

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM
#14-2024**

DATE: June 24, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*
Jason Loveland, Deputy City Manager *AL2*

FROM: Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture *APP*

SUBJECT: CR-115 – Parks and Recreation Facility Rules and Regulations

PURPOSE

To consider CR-115, a resolution approving updates to Parks and Recreation Facility Rules and Regulations and providing a means by which to enforce those rules.

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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has approved periodic updates to the rules and regulations for parks and facilities. The current update includes the following provision:

“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.”

This provision provides a clear definition of areas in which these activities are not permitted. It is in alignment with State statute and does not further restrict these activities. Per State statute, these activities are explicitly permitted in parks and on public sidewalks. Attached is a map identifying the locations that this regulation pertains to.

All other updates are non-substantive in nature and are highlighted in Attachment 1. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously approved the updated rules and regulations at their regular meeting on May 9, 2024.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or time impacts to the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-115.

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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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Parks and Recreation Facility Rules and Regulations (changes noted)
2. Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre Petition Map

CR-115 – Parks and Recreation Facility Rules and Regulations

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, 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

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

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- 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
- Food and beverages are limited to specific areas of the facility. Beverages must be in non-glass, spill-proof containers
- 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 staff
- 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. **Walk your wheels in designated dismount zones.**

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

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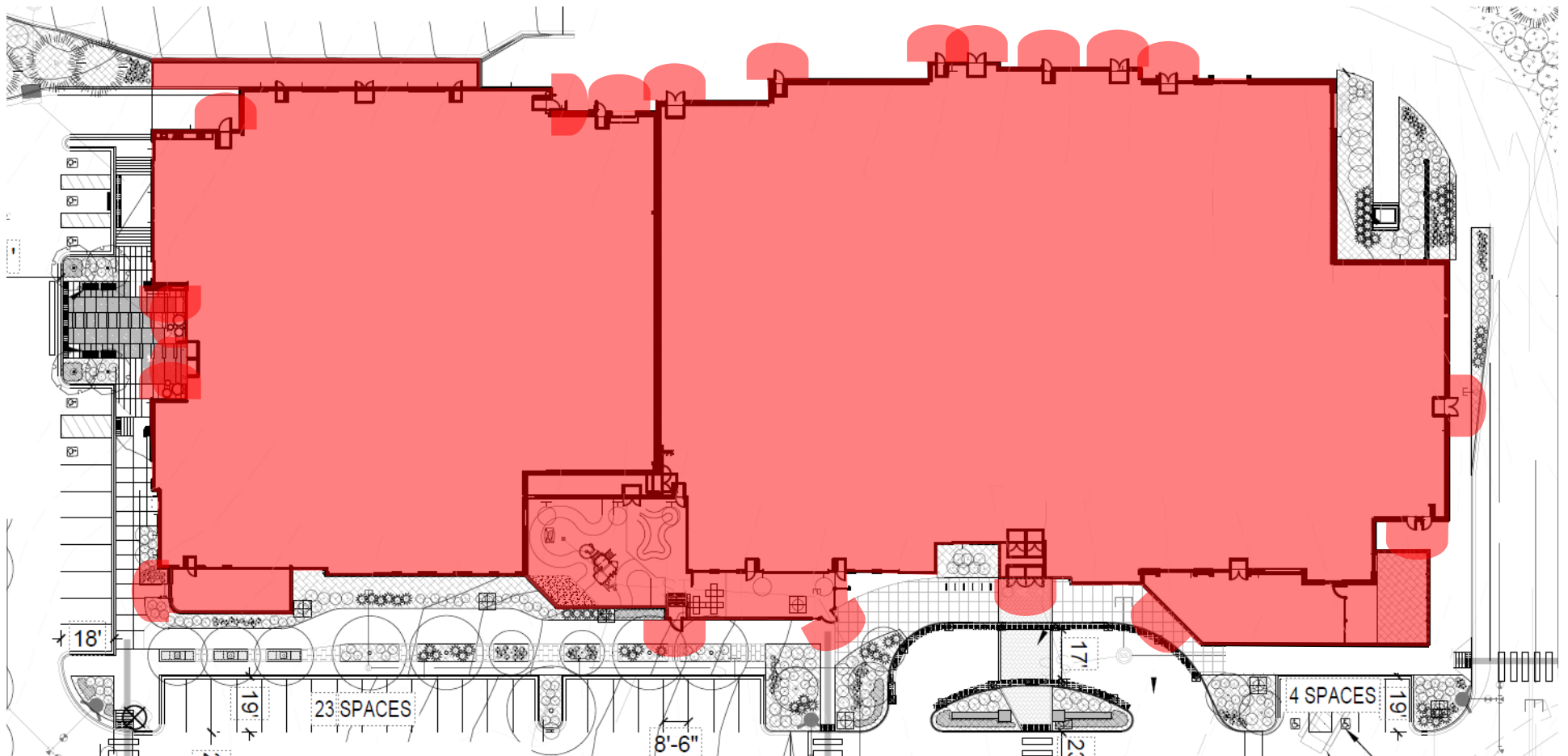
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SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-115
Series of 2024

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED PARKS AND RECREATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

Section 1. The revised Parks and Recreation Facility Rules and Regulations, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Northglenn, Colorado.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney

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