





**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES, POLICE
and PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM #03-2013**

DATE: January 14, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members

FROM: David Willett, Acting City Manager 
Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development 
Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 
Jim May, Police Chief 

SUBJECT: CB-1789 - Parental Responsibility for Acts of Minor Children

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the attached Ordinance, amending section 9-1-7 of the municipal code. This amendment would add the following language to the municipal code:

"It is made the duty of parents, guardians or persons having the charge, custody or control of minor children to actively prevent all minor children lawfully under their direction, control or custody from violating any section of Articles 2 through 9 and 14 of this Chapter 9."

BACKGROUND

Following a series of public meetings regarding concerns in the area of the Don Amema Memorial Skatepark and E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, staff presented a menu of potential solutions to City Council at a study session on January 7. At that study session, Council indicated a desire to move forward with the addition of a Parental Responsibility ordinance. Other selected solutions include the posting of new/additional signage around the skatepark, irrigation modifications, modification of park closing time and additional police presence during regular patrol shifts.

In the case that a minor child is found to have violated a city ordinance, to include vandalism, violation of park hours, or any other offense within the city, it is intended that this amendment to the municipal code will allow the municipal judge the authority to assign community service or other appropriate penalties not only to the offender, but to their legal guardian, as well.

BUDGET AND TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct costs associated with the implementation of this ordinance. Any costs associated with the supervision of community service or any other mandated penalties are the responsibility of the offender.

STAFF REFERENCE

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COUNCILMAN'S BILL

ORDINANCE NO.

No. CB-1789
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A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 9-1-7 TO THE NORTHGLENN MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTS OF MINOR CHILDREN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Northglenn Municipal Code is amended by the addition thereto of a new Section 9-1-7 to read as follows:

Section 9-1-7. Parental Responsibility for Acts of Minor Children.

It is made the duty of parents, guardians or persons having the charge, custody or control of minor children to actively prevent all minor children lawfully under their direction, control or custody from violating any section of Articles 2 through 9 and 14 of this Chapter 9.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ____ day of _____, 2013.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney