

ORDINANCE NO 068 2019
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING SECTION 23 194 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
FORT COLLINS REGARDING NATURAL AREAS PERMITS

WHEREAS in 1999, the City Council adopted Ordinance No 027 1999, enacting certain requirements and regulations related to the use by the general public of the City's natural areas codified in Chapter 23, Article IX of the City Code, and

WHEREAS, those Code provisions have subsequently been updated to address and clarify points of concern related to use by the general public of the City's parks, trails, recreation, and natural areas, and

WHEREAS the current Code requires staff to respond to a non-routine permit within five business days, and

WHEREAS, since the Code provisions were adopted in 1999, non-routine permits have become more numerous have increased in complexity and have become more varied and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that changing the permit response time to fifteen days will ensure staff can appropriately respond to permit requests for the good of all Fort Collins citizens, and

WHEREAS the City Council has also 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 23 194 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended as follows

Sec 23-194 – Natural areas permit process

- (a) Any person or organization seeking a permit for the purposes set forth in this Article shall apply for a natural area permit by filing a verified application with the Service Unit on a form supplied by the Service Unit except that permit applications for which a routine permit process has been established by the Director under § 23-195 below shall be governed by and processed in accordance with the routine permit process. A fully completed application must be filed with the Director not less than twenty one (21) business days nor more than ninety (90) business days before the date on which a permitted

activity is to commence, provided, however, that the Service Unit may accept and process an application that is filed after the filing deadline if, in the judgment of the Director there are sufficient time and sufficient resources for the Service Unit to process and investigate the application and make any preparations necessary for the activity

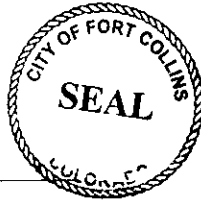
- (b) The Director shall approve, conditionally approve or deny an application on the grounds set forth in this Subsection, and the Directors action and the basis therefor shall be stated in a written notice to the applicant, no later than fifteen (15) business days after receipt of a fully completed application The Director may deny any application or impose any reasonable permit conditions or requirements upon the approval of the same in order to protect the safety or well being of persons or animals, the natural area, related facilities or any other City property or facility, the use and enjoyment of said areas or facilities by the general public, the needs and objectives of the City in maintaining and operating the same and/or the natural environment in general

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 21st day of May A D 2019 and to be presented for final passage on the 4th day of June A D 2019


Mayor

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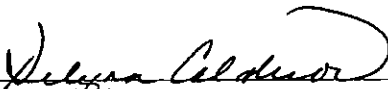

Chief Deputy City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 4th day of June, A D 2019


Mayor Pro Tem

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City Clerk

