

EXPLANATORY COVER SHEET

COUNCILMAN'S BILL NO. CB-1562

SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER EN BANC

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 11-28-3 AND 11-28-4 OF THE NORTHGLENN MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL USE BY RIGHT OF "NATURE AREA" IN OPEN ZONE DISTRICTS AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 11-28-2.5 DEFINING THE TERM "NATURE AREA"

PURPOSE: THE CURRENT OPEN ZONE DISTRICT PROVISIONS DO NOT INCLUDE THE PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY IN ITS NATURAL STATE AS A USE BY RIGHT IN AN OPEN ZONE DISTRICT. THIS PROVISION ALLOWS FOR SUCH A USE BY RIGHT ON BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY IN OPEN ZONE DISTRICTS. THE ORDINANCE FURTHER DEFINES THE TERM "NATURE AREA." THIS ORDINANCE WILL EXPRESSLY ALLOW FOR THE CREATION OF THE OSCAR ARNOLD NATURE AREA BY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL ORDINANCE.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY REMARKS:

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WHEREAS, Article 28 of the City of Northglenn Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 11 of the Northglenn Municipal Code) provides for Open Zone Districts, which are designated O-1 for public property and O-1-A for private property;

WHEREAS, current uses by right in Open Zone Districts do not include conserving the area in an undeveloped and natural state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to create a new “Nature Area” use by right in Open Zone Districts for both public and private property, which will allow for the preservation and conservation of nature areas within the City of Northglenn.

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

Section 1. Section 11-28-3 of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection (i), which shall read as follows:

Nature areas.

Section 2. Section 11-28-4 of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection (g), which shall read as follows:

Nature areas.

Section 3. A new Section 11-28-2.5 is hereby added to the Northglenn Municipal Code, which shall read as follows:

Nature Area Defined. The term “nature area” shall mean an area established primarily as a conservation district to preserve the environment and natural character of the landscape within the district. Land within the district shall be protected from development, but may also be used for unimproved trails, buffering between land uses, defining the edges of urbanization and the preservation of valuable natural features and ecosystems. Utilities and existing improvements located in a nature area

may be maintained as necessary, but reasonable efforts should be used to minimize environmental impacts.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this ____ day of _____,
2006.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA L. LENTZ, CMC
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ____ day of _____,
2006.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney