

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. **4331**

COUNCILLOR'S BILL NO. **1**

SERIES OF 2026

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

Nurmela, Barajas

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE CONVEYANCE OF NON-TRIBUTARY GROUNDWATER FOR THE PILLAR OF FIRE BARN AT 3057 WEST 82ND AVENUE

Whereas, the Pillar of Fire Church (the “Church”), primarily located in unincorporated Adams County and adjacent to the City of Westminster’s municipal boundaries, has proposed certain physical improvements for the benefit of the Pillar of Fire Institutional Campus (the “Campus”); and

Whereas, the Church maintains certain rights to non-tributary groundwater that it uses for drinking water and irrigation on the Campus; and

Whereas, Section 11-6-8(D) of the Westminster Municipal Code (“W.M.C.”) requires that all subdividers in the City convey to the City the non-tributary groundwater (as defined in Section 37-90-137(4), C.R.S.), underlying the proposed subdivision; and

Whereas, the City’s Water Supply Plan anticipates that the Church will provide its own water and not use City water on the Campus; and

Whereas, the City Council hereby finds and determines that with respect to the Church, the City’s Water Supply Plan and Section 11-6-8(D), W.M.C., conflict; and

Whereas, the City Council further finds and determines that the purposes and intent of City’s Water Supply Plan are based in sound policy and therefore warrant waiver of the conveyance obligation set forth in Section 11-6-8(D), W.M.C., solely to the extent such conveyance obligation applies to the Church.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The requirement that Pillar of Fire Church dedicate its non-tributary groundwater as prescribed in Section 11-6-8(D), is hereby waived.

Section 2. If any section, paragraph, clause, word or any other part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such part deemed unenforceable shall not affect any of the remaining provisions.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage after second reading.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING, AND TITLE AND PURPOSE ORDERED PUBLISHED this 12th day of January, 2026.

PASSED, ENACTED ON SECOND READING, AND FULL TEXT ORDERED PUBLISHED
this 26th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk

J. Claire Carmelia

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

David Frankel

City Attorney's Office