

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM
26-2026

DATE: Sept. 14, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Jason Loveland, Acting City Manager *AL*

FROM: Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture *ajp*

SUBJECT: CR-113 – Public Facilities Standards Amendment

PURPOSE

To consider CR-113, a resolution approving amended Public Facilities Standards.

BACKGROUND

Section 17-1-6 of the Municipal Code states:

“The Parks and Recreation Board may promulgate and the Director may enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use and management of public recreation facilities, the rates, fees and charges for use of public recreation facilities and other services provided by the Department, the protection and conservation of such public recreation facilities, and providing sanitation and safety regulations for public recreation facilities, provided that any rules or regulations for violation of which criminal sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Sections 8-2-3 and 1-1-10 of the Municipal Code shall be approved by resolution of the City Council.”

The proposed amendments address the following items:

- Removes language regarding organized group use of pavilions or park facilities.
- Defines group use as it relates to athletic fields.
- Clarifies how certain prohibited behaviors apply to theatrical activities.
- Establishes time limits for the use of restrooms, cabanas, and locker rooms.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the proposed amendments on Sept. 10, 2026.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or time implications associated with this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-113.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, at apeterson@northglenn.org or 303.450.8950.

ATTACHMENT

1. Public Facilities Standards – Redline Version

CR-113 – Public Facilities Standards Amendment

City of Northglenn Public Facilities Standards

Section 17-1-6. Rules and Regulations. The Parks and Recreation Board may promulgate and the Director may enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use and management of public recreation facilities, the rates, fees and charges for use of public recreation facilities and other services provided by the Department, the protection and conservation of such public recreation facilities, and providing sanitation and safety regulations for public recreation facilities, provided that any rules or regulations for violation of which criminal sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Sections 8-2-3 and 1-1-10 of the Municipal Code shall be approved by resolution of the City Council.

Prohibited behaviors, language and items

- Illegal drug/substance: possession, paraphernalia and use
- Marijuana use and possession, except as permitted by law
- Weapons possession, including realistic toy weapons, except as permitted by law
- Pornography viewing
- Sexual activity or simulated sexual acts
- Fighting
- Smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes
- Obscene, profane, threatening, abusive or racially disparaging language and gestures
- Public urination or defecation
- Harassment or intimidation of staff, other customers or patrons
- Vandalism, theft, abuse or damage of the facility, including its content and equipment, or another person's belongings
- Consumption of alcohol/liquor except where allowed by license
- Assault or attempted assault
- Any criminal conduct or activity not otherwise listed above

Behaviors that, if deemed inappropriate or disruptive, may not be allowed

- Disruptive noise, music or voices, including, but not limited to, raised voices, yelling or arguing, or other disruption that interferes with the use, operation and enjoyment of the facility
- Being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs/substances or marijuana
- Littering
- Obstruction of or interference with walkways or common areas
- Unsanitary hygiene unreasonably interfering with the use and enjoyment of the facility by staff, other customers or patrons
- Panhandling
- Leaving unattended or abandoning personal property, including but not limited to bags and backpacks
- ~~Recurrent group that obstructs, interferes with, or otherwise prevents, the use and enjoyment of all or a portion of the facility by others~~

Provided however, the prohibited and inappropriate or disruptive behaviors defined above shall not apply to theatrical performances, rehearsals, or other authorized artistic activities conducted in the Theatre, including by way of example, but not by limitation, the following:

- Use of realistic nonfunctional toy weapons specifically designed for stage use;
- Simulated sexual activity or simulated sexual acts for clearly staged or choreographed performances
- Fighting or simulated acts of violence for clearly staged or choreographed performances;
- Use of non-functional replica cigarettes or e-cigarettes specifically designed for stage use
- Obscene, profane, threatening, abusive, or disparaging language or gestures where included as part of an approved theatrical performance or rehearsal

General Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre Rules

- Children under the age of 12 must be directly supervised by a person 16 years or older
- Patrons 14 years of age and above are allowed to utilize the Weight Room without additional supervision required
- Patrons 12-13 years of age must complete a weight room orientation prior to using the area
- Aquatics – Children 5 years of age and under must be within arm's reach of a parent/guardian and at a minimum ratio of 1:2 (adult/children)
- Proper workout/swim attire required. Shirts are required in all areas of the facility except for the pool and locker rooms
- The following are prohibited:
 - Horseplay, foul language, fighting, tobacco products, chewing gum, glass containers
- Staff has the discretion to allow a proposed use of the facility that complies with posted facility rules, policies, and use requirements. A proposed use that fails to comply with posted facility rules, policies, and use requirements may be denied
- Staff has the authority to expel anyone whose behavior detracts from the enjoyment and safety of the guests and those who fail to comply with the posted rules
 - Individuals issued a suspension may appeal that decision as per the process identified in Chapter 3, Article 7 of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code
- The City of Northglenn is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items
- Patrons must possess a membership or pay the daily fee to gain admittance unless the individual, or the individual's dependent, are participating in a scheduled program or event
- Use of restrooms shall be limited to 20 minutes; use of cabanas, or locker room facilities shall be limited to 45 minutes except for authorized backstage dressing rooms or restrooms used in connection with approved theatrical productions, costume changes, or makeup application
- Food and beverages are limited to specific areas of the facility. Beverages must be in non-glass, spill-proof containers
- Photography, videotaping, and other audio or visual recordings must be approved by management staff and are strictly prohibited in all locker rooms and restrooms. Patrons are responsible for complying with all applicable copyright, licensing, intellectual property, and privacy laws, including obtaining any necessary permissions or releases

~~for recorded performances, music, artwork, or other protected material. Photography and videotaping must be approved by management staff and are strictly prohibited in all locker rooms and restrooms~~

- Posters, signs, and flyers are not permitted in the facility unless approved and posted in designated areas by management
- Bicycles, mopeds, skateboards and scooters are not permitted inside the facility
- Pets are not permitted inside the facility. Service animals are permitted
- Use of baby strollers inside the facility must be approved by management
- ~~Misuse of equipment or failure to abide by facility rules or staff direction may result in loss of center privileges, suspension or removal from the facility, cancellation of the event or activity, and forfeiture of any applicable rental fees, deposits, or refunds. Misuse of equipment or failure to abide by rules or staff direction may result in loss of center privileges and/or suspension from the facility~~
- Management reserves the right to give any directions deemed necessary for the safety of the patrons and security of the facility
- All patrons consent to the use of their image, without consideration of payment, in any news broadcasts, commercial broadcasts, advertising, or promotional materials for the City of Northglenn
- It is unlawful to circulate petitions, engage in protest or education, or distribute leaflets or handbills within, or within ten (10) feet of an entrance to, the Northglenn Recreation Center, Northglenn Senior Center, or Parsons Theatre.

In addition, the following rules apply in city parks for the health and safety of all park users:

- Please clean up after your pets
- Use care when using skateboards, inline skates and bicycles on park trails, yielding to pedestrians

To make the park experience pleasant and safe for all guests, the following activities are prohibited in city parks, trails, or other city-owned property:

- Smoking or vaping
- Swimming, wading or being on winter ice
- Motorized or non-motorized boats, with the following exceptions
 - City-owned pedal boats on Webster Lake at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park
 - Maintenance activities
- Reckless or disruptive use of pedal boats
- Use of non-sanctioned flotation devices
- Motorized vehicles
- Feeding or harassing wildlife
- Inflatable play structures
- Glass containers
- Golf, archery, model airplanes, rockets or other projectiles
- Unleashed pets, with the following exceptions
 - No pets allowed at Croke Reservoir
 - Dogs are allowed off-leash in the fenced area at the Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park. The following rules apply:

- Guardians must pick up after their dogs, carry a leash at all times and be inside the fenced area with their pets
- Guardians are responsible for their dog's behavior at all times
- Aggressive dogs, dogs in season and puppies less than six months old are not permitted
- Dogs must be vaccinated
- Guardians may bring no more than four dogs at a time
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- Only bite-sized treats are allowed, no bones about it!
- The city reserves the right to refuse access to any dog or human who is a nuisance because of their own or their pet's behavior
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Croke Reservoir is a designated Nature Area; the following additional restrictions apply:

- No pets are allowed at any time in the Croke Reservoir Nature Area
- No bikes, roller blades, skateboards, etc. are allowed at any time

The following are generally prohibited, though permission may be granted through the issuance of a permit. All permit requests are subject to review and approval by city staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and/or the Liquor Licensing Authority.

- Off-Leash Dog Events
- Alcoholic beverages
- Amplified music
- ~~Group use of parks to include pavilions, outdoor spaces, and athletic fields~~
- Organized group use of athletic fields
 - Defined as meeting two or more of the following criteria:
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 - Paying a fee
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~~Pavilions and outdoor spaces other than athletic fields may not be rented or otherwise utilized for group use on a recurrent basis. For purposes of this regulation:~~

- ~~“Group use” means five or more individuals participating in such group use; and~~
- ~~“Recurrent” means on more than one occasion in a manner that monopolizes all or a portion of the facility and as a result, impedes open access to the facility or a portion of the facility by others.~~

~~Approved~~ Reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Sept. 10, 2026
 Approved by City Council on Sept. 14, 2026

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-113
Series of 2026

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC FACILITY STANDARDS FOR THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 17-1-6 of the Northglenn Municipal Code, the Public Facilities Standards, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are hereby approved by the City Council of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, and all previous Public Facility Standards are hereby repealed.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney

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