax and allocation of the funds. The Town Board will be considering various short-term and long-term strategies which can be addressed because of the new funding. All decisions of the Town Board will be subject to public scrutiny.

This ballot proposal has been well thought out and vetted with community constituencies. Its administration will be subject to public review. The health and vitality of our community is at stake and we should support our workforce in this important initiative.

Voters should vote yes on the local marketing district ballot initiative to increase the lodging tax from 2% to 5.5%, with the increased amount dedicated to workforce housing and childcare.

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6E:**

We are against the proposed lodging tax of an additional 3.5%. We believe it is unfair to target a single industry to fund workforce housing that will benefit all employers in Estes Park. Employee housing wouldn't be such an issue if there weren't as many vacation rentals as there currently are. We will start to see business driven elsewhere where the tax rate is lower in nearby towns which will make our rates higher than Loveland and Longmont. This could impact everyone in town including restaurants and retail shops.

The most recent report from one of the lodging reports indicates that Estes Park has seen a decrease in occupancy rate within the last few years. Comparing the months of July of 2019, the occupancy rate was at 89.1% and July of 2022 had an occupancy rate of 87.8%. August of 2019 had an occupancy of 81% while August of this year had occupancy of 77%. The decrease in occupancy is a pattern that seems to carry on as we continue to see a decline in occupancy.

**END OF BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE**

As required by Colorado Statutes (C.R.S. 1-7-905), I hereby certify the ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.



Angela Myers  
Larimer County Clerk & Recorder

