

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-025

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.02.040.C OF THE CASTLE
ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PROTOCOL FOR
REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Town Council has directed Town staff to prepare a report regarding Town Council meeting time protocols; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.02.040.C of the Town Code specifies that regular meetings of the Town Council may continue until 9:30 p.m., at which time a majority vote of the Councilmembers present may extend the meeting until 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present is required to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has expressed its desire to amend the Town Code to require a single vote at 9:30 p.m. to extend the meeting, which extension shall be authorized by majority vote of the Councilmembers present.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 2.02.040.C of the Castle Rock Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2.02.040 - Council procedures.

C. All regular meetings of the Town Council shall commence at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 9:30 p.m., unless sooner concluded. Council may extend the meeting ~~until 10:00 p.m.~~ by a majority vote of the Council members present. ~~The Council meeting may be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. by a unanimous vote of the Council members present.~~ Special meetings shall be commenced at the same hour stated as regular meetings or as in the call of such meeting as provided in Section 2.02.060 below.

Section 2. Severability. If any part or provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 3. Safety Clause. The Town Council finds and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated and adopted for the public health, safety and welfare and this Ordinance bears a rational relation to the legislative object sought to be obtained.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING this ___ day of _____, 2023, by a vote of ___ for and ___ against, after publication in compliance with Section 2.02.100.C of the Castle Rock Municipal Code; and

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ___ day of _____, 2023, by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock by a vote of ___ for and ___ against.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

Jason Gray, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Approved as to content:

Michael J. Hyman, Town Attorney

David L. Corliss, Town Manager