

BALLOT TITLE

Shall the voters of the City and County of Denver adopt a Charter Amendment prohibiting the following without the approval of voters in a regularly scheduled municipal or special election:

- any commercial or residential development on land designated as a city park and land protected by a City-owned conservation easement except where consistent with park purposes, conservation easement purposes, or for cultural facilities, and
- any partial or complete cancellation of a City-owned conservation easement unless for the purpose of creating a new park?

REFERRED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Let Denver Vote: Park and Open Space Preservation

The purpose of this measure is to submit to the registered electors of the City and County of Denver a proposed amendment to the Denver City Charter concerning a prohibition (1) on any commercial or residential construction on land designated as a city park and land protected by a City-owned conservation easement and (2) on any partial or complete termination, release, extinguishment, or abandonment of a city-owned conservation easement without voter approval.

Be it enacted by the City and County of Denver:

Section 1.. The Denver City Charter is amended by the addition of a new Section _____ under Article __ (_____) , Part __ (_____) , to read as follows:

ARTICLE (_____), PART (_____)

§ _____ – Park and Open Space Preservation

- (a) (1) Construction of any commercial or residential building on land designated as a city park or protected by a City-owned conservation easement and (2) any partial or complete termination, release, extinguishment, or abandonment of a City-owned conservation easement are prohibited without the approval of a majority of the registered electors voting in a regularly scheduled or special municipal election.
- (b) The prohibitions of this section _____ do not apply to: (1) construction of and/or improvements to buildings used for limited commercial purposes related to cultural facilities or for park or recreational purposes, and (2) construction of and/or improvements to infrastructure on land protected by a City-owned conservation easement for limited commercial purposes consistent with the conservation easement, and (3) conservation easement cancellation related to the City's acquisition of the protected land for designated park purposes.
- (c) If any section, paragraph, clause or other portion of this amendment is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this amendment shall not be affected.