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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting

TO:	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
FROM/PRESENTER:	Bevin Carithers, Resource Protection Supervisor
AGENDA ITEM:	Rules and Regulation Revisions
ACTION REQUESTED:	Recommendation to the BOCC for Approval

Summary:

Boulder County Parks & Open Space Rules and Regulations are generally revised every 24 to 36 months. Typical revisions include the addition and deletion of regulations, changes to the fine schedule, and/or basic grammatical updates. This revision is different than others as it is mandated by all law enforcement agencies in accordance to the adoption of SB21-271, Misdemeanor Reform (2021). The last revision of the rules and regulations occurred in 2020 with the adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-099.

Background:

SB21-271, Misdemeanor Reform (2021) reclassifies various criminal offenses within a new classification system for misdemeanors, petty offenses, and civil infractions. The act changes the elements of some crimes to align with new fine schedules and new sentencing classifications. Additionally, the act creates procedural rules for prosecution of the new civil infractions to allow for bench trials and civil collections processes rather than the issuance of bench warrants. Under this act nearly all Boulder County Parks & Open Space Rules and Regulations are subject to a maximum \$100 fine. This change is reflected in the updated fine schedule on page 11 of the rules and regulations.

In addition to numerous grammatical changes and numbering revisions, this update includes electric-powered unicycles and onewheels as prohibited modes of transportation. Similarly, regulation 20(c) was added under Disorderly Conduct to prohibit the vandalism and destruction of natural, cultural, and human-made resources. Disorderly Conduct regulations are authorized under the county's general police powers (CRS § 30-15-402), which provides for fines of up to \$1,000. This regulation is subject to a \$300 fine.

POSAC Action Requested

Recommendation to the Boulder County Commissioners for approval of the revised rules and regulations, as described above and as further described by staff at the POSAC meeting.

Suggested motion language: I move approval of the Rules and Regulation Revisions as staff has described.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-099

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BOULDER COUNTY PARKS & OPEN SPACE AREAS (Superseding Resolution No. 2018-132).

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is empowered by § 29-7-101(2), C.R.S. and § 30-15-401, C.R.S., as amended, to adopt rules and regulations pertaining to Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County, through the Board, has elected to adopt such Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, these Rules and Regulations are for the sole purpose of managing and protecting property which Boulder County owns, leases or otherwise manages as Parks & Open Space areas and will be enforced in accordance with established resources and operating procedures; and

WHEREAS, enactment of these Rules and Regulations constitutes neither a waiver of governmental immunity pursuant to §§ 24-10-101, et seq., C.R.S., as amended, nor the assumption of any duties of care to any person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the prior Resolutions listed above concerning Rules and Regulations governing Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas are superseded by the following:

1.Resource Protection

(a) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to remove, move, destroy, mutilate, collect, or deface any natural or man-made object within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, including, but not limited to: trees, down timber or branches, shrubbery, plants, flowers, rocks, fences, signs, kiosks, restrooms, tables, benches, cultural resources, and trash containers.

(b) It shall be unlawful to install or replace rock bolts, plant vegetation of any type or any other type of landscape material, or establish or construct trails or other facilities for public or private use without the written permission from the Director of the Boulder County Parks & Open Space Department (“Director”).

2. Wildlife

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, hunt, pursue, trap, molest, disturb, or kill any wildlife, or for any person to allow any domestic animal to do the same, at any time within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, except where and when such activities are permitted by action of the Board or by written permission from the Director and except as provided for in Rule 3 below. This provision shall not apply to any county, state, or federal government personnel authorized by the Board to carry out a wildlife management program through law or county-approved rules and regulations.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to relocate or release any animal within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

3.Fishing Regulations

Fishing is permitted in accordance with the Colorado Wildlife Commission's land and water regulations, except in open space areas designated and posted with special Boulder County Parks & Open Space regulations. Ice fishing is prohibited on all Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, unless the area is specifically posted to allow ice fishing. It shall be unlawful to violate special fishing regulations posted

within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area. Rules and Regulations, fees, and special permit requirements shall be determined by the Board and posted at affected Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. The Board and the Director may modify these regulations or create new ones when deemed necessary for repairs, wildlife, vegetation, and/or public safety concerns. The Director, within two days of modifying or creating any regulations under this Paragraph, sends notification to the Board of such action. The Board may, at a regularly scheduled business meeting, rescind or modify the decision by the Director. Only that portion of any decision by the Director that is specifically approved by the Board shall continue to be effective.

Unless otherwise posted or provided in these rules and regulations, float tubes, as defined under the boating regulations below, shall be permitted in conjunction with fishing wherever fishing is permitted within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

It shall be unlawful to use seines, cast nets, and/or live traps on any body of water within Boulder County Parks or Open Space areas.

(a) Walden Pond Wildlife Habitat:

- i. Fishing in Wally Toeve's Pond shall be limited to senior citizens (ages 64 and over) and their companions (ages 15 years or younger) and anglers with disabilities and their companions.
- ii. It shall be unlawful to exceed the posted creel limit.
- iii. All other ponds at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat are designated as catch and release fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass. At these ponds anglers must use terminal tackle, such as flies and lures. Creel limits for all species other than largemouth and smallmouth bass must adhere to Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission regulations.
- iv. Fishing is prohibited on Cottonwood Marsh Lake.
- v. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

(b) Cattail Ponds at the Boulder County Fairgrounds:

- i. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.
- ii. Fishing is limited to people under 16 years of age.

(c) Lagerman Reservoir:

- i. Vessels at Lagerman Reservoir are limited to non-motorized vessels and motorized vessels with electric motors or gasoline motors of 8 horsepower or less.
- ii. Vessels are restricted to wakeless speeds (less than five miles per hour).
- iii. All largemouth and smallmouth bass possessed must be 15 inches or greater in length. All tiger muskie possessed must be 36 inches or greater in length and the creel limit is one. The creel limits for all species shall adhere to the Colorado Wildlife Commission regulations (creel limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass is five each).

(d) Stearns Lake at Carolyn Holmberg Preserve/Rock Creek Farm:

- i. All largemouth and smallmouth bass possessed must be 15 inches or greater in length. All tiger muskie possessed must be 36 inches or greater in length and the creel limit shall be one. The creel limits for all species shall adhere to the Colorado Wildlife Commission regulations (creel limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass is five each).
- ii. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

(e) Pella Crossing:

- i. All ponds at Pella Crossing are designated as catch and release fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Anglers must use terminal tackle, such as flies and lures. Creel limits for all species other than largemouth and smallmouth bass must adhere to the Colorado Wildlife Commission regulations.
- ii. Fishing is prohibited on Webster Pond.
- iii. Non-motorized, portable vessels are allowed on Lake Sunset, Heron Lake, and Dragonfly, Poplar, and Clearwater Ponds. Such use is allowed only for the purpose of fishing.

(f) Twin Lakes:

- i. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

(h) Mud Lake:

- i. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

4. Projectiles, Weapons and Explosives

It shall be unlawful to carry or discharge on or into any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, firearms (concealed or otherwise), projectile weapons, or explosives of any kind including but not limited to hand guns, rifles, shotguns, fireworks, BB guns, pellet guns, rockets, air guns, paint ball guns, blow guns, crossbows, longbows, and slingshots, except as expressly mandated by Article 12 of Title 18 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. Peace officers on official duty and Boulder County Park Rangers engaged in official wildlife management operations are excepted, as are residential tenants of the county within their living quarters and events under lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

Further exceptions may be permitted only with written permission from the Board or the Director.

5. Domestic Animals/ Livestock

(a) Any dog or other domestic animal within a Boulder County Parks & Open Space area shall be restrained by a leash, cord, rope, or chain and under physical control of a person, except as otherwise provided for in this paragraph or posted with approval from the Board. Any owner/keeper accompanying a dog in an off-leash area must have the ability to restrain his or her dog when requested by Parks & Open Space staff.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any owner/keeper to allow his or her domestic animals within a Boulder County Parks & Open Space area to engage in disorderly conduct or any activity which interferes with the health, safety, or welfare of users, livestock, other domestic animals or neighbors in the

area, or which creates a nuisance, including unwanted physical contact or threatening behavior with any user, domestic animal, or livestock.

(c) Any person who brings a dog into a Boulder County Parks & Open Space area shall pick up, carry out, and dispose of that dog's excrement.

(d) Dogs may be prohibited on specific Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas by action of the Board.

(e) Horses must be under the physical control of a person at all Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas except at the exhibitor and spectator areas at the Boulder County Fairgrounds and those permitted under a written grazing lease from Boulder County.

(f) Domestic animals or livestock may be tied by a lead or rope sufficient to restrain the animals, but shall neither be left tied and unattended nor tied in any manner which damages vegetation or structures or which interferes with or disturbs the public's use of established trails, picnic areas, or campsites.

(g) All feed provided to livestock while on Boulder County Parks & Open Space trails and trailheads must be free of weeds and weed seeds. Livestock grazing is allowed only by lease or written permission from the Director or the Board.

(h) Exceptions to this rule are permitted for the use of a dog as a service animal as long as such use is in all respects in compliance with the regulations in 28 CFR § 35.136. A service animal must be individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of its handler's disability. Provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not qualify as "work" or "tasks" which may be provided by a service animal.

(i) It shall be unlawful to confine any animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health-threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold without proper ventilation or other protection from such heat or cold.

6. Camping

It shall be unlawful to camp overnight in a tent, or other shelter, or to occupy any vehicle, trailer, or camper for overnight camping on Open Space lands except in designated areas at the Boulder County Fairgrounds or when approved by the Director or the Director's designee.

7. Fire

(a) Campfires are unlawful. Charcoal fires may be built only in established picnic and camping areas, and then only in grills and fireplaces provided by the department or in personal grills or stoves. All charcoal fires must be built in a safe manner and attended at all times. All charcoal fires must be properly extinguished and left in the provided grills. Exceptions may be granted only with written permission from the Board or the Director.

(b) Fires may be prohibited entirely by order of the Board, the Boulder County Sheriff, or the Director by the posting of special notices or public notification through the press.

(c) It shall be unlawful to violate an order or special notice prohibiting fires on any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area.

8. Bicycles

No person shall ride a bicycle or unicycle within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area except on trails where such use is designated, including day-of-use and directional designations, and at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Unless otherwise stated, the definition of bicycle shall include all exclusively human-powered wheeled vehicles. Gas and electric assisted bicycles are prohibited within any County Parks & Open Space area except where such use is specifically designated. Strollers and wheelchairs are exempted from this regulation and are permitted within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area.

9. Vehicles

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, including a car, truck, motorcycle, minibike, electric scooter, low-powered scooter, electric assisted bicycle, snowmobile, four-wheel drive or other recreational vehicle, within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, unless the area is specifically designated and posted to permit the operation of such vehicle in that area. Boulder County and emergency vehicles on official business are excepted from this rule. For exceptions related to disabled access refer to Rule 9(b).

(b) Individuals with mobility disabilities are permitted to use wheelchairs and/or manually-powered mobility aids on any trail open to pedestrian use so long as they are used in a manner that is safe for the user. Individuals with mobility disabilities may use other power-driven mobility devices (“OPDMDs”) on all trails open for pedestrian use unless a particular trail has been designated as being unsafe for use by OPDMDs based upon the assessment factors found in 28 CFR § 35.137(b)(2). A current list of trails that have been designated as being unsafe for use of OPDMDs shall be kept on the Boulder County Parks & Open Space web site. County personnel who have been granted authority for enforcement of these Rules and Regulations pursuant to Rule 28 shall have the discretion to temporarily designate additional trail segments or other facilities on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas as inappropriate for use of certain classes of OPDMDs based upon current conditions that may affect the safety of the OPDMD user or other members of the public and/or harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, such as weather, trail conditions, and volume of pedestrian traffic. Use of OPDMDs within any Parks & Open Space area must be in a safe manner and is at the risk of the user. OPDMDs may not be used off trail in any Parks & Open Space area.

(c) Vehicles must be parked only in designated areas, and/or in compliance with all posted parking signs.

(d) Vehicles may not be parked, attended or unattended, at any time from sunset to sunrise except with permission from the Director.

(e) Only persons with a disability may park in spaces designated for persons with disabilities. A license plate or placard obtained pursuant to § 42-3-121, C.R.S, as amended, or otherwise authorized by § 42-4-1208 (4), C.R.S., as amended, shall be displayed at all times while vehicle is parked in such a space.

(f) It shall be unlawful to park in a manner that impedes the safe flow of traffic.

10. Advertising and Signs Prohibited

Posting of signs, advertisements and flyers or placement of brochures on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas or on vehicles within parking facilities is prohibited without permission from the Director.

11. Swimming and Skating

It shall be unlawful to swim, dive, ice skate, walk on ice, use any floatation device not designed for fishing, in or on any lake, pond, or stream within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, unless the area is specifically posted to allow such activity.

12. Littering/Dumping

(a) It shall be unlawful to deposit or dispose of trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, debris, or other objects within any park or open space area, except that which is generated by legal activities conducted within the Boulder County Parks & Open Space area. Trash and debris legally generated within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area must be removed or deposited in a designated trash receptacle.

(b) It shall be unlawful to clean vehicles / livestock trailers out onto Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, including the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(c) Under no circumstance may hazardous materials be deposited within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

13. Glass Containers

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess, outside of an enclosed vehicle, any glass bottle or other glass container within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, except as might be required for prescribed medical treatment or for food preparation in the concession areas or campground at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Exceptions are also made for specific events under lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds or pursuant to the terms of an agricultural lease. Further exceptions are permitted only by obtaining written permission from the Director or the Board.

14. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area. Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, plant, electronic smoking device or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form, regardless of its composition.

15. Marijuana

It shall be unlawful to consume marijuana or any marijuana derivative within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area.

16. Alcoholic Beverages

Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas so long as in compliance with all other Rules and Regulations and state law. Vendors at the Boulder County Farmers' Market may conduct tastings at the Fairgrounds without a Special Events Permit if in compliance with the Fairgrounds Policy Manual and the lease from Boulder County to the Farmers' Market. Alcoholic beverages may be prohibited on specific Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas by action of the Board.

17. Hours of Operation

Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas shall be open for daytime use only, between sunrise and sunset, with the exception of the trail corridors for the Longmont-to-Boulder (LoBo) Trail, Coalton Trail, Coal

Creek Trail, Rock Creek Trail, Meadowlark Trail, US 36 Bikeway, Boulder Canyon Trail, Open Sky Loop trail adjacent to Pike Road, and Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail. These trail corridors and neighborhood connecting spurs shall be open 24 hours per day. Further exceptions are permitted only by obtaining written permission from the Director, the Director's designee, or the Board.

18. Research Projects

All research projects to be conducted within any park or open space area must be reviewed and written authorization granted in advance from the department.

19. Commercial Activity

It shall be unlawful for any person, acting individually or on behalf of a business or organization, to use any Open Space area for any commercial purpose (including races or events; filming movies or commercials; photography for commercial marketing and advertising purposes; guiding service; equipment demonstrations; or riding activities of a commercial horse stable, riding school, or livery). Individuals engaging in still camera photography are exempt as are nonprofit tax-exempt entities and anyone acting pursuant to the terms of a lease.

20. Special Use Permits

Special use permits are required for any group of 25 or more. Requests must include the group affiliation, dates and time of use, trails or areas to be used, and other details of the use. If, in the opinion of the Board or the Director, the activity will cause significant impact to the natural environment or will require significant departmental resources, the county may prescribe a fee that includes the costs expected to be incurred by the department, or deny permission for the activity.

21. Disorderly Conduct

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any activity or behavior within an Open Space area which interferes with the health, safety, or welfare of themselves, other users, or adjacent landowners.

(b) It shall be unlawful to use sound amplification devices within Open Space areas or to permit unreasonably loud noises that disturb others except for leased events at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

22. Trail Use

(a) It shall be unlawful for any trail user to fail to yield to other trail users in the manner defined herein or as otherwise posted at trailheads. The appropriate order for yielding the trail right-of-way is as follows: All users yield to equestrians, bicyclists yield to pedestrians, and bicyclists headed downhill yield to bicyclists headed uphill. Yielding the right-of-way requires slowing down to a safe speed, being prepared to stop, establishing communication, and passing safely.

(b) The Board may, by resolution, adopt use restrictions on specific trails or Parks & Open Space areas when such restrictions are necessary for resource protection or safety related issues. Such restrictions shall be posted at the trailheads.

23. Closures

(a) Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas being managed for agricultural purposes, whether by the department or a lessee, are closed to the public unless trails and other related facilities are

designated for another purpose by the Board. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to enter such closed areas.

(b) The department may determine that closure of Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas to the public and/or to certain animals is necessary or desirable due to wildlife, vegetation, management review, contractual agreement, public safety, and/or other resource protection needs. The Director or the Director's designee may designate an area closed, temporarily, permanently, or for an indefinite period and shall inform the Board of all permanent and indefinite closures. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to enter areas that are closed. All closures, whether temporary, permanent, or indefinite, shall be designated at the site of the closure and on the Boulder County Parks & Open Space website.

24. Other Prohibited Activities

(a) Other prohibited activities include: polluting land, water, or air; golfing; hang gliding; paragliding; parapenting; parachuting; parasailing; the use of remote-controlled land, water, or air-borne devices; mountain skateboards; mountain ski-bikes; off-road roller blades; and similar devices unless the activity is permitted in a lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(b) Except for emergency landings, it shall be unlawful to take off, operate, or land with any motorized or non-motorized aircraft within Parks & Open Space areas. "Aircraft" includes but is not limited to airplanes, helicopters, ultralights, gliders/sailplanes, and hot-air balloons except as permitted by current Boulder County Parks & Open Space policies for unmanned aircraft systems or the conditions of a lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(c) Special regulations may apply to buildings open to the public on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. These regulations shall be approved by the Board. Such regulations will be posted on site.

(d) It shall be unlawful to take-off, land, or operate any unmanned aircraft system (drone) on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas unless permitted by the Director. No person shall operate an unmanned aircraft system so as to endanger, harass, harm, or injure any person, companion animal, livestock, or wildlife on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

25. Regulatory Signs

It shall be unlawful to violate any official rule or regulation posted on a sign.

26. Fairgrounds Campground

It shall be unlawful to violate the following rules and regulations for the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(a) Length of stay at the campground is not to exceed a total of fourteen days within a given calendar year. Campsites must be occupied during stay. Extensions may be permitted only by obtaining written permission from the Fairgrounds Manager.

(b) Checkout time for those staying at the campground is 10:00 a.m. the morning following a paid night's stay.

(c) Quiet hours at the campground are between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(d) Discharge of gray or black water from motor homes, campers or trailers is permitted only at the designated dumpsite.

(e) Permits for camping in designated areas must be kept current or secured in advance from the Fairgrounds staff or onsite pay station. Payment for that day must be received by 10:00 am or within one hour after arrival to the campground.

(f) Livestock are prohibited in the campground.

(g) Within the exhibitor and spectator areas at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, livestock must be penned or tied in the barn areas or otherwise under the physical control of a person. Livestock is defined as: “farm animals, raised for human use or profit (cattle, horses, goats, hogs, sheep, etc.)”

(h) Campground restrooms and showers may be used by registered campers only.

(i) It shall be unlawful to violate any rule or regulation contained in the Boulder County Fairgrounds Manual. Violations may result in a fine and/or expulsion from the campground.

27. Boating

(a) Boating is only permitted on waterways which are owned and/or managed as Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas if the waterway is specifically posted to allow boating and if in compliance with Article 13 of Title 33, C.R.S., as amended.

i. “Vessel” means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation for persons and property on the water, other than single-chambered air-inflated devices, float tubes, or seaplanes.

ii. “Float tubes” means a single person inflatable watercraft designed for fishing and in which a fisherman is submerged below the water level. If the fisherman sits above the surface of the water, the watercraft shall be considered a vessel and is subject to the rules and regulations related to boating.

iii. “*Portable vessels*” means non-motorized car top boats that can be lifted onto and taken from the top of a passenger vehicle such as kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, surfboards, and canoes.

(b) Any vessel powered by the wind such as sailboats and sailboards are specifically prohibited on all Boulder County Parks & Open Space waters.

(c) Motorized vessels are prohibited on all Boulder County Parks & Open Space waters, with the exception of Lagerman Reservoir, which allows motorized vessels with electric or gasoline powered motors of 8 horsepower or less. Any motorized vessel with a motor larger than 8 horsepower shall have that motor’s propeller lifted out of the water at all times.

28. Interference and Eluding

(a) It shall be unlawful to knowingly obstruct, impair, or hinder the performance of a Boulder County Park Ranger or other Open Space employee who is acting in the performance of their duties or to give false or misleading information with the intent to mislead said person in the performance of their duties.

(b) It shall be unlawful to evade, elude, or attempt to elude a Boulder County Park Ranger by any means or fail to comply with a lawful request to leave an Open Space area.

29. Exceptions to the Rules and Regulations

Exceptions to these Rules and Regulations as amended, re-enacted, or re-adopted, may be granted by the Board or the Director for activities that involve the management of Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, provided these activities are undertaken or overseen by department staff, or as provided in the terms of a lease.

30. Enforcement

Pursuant to §§ 29-7-101(2) and (3) and § 30-15-401, C.R.S. et seq., as amended, it is the duty of the Boulder County Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies to enforce any and all of the Rules and Regulations adopted for Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. To the extent that the Board may find it desirable to vest specific enforcement authority in designated Boulder County personnel, those individuals so vested shall also have the authority and responsibility to enforce regulations adopted for Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. Any person who violates any of these Rules and Regulations may be expelled from Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

31. Interpretation of Rules and Regulations

(a) It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the provisions of this resolution shall be separable, in accordance with the provisions set forth as follows: If any provision of this resolution is ruled to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction:

- i. The effect of such judgment shall be limited to that specific provision or provisions which are expressly stated in the judgment to be invalid; and
- ii. Such judgment shall not affect, impair, or nullify the validity of application of the remainder of this resolution as a whole or any other part thereof, and the rest of this resolution shall continue in full force and effect.

(b) The enactment of this resolution or any amendment thereto shall not be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of prior provisions, or discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or about to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, or as waiving any right of the county under any provision existing prior to the adoption of this resolution, or as vacating or annulling any rights obtained by any person by lawful action of the county except as shall be expressly provided for in this resolution.

32. Penalties

Violation of any rule or regulation above shall be a Class 2 Petty Offense as provided for in § 29-7-101(2) and § 30-15-402, C.R.S., as amended, and punishable by fine or as otherwise provided by law.

(a) Any person having the authority and responsibility to enforce these rules and regulations and having knowledge of any violation of the rules and regulations stated herein may issue a citation or summons and complaint to the violator or, as set forth in Rule 32(b) herein, to a vehicle, stating the nature of the violation with sufficient particularity to give notice of said charge to the violator.

(b) Any person having the authority and responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations for Boulder County Park and Open Space areas and having knowledge of any violation of the rules and regulations stated herein may use the Penalty Assessment Procedure defined under § 16-2-201, C.R.S., as amended, by issuing the violator a penalty assessment notice and releasing the violator upon its terms or, as the law allows, by taking the violator before a county court judge. The penalty

assessment notice shall be a summons and complaint and shall contain the identification of the offender, the specification of the offense, and the applicable fine. As provided in § 16-2-201(1.5), C.R.S., as amended, a penalty assessment notice may be placed on an unattended vehicle that is parked in apparent violation of any county regulation. A penalty assessment notice placed on a vehicle shall contain the license plate number and state of registration of the vehicle in lieu of the identification of the offender.

(c) When the Penalty Assessment Procedure is used, the following schedule of fines shall be used with exception for parking, weapons, hunting, and fire-related violations as noted below:

Regulations assessments:

First Offense \$100
Second Offense \$200
Subsequent Offenses \$300 or maximum allowable by law

Weapons, hunting, Interference, and fire-related assessments:

First offense \$300
Subsequent Offenses \$300 or the maximum allowable by law

Closures, disorderly conduct, resource protection and vehicles in violation of Rule 9(a):

First Offense \$200
Subsequent Offenses \$300 or the maximum allowable by law

Parking assessments for violation of Rule 9(c):

First Offense \$50
Second Offense \$100
Third Offense \$150
Subsequent Offenses \$300 or maximum allowable by law

Parking assessments for violation of Rule 9(d): \$75

Parking assessments for violation of Rule 9(e): \$150

The department shall make available for inspection to the public a current copy of the existing rules and regulations relating to Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

BE IT further RESOLVED that any prior resolutions setting forth Rules and Regulations for Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby expressly repealed.

A motion to adopt this Resolution was made by Commissioner Matt Jones

seconded by Commissioner Elise Jones and adopted by a 3-0 vote.

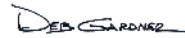
ADOPTED this 15th day of December, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BOULDER COUNTY

ATTEST:

Cecilia Lacey

Clerk to the Board



Deb Gardner



Matt Jones



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(a) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to remove, move, destroy, mutilate, collect, or deface any natural or human-made object within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, including, but not limited to: trees, down timber or branches, shrubbery, plants, flowers, rocks, fences, signs, kiosks, restrooms, tables, benches, cultural resources, and trash containers.

(b) It shall be unlawful to install or replace rock bolts, plant vegetation of any type or any other type of landscape material, or establish or construct trails or other facilities for public or private use without the written permission from the Director of the Boulder County Parks & Open Space Department (“Director”).

2. Wildlife

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, hunt, pursue, trap, molest, disturb, or kill any wildlife, or for any person to allow any domestic animal to do the same, at any time within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, except where and when such activities are permitted by action of the Board or by written permission from the Director and except as provided for in Rule 3 below. This provision shall not apply to any county, state, or federal government personnel authorized by the Board to carry out a wildlife management program through law or county-approved rules and regulations.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to relocate or release any animal within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

3. Fishing Regulations

Fishing is permitted in accordance with the Colorado Wildlife Commission's land and water regulations, except in open space areas designated and posted with special Boulder County Parks & Open Space regulations. Ice fishing is prohibited on all Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, unless the area is

specifically posted to allow ice fishing. It shall be unlawful to violate special fishing regulations posted within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area. Rules and Regulations, fees, and special permit requirements shall be determined by the Board and posted at affected Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. The Board and the Director may modify these regulations or create new ones when deemed necessary for repairs, wildlife, vegetation, and/or public safety concerns. The Director, within two days of modifying or creating any regulations under this Paragraph, ~~will send~~sends notification to the Board of such action. The Board may, at a regularly scheduled business meeting, rescind or modify the decision by the Director. Only that portion of any decision by the Director that is specifically approved by the Board shall continue to be effective.

Unless otherwise posted or provided in these ~~rules~~Rules and ~~regulations~~Regulations, float tubes, as defined under the boating regulations below, shall be permitted in conjunction with fishing wherever fishing is permitted within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas unless otherwise prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to use seines, cast nets, and/or live traps on any body of water within Boulder County Parks ~~or~~& Open Space areas.

~~(a)~~(c) Walden Pond Wildlife Habitat:

- i. Fishing in Wally Toeve's Pond shall be limited to senior citizens (ages 64 and over) and their juvenile companions (ages 15 years or younger) and anglers with disabilities and their companions.
- ii. It shall be unlawful to exceed the posted creel limit.
- iii. All other ponds at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat are designated as catch and release fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass. At these ponds anglers must use terminal tackle, such as flies and lures. Creel limits for all species other than largemouth and smallmouth bass must adhere to Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission regulations.
- iv. Fishing is prohibited on Cottonwood Marsh Lake.
- v. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

~~(b)~~(d) Cattail Ponds at the Boulder County Fairgrounds:

- i. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.
- ii. Fishing is limited to people under 16 years of age.

~~(c)~~(e) Lagerman Reservoir:

- i. Vessels at Lagerman Reservoir are limited to non-motorized vessels and motorized vessels with electric motors or gasoline motors of 8 horsepower or less.
- ii. Vessels are restricted to wakeless speeds (less than five miles per hour).
- iii. All largemouth and smallmouth bass possessed must be 15 inches or greater in length. All tiger muskie possessed must be 36 inches or greater in length and the creel limit is one. The creel limits for all species shall adhere to the Colorado Wildlife Commission regulations (creel limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass is five each).

~~(d)~~(f) Stearns Lake at Carolyn Holmberg Preserve/Rock Creek Farm:

- i. All largemouth and smallmouth bass possessed must be 15 inches or greater in length. All tiger muskie possessed must be 36 inches or greater in length and the creel limit shall be one. The creel limits for all species shall adhere to the Colorado Wildlife Commission regulations (creel limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass is five each).
- ii. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

~~(e)~~(g) Pella Crossing:

- i. All ponds at Pella Crossing are designated as catch and release fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Anglers must use terminal tackle, such as flies and lures. Creel limits for all species other than largemouth and smallmouth bass must adhere to the Colorado Wildlife Commission regulations.
- ii. Fishing is prohibited on Webster Pond.
- iii. Non-motorized, portable vessels are allowed on Lake Sunset, Heron Lake, and Dragonfly, Poplar, and Clearwater Ponds. Such use is allowed only for the purpose of fishing.

~~(f)~~(h) Twin Lakes:

- i. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

(h) Mud Lake:

- i. All vessels and float tubes are prohibited.

4.3. Projectiles, Weapons and Explosives

It shall be unlawful to carry or discharge on or into any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, firearms (concealed or otherwise), projectile weapons, or explosives of any kind including but not limited to hand guns, rifles, shotguns, fireworks, BB guns, pellet guns, rockets, air guns, paint ball guns, blow guns, crossbows, longbows, and slingshots, except as expressly mandated by Article 12 of Title 18 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. Peace officers on official duty and Boulder County Park Rangers engaged in official wildlife management operations are excepted, as are residential tenants of the county within their living quarters and events under lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

Further exceptions may be permitted only with written permission from the Board or the Director.

5.4. Domestic Animals/ Livestock

(a) Any dog or other domestic animal within a Boulder County Parks & Open Space area shall be restrained by a leash, cord, rope, or chain and under physical control of a person, except as otherwise provided for in this paragraph or posted with approval from the Board. Any owner/keeper accompanying a dog in an off-leash area must have the ability to restrain ~~his or her~~their dog when requested by Parks & Open Space staff.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any owner/keeper to allow ~~his or her~~their domestic animals within a Boulder County Parks & Open Space area to engage in disorderly conduct or any activity which interferes with the health, safety, or welfare of users, livestock, other domestic animals or neighbors in the area, or which creates a nuisance, including unwanted physical contact or threatening behavior with any user, domestic animal, or livestock.

~~(b)~~(c) Any person who brings a dog into a Boulder County Parks & Open Space area shall pick up, carry out, and dispose of that dog's excrement.

~~(e)~~(d) Dogs may be prohibited on specific Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas by action of the Board.

~~(d)~~(e) Horses must be under the physical control of a person at all Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas except at the exhibitor and spectator areas at the Boulder County Fairgrounds and those permitted under a written grazing lease from Boulder County.

~~(e)~~(f) Domestic animals or livestock may be tied by a lead or rope sufficient to restrain the animals, but shall neither be left tied and unattended nor tied in any manner which damages vegetation or structures or which interferes with or disturbs the public's use of established trails, picnic areas, or campsites.

~~(f)~~(g) All feed provided to livestock while on Boulder County Parks & Open Space trails and trailheads must be free of weeds and weed seeds. Livestock grazing is allowed only by lease or written permission from the Director or the Board.

~~(g)~~(h) Exceptions to this rule are permitted for the use of a dog as a service animal as long as such use is in all respects in compliance with the regulations in 28 CFR § 35.136. A service animal must be individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of its handler's disability. Provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not qualify as "work" or "tasks" which may be provided by a service animal.

~~(h)~~(i) It shall be unlawful to confine any animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health-threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold without proper ventilation or other protection from such heat or cold.

6.5. Camping

It shall be unlawful to camp overnight in a tent, or other shelter, or to occupy any vehicle, trailer, or camper for overnight camping on Open Space lands except in designated areas at the Boulder County Fairgrounds or when approved by the Director or the Director's designee.

7.6. Fire

(a) Campfires are unlawful. Charcoal fires may be built only in established picnic and camping areas, and then only in grills and fireplaces provided by the department or in personal grills or stoves. All charcoal fires must be built in a safe manner and attended at all times. All charcoal fires must be properly extinguished and left in the provided grills. Exceptions may be granted only with written permission from the Board or the Director.

(b) Fires may be prohibited entirely by order of the Board, the Boulder County Sheriff, or the Director by the posting of special notices or public notification through the press.

(c) It shall be unlawful to violate an order or special notice prohibiting fires on any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area.

8.7. Bicycles

No person shall ride a bicycle or unicycle within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area except on trails where such use is designated, including day-of-use and directional designations, and at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Unless otherwise stated, the definition of bicycle shall include all exclusively human-powered wheeled vehicles. Gas and electric assisted bicycles and unicycles are prohibited within any County Parks & Open Space area except where such use is specifically designated. Strollers and wheelchairs are exempted from this regulation and are permitted within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area.

9.8. Vehicles

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, including a car, truck, motorcycle, minibike, electric scooter, low-powered scooter, electric assisted bicycle, electric assisted unicycle, snowmobile, four-wheel drive or other recreational vehicle, within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, unless the area is specifically designated and posted to permit the operation of such vehicle in that area. Boulder County and emergency vehicles on official business are excepted from this rule. For exceptions related to disabled access refer to Rule 9(b).

(b) Individuals with mobility disabilities are permitted to use wheelchairs and/or manually-powered mobility aids on any trail open to pedestrian use so long as they are used in a manner that is safe for the user. Individuals with mobility disabilities may use other power-driven mobility devices (“OPDMDs”) on all trails open for pedestrian use unless a particular trail has been designated as being unsafe for use by OPDMDs based upon the assessment factors found in 28 CFR § 35.137(b)(2). A current list of trails that have been designated as being unsafe for use of OPDMDs shall be kept on the Boulder County Parks & Open Space web site. County personnel who have been granted authority for enforcement of these Rules and Regulations pursuant to Rule ~~28-30~~ shall have the discretion to temporarily designate additional trail segments or other facilities on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas as inappropriate for use of certain classes of OPDMDs based upon current conditions that may affect the safety of the OPDMD user or other members of the public and/or harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, such as weather, trail conditions, and volume of pedestrian traffic. Use of OPDMDs within any Parks & Open Space area must be in a safe manner and is at the risk of the user. OPDMDs may not be used off trail in any Parks & Open Space area.

(c) Vehicles must be parked ~~only~~ in designated areas, and/or in compliance with all posted parking signs.

(d) Vehicles may not be parked, attended or unattended, at any time from sunset to sunrise except with permission from the Director.

(e) Only persons with a disability may park in spaces designated for persons with disabilities. A license plate or placard obtained pursuant to § 42-3-121, C.R.S., as amended, or otherwise authorized by § 42-4-1208 (4), C.R.S., as amended, shall be displayed at all times while vehicle is parked in such a space.

(f) It shall be unlawful to park in a manner that impedes the safe flow of traffic.

10.9. Advertising and Signs Prohibited

Posting of signs, advertisements and flyers or placement of brochures on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas or on vehicles within parking facilities is prohibited without permission from the Director.

11.10. Swimming and Skating

It shall be unlawful to swim, dive, ice skate, walk on ice, use any floatation device not designed for fishing, in or on any lake, pond, or stream within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, unless the area is specifically posted to allow such activity.

12.11. Littering/Dumping

(a) It shall be unlawful to deposit or dispose of trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, debris, or other objects within any park or open space area, except that which is generated by legal activities conducted within the Boulder County Parks & Open Space area. Trash and debris legally generated within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area must be removed or deposited in a designated trash receptacle.

(b) It shall be unlawful to clean vehicles-/livestock trailers out onto Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, including the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(c) Under no circumstance may hazardous materials be deposited within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

13.12. Glass Containers

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess, outside of an enclosed vehicle, any glass bottle or other glass container within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area, except as might be required for prescribed medical treatment or for food preparation in the concession areas or campground at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Exceptions are also made for specific events under lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds or pursuant to the terms of an agricultural lease. Further exceptions are permitted only by obtaining written permission from the Director or the Board.

14.13. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area. Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, plant, electronic smoking device or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form, regardless of its composition.

15.14. Marijuana

It shall be unlawful to consume marijuana or any marijuana derivative within any Boulder County Parks & Open Space area.

16.15. Alcoholic Beverages

Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas so long as in compliance with all other Rules and Regulations and state law. Vendors at the Boulder County Farmers' Market may conduct tastings at the Fairgrounds without a Special Events Permit if in compliance with the Fairgrounds Policy Manual and the lease from Boulder County to the Farmers' Market. Alcoholic beverages may be prohibited on specific Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas by action of the Board.

17.16. Hours of Operation

Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas shall be open for daytime use only, between sunrise and sunset, with the exception of the trail corridors for the Longmont-to-Boulder (LoBo) Trail, Coalton Trail, Coal

Creek Trail, Rock Creek Trail, Meadowlark Trail, US 36 Bikeway, Boulder Canyon Trail, Open Sky Loop trail adjacent to Pike Road, and Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail. These trail corridors and neighborhood connecting spurs shall be open 24 hours per day. Further exceptions are permitted only by obtaining written permission from the Director, the Director's designee, or the Board.

18.17. Research Projects

All research projects to be conducted within any park or open space area must be reviewed and written authorization granted in advance from the department.

19.18. Commercial Activity

It shall be unlawful for any person, acting individually or on behalf of a business or organization, to use any Boulder County Parks & Open Space ~~Open Space~~ area for any commercial purpose (including races or events; filming movies or commercials; photography for commercial marketing and advertising purposes; guiding service; equipment demonstrations; or riding activities of a commercial horse stable, riding school, or livery). Individuals engaging in still camera photography are exempt as are nonprofit tax-exempt entities and anyone acting pursuant to the terms of a lease.

20.19. Special Use Permits

Special use permits are required for any group of 25 or more. Requests must include the group affiliation, dates and time of use, trails or areas to be used, and other details of the use. If, in the opinion of the Board or the Director, the activity will cause significant impact to the natural environment or will require significant departmental resources, the county may prescribe a fee that includes the costs expected to be incurred by the department, or deny permission for the activity.

21.20. Disorderly Conduct

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any activity or behavior within a Boulder County Parks & Open Space ~~Open Space~~ area which interferes with the health, safety, or welfare of themselves, other users, or adjacent landowners.

(b) It shall be unlawful to use sound amplification devices within Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas ~~Open Space areas~~ or to permit unreasonably loud noises that disturb others except for leased events at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

~~(b)~~(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly alter, damage, deface, or vandalize natural, cultural, or human-made resources, structures, or features within Boulder County Parks & Open Space.

22.21. Trail Use

(a) It shall be unlawful for any trail user to fail to yield to other trail users in the manner defined herein or as otherwise posted at trailheads. The appropriate order for yielding the trail right-of-way is as follows: All users yield to equestrians, bicyclists yield to pedestrians, and bicyclists headed downhill yield to bicyclists headed uphill. Yielding the right-of-way requires slowing down to a safe speed, being prepared to stop, establishing communication, and passing safely.

(b) The Board may, by resolution, adopt use restrictions on specific trails or Parks & Open Space areas when such restrictions are necessary for resource protection or safety related issues. Such restrictions shall be posted at the trailheads.

23.22. Closures

(a) Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas being managed for agricultural purposes, whether by the department or a lessee, are closed to the public unless trails and other related facilities ~~are~~

designated for another purpose by the Board. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to enter such closed areas.

(b) The department may determine that closure of Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas to the public and/or to certain animals is necessary or desirable due to wildlife, vegetation, management review, contractual agreement, public safety, and/or other resource protection needs. The Director or the Director's designee may designate an area closed, temporarily, permanently, or for an indefinite period and shall inform the Board of all permanent and indefinite closures. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to enter areas that are closed. All closures, whether temporary, permanent, or indefinite, shall be designated at the site of the closure and on the Boulder County Parks & Open Space website.

24.23. Other Prohibited Activities

(a) Other prohibited activities include: polluting land, water, or air; golfing; hang gliding; paragliding; parapenting; parachuting; parasailing; the use of remote-controlled land, water, or airborne devices; mountain skateboards; mountain ski-bikes; off-road roller blades; [onewheel](#); and similar devices unless the activity is permitted in a lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(b) Except for emergency landings, it shall be unlawful to take off, operate, or land with any motorized or non-motorized aircraft within [Boulder County](#) Parks & Open Space areas. "Aircraft" includes but is not limited to airplanes, helicopters, ultralights, gliders/sailplanes, and hot-air balloons except as permitted by current Boulder County Parks & Open Space policies for unmanned aircraft systems or the conditions of a lease at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(c) Special regulations may apply to buildings open to the public on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. These regulations shall be approved by the Board. Such regulations will be posted on site.

(d) It shall be unlawful to take-off, land, or operate any unmanned aircraft system (drone) on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas unless permitted by the Director. No person shall operate an unmanned aircraft system so as to endanger, harass, harm, or injure any person, companion animal, livestock, or wildlife on Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

25.24. Regulatory Signs

It shall be unlawful to violate any official rule or regulation posted on a sign.

26.25. Fairgrounds Campground

It shall be unlawful to violate the following rules and regulations for the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

(a) Length of stay at the campground is not to exceed a total of fourteen days within a given calendar year. Campsites must be occupied during stay. Extensions may be permitted only by obtaining written permission from the Fairgrounds Manager.

(b) Checkout time for those staying at the campground is 10:00 a.m. the morning following a paid night's stay.

(c) Quiet hours at the campground are between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(d) Discharge of gray or black water from motor homes, campers or trailers is permitted only at the designated dumpsite.

(e) Permits for camping in designated areas must be kept current or secured in advance from the Fairgrounds staff or onsite pay station. Payment for that day must be received by 10:00 am or within one hour after arrival to the campground.

(f) Livestock are prohibited in the campground.

(g) Within the exhibitor and spectator areas at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, livestock must be penned or tied in the barn areas or otherwise under the physical control of a person. Livestock is defined as: “farm animals, raised for human use or profit (cattle, horses, goats, hogs, sheep, etc.)”

(h) Campground restrooms and showers may be used by registered campers only.

(i) It shall be unlawful to violate any rule or regulation contained in the Boulder County Fairgrounds Manual. Violations may result in a fine and/or expulsion from the campground.

27:26. Boating

(a) Boating is only permitted on waterways which are owned and/or managed as Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas if the waterway is specifically posted to allow boating and if in compliance with Article 13 of Title 33, C.R.S., as amended.

i. “Vessel” means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation for persons and property on the water, other than single-chambered air-inflated devices, float tubes, or seaplanes.

ii. “Float tubes” means a single person inflatable watercraft designed for fishing and in which a fisherman is submerged below the water level. If the fisherman sits above the surface of the water, the watercraft shall be considered a vessel and is subject to the rules and regulations related to boating.

iii. “*Portable vessels*” means non-motorized car top boats that can be lifted onto and taken from the top of a passenger vehicle such as kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, surfboards, and canoes.

(b) Any vessel powered by the wind such as sailboats and sailboards are specifically prohibited on all Boulder County Parks & Open Space waters.

(c) Motorized vessels are prohibited on all Boulder County Parks & Open Space waters, with the exception of Lagerman Reservoir, which allows motorized vessels with electric or gasoline powered motors of 8 horsepower or less. Any motorized vessel with a motor larger than 8 horsepower shall have that motor’s propeller lifted out of the water at all times.

28:27. Interference and Eluding

(a) It shall be unlawful to knowingly obstruct, impair, or hinder the performance of a Boulder County Park Ranger or other [Boulder County Parks & Open Space](#) employee who is acting in the performance of their duties or to give false or misleading information with the intent to mislead said person in the performance of their duties.

(b) It shall be unlawful to evade, elude, or attempt to elude a Boulder County Park Ranger by any means or fail to comply with a lawful request to leave an Open Space area.

29.28. Exceptions to the Rules and Regulations

Exceptions to these Rules and Regulations as amended, re-enacted, or re-adopted, may be granted by the Board or the Director for activities that involve the management of Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, provided these activities are undertaken or overseen by department staff, or as provided in the terms of a lease.

30.29. Enforcement

Pursuant to §§ 29-7-101(2) and (3) and § 30-15-401, C.R.S. et seq., as amended, it is the duty of the Boulder County Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies to enforce any and all of the Rules and Regulations adopted for Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. To the extent that the Board may find it desirable to vest specific enforcement authority in designated Boulder County personnel, those individuals so vested shall also have the authority and responsibility to enforce regulations adopted for Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas. Any person who violates any of these Rules and Regulations may be expelled from Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

31.30. Interpretation of Rules and Regulations

(a) It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the provisions of this resolution shall be separable, in accordance with the provisions set forth as follows: If any provision of this resolution is ruled to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction:

- i. The effect of such judgment shall be limited to that specific provision or provisions which are expressly stated in the judgment to be invalid; and
- ii. Such judgment shall not affect, impair, or nullify the validity of application of the remainder of this resolution as a whole or any other part thereof, and the rest of this resolution shall continue in full force and effect.

(b) The enactment of this resolution or any amendment thereto shall not be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of prior provisions, or discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or about to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, or as waiving any right of the county under any provision existing prior to the adoption of this resolution, or as vacating or annulling any rights obtained by any person by lawful action of the county except as shall be expressly provided for in this resolution.

32.31. Penalties

Violation of any rule or regulation above shall be a ~~Class 2 Petty Offense~~ civil infraction as provided for in § 29-7-101(2) and § 30-15-402, C.R.S., as amended, and punishable by fine or as otherwise provided by law.

(a) Any person having the authority and responsibility to enforce these rules and regulations and having knowledge of any violation of the rules and regulations stated herein may issue a citation or summons and complaint to the violator or, as set forth in Rule 32(b) herein, to a vehicle, stating the nature of the violation with sufficient particularity to give notice of said charge to the violator.

(b) Any person having the authority and responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations for Boulder County Park and Open Space areas and having knowledge of any violation of the rules and regulations stated herein may use the Penalty Assessment Procedure defined under § 16-2- 201, C.R.S., as amended, by issuing the violator a penalty assessment notice and releasing the violator upon its terms ~~or, as the law allows, by taking the violator before a county court judge~~. The penalty

assessment notice shall be a summons and complaint and shall contain the identification of the offender, the specification of the offense, and the applicable fine. As provided in § 16-2-201(1.5), C.R.S., as amended, a penalty assessment notice may be placed on an unattended vehicle that is parked in apparent violation of any county regulation. A penalty assessment notice placed on a vehicle shall contain the license plate number and state of registration of the vehicle in lieu of the identification of the offender.

(c) When the Penalty Assessment Procedure is used, the following schedule of fines shall be used with exception for parking, weapons, hunting, and fire-related violations as noted below:

Regulations assessments: _

~~First Offense \$100 (unless otherwise specified below) Second Offense \$200~~
~~Subsequent Offenses-~~
~~\$300 or maximum-~~
~~allowable by law~~

~~Weapons, hunting,~~ Interference, [Disorderly Conduct 20\(a\)](#)
[and 20\(c\)](#), and fire-related assessments:

First offense \$300

Subsequent Offenses \$300 or the maximum allowable by law

~~Closures, dDisorderly conduct, resource protection and vehicles in violation of Rule~~

~~9(a): First Offense \$200~~

~~Subsequent Offenses \$300 or the maximum allowable by law~~

Parking assessments for violation of Rule

~~89(c): \$50~~

~~First Offense \$50~~

~~Second Offense \$100~~

~~Third Offense \$150~~

~~Subsequent Offenses \$300 or maximum allowable by law~~

Parking assessments for violation of Rule 9(d): \$75

Parking assessments for violation of Rule 9(e): \$150

The department shall make available for inspection to the public a current copy of the existing rules and regulations relating to Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas.

BE IT further RESOLVED that any prior resolutions setting forth Rules and Regulations for Boulder County Parks & Open Space areas, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby expressly repealed.

A motion to adopt this Resolution was made by Commissioner Matt Jones

seconded by Commissioner Elise Jones and adopted by a 3-0 vote.

ADOPTED this 15th day of December, 2020/2022.

COUNTY OF BOULDER,
a body corporate and politic

By: _____
Marta Loachamin, Chair

~~BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BOULDER COUNTY~~

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