# 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:

SUBJECT:

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

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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BE IT ORDAINED BY T COLORADO, THAT:	THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney