## O-2024-3

## AN ORDINANCE

APPOINTING KRISTIN N. BROWN AS THE LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY (HEARING OFFICER) FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) section 44-3-103(27) provides for the designation of a local liquor licensing authority by means of municipal ordinance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lakewood Municipal Code (LMC) section 5.38.020(B), the Liquor Licensing Authority is established as a Hearing Officer chosen by the City Council from a list of qualified persons compiled by the City Clerk;

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood (City) does not currently have a designated Liquor Licensing Authority due to the resignation of the individual who previously held the position;

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2023, the City issued a request for proposal for interested parties to submit applications to be considered for the position of Lakewood's Liquor Licensing Authority;

WHEREAS, following the RFP process only one individual met the requirements as set forth within the RFP, provided the City with a proposal, and agreed to be available as a candidate for the position of Lakewood's Liquor Licensing Authority;

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2024, the Lakewood City Council held an executive session to interview Kristin N. Brown for the position of Lakewood's Liquor Licensing Authority;

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council desires to designate Kristin N. Brown as Lakewood's Liquor Licensing Authority;

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading is intended only to confirm that the City Council desires to comply with the City's Charter by setting a public hearing to provide City staff and the public the opportunity to present evidence and testimony regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading does not constitute a representation that the City Council, or any member of the City Council, supports, approves, rejects or denies the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. Kristin N. Brown shall hereby be designated as the Lakewood Liquor Licensing Authority in accordance with LMC 5.38.020(A)/(B).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final publication.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid portion, provided that such remaining portions or application of this Ordinance are not determined by the court to be inoperable.

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing ordinance was introduced and read on first reading at a hybrid regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council on the 22nd day of January, 2024; published by title in the Denver Post and in full on the City of Lakewood's website, <a href="www.lakewood.org">www.lakewood.org</a> on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024; set for public hearing to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, read, finally passed and adopted by the City Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 and, signed by the Mayor on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Wendi Strom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jay Robb, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney