

Lakewood Charter Amendment

New Section: Lakewood Hospital Voter Approval

No ordinance passed by Council, exercising any legislative authority with respect to Lakewood Hospital, that would cause Lakewood Hospital, in whole or in part, to no longer be a full time and full service hospital and medical facility including without limitation providing inpatient diagnostic, medical, surgical, and psychiatric care for a continuous period longer than twenty-four hours, shall take effect until such ordinance is approved by a majority vote of the electors of the City of Lakewood at a general election. Said general election shall be held not less than ninety (90) days and not more than one hundred fifty (150) days after the ordinance is passed by Council. If there is no such general election within that time frame, then such ordinance shall be presented to the voters for their approval at a special election to be held within such time frame.

Such ordinances shall include, without limitation, any and all actions for the sale, lease, lease extension or renewal, sublease, management, closure, abandonment, demolition, or definitive agreement, contract, or agreement, that would cause Lakewood Hospital, in whole or in part, to no longer be a full time and full service hospital and medical facility including without limitation providing inpatient diagnostic, medical, surgical, and psychiatric care for a continuous period longer than twenty-four hours.

This charter amendment provision shall be liberally construed to protect, preserve, and safeguard Lakewood Hospital as a full time and full service hospital and medical facility including without limitation providing inpatient diagnostic, medical, surgical, and psychiatric care for a continuous period longer than twenty-four hours, through the elective process by means of a vote of the electors of the City of Lakewood.

The provisions of this Section to the extent that it conflicts with or is inconsistent with any other provisions of the City Charter, shall supersede and control over any and all such other provisions of the City Charter.