

ORDINANCE NO.107, 2018
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF FORT COLLINS REGARDING MODEL ROCKETRY

WHEREAS, model rocketry is an activity that provides a great learning tool; and

WHEREAS, when done properly and safely, model rocketry advances science, technology, creativity, and group cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Code currently prohibits the use of model rockets in recreation areas unless a sign is posted permitting the activity; and

WHEREAS, there are no signs posted in any recreation area permitting the activity, effectively banning it from all recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, City Staff believes a permit system will allow for the safe and effective use of model rockets in parks, removing the effective ban of the current Code system and placing specific requirements on both the model rocket and the persons using the model rocket; and

WHEREAS, a Code amendment is needed to change the current requirement from only using model rockets where signs are posted to only using model rockets when given a permit to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed amendments are in the best interests of the City and are necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the City's citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That Section 23-203 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 23-203 Prohibited acts; permits.

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(b) Unless a sign has been posted by the Service Unit that the particular recreation area or a portion thereof is open for such use, it shall be unlawful to:

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(4) Ride or have a horse in a recreation area more than ten (10) feet from a designated trail or roadway, or on any irrigated turf grass, except to the extent unavoidable circumstances require that a horse be ridden or taken into such areas briefly to avoid imminent danger to other persons.

(5) Skateboard or in-line skate, except on a sidewalk, roadway, parking area or designated trail.

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(d) Except as authorized by a permit obtained for such use from the Service Unit, it shall be unlawful to:


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(16) Launch a model rocket in, onto or over a recreation area.

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Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 21st day of August, A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 4th day of September, A.D. 2018.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk




Passed and adopted on final reading on the 4th day of September, A.D. 2018.



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