

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. **4257**

COUNCILLOR'S BILL NO. **23**

SERIES OF 2024

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

DeMott, Nurmela

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 13-1-17 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE WESTMINSTER HILLS OPEN SPACE

Whereas, pursuant to City Council direction at the June 3, 2024, Study Session, a new section has been drafted for Chapter 1 of Title XIII of the Westminster Municipal Code to formally designate the dog off-leash area of the Westminster Hills Open Space and limit dog use of other spaces; and

Whereas, the City Council hereby finds and determines that formally designating the dog off-leash area of the Westminster Hills Open Space as the “Westminster Hills Open Space Dog Off-Leash and Natural Area” and limiting dog use of other spaces is in the best interests of the residents of the City.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER ORDAINS:

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Westminster Municipal Code a new section 13-1-17, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

13-1-17. – Westminster Hills Open Space Special Regulations

(A) Westminster Hills Open Space Dog Off-Leash and Natural Area.

(1) Designation. The City Council hereby designates the approximately 440 acres of the Westminster Hills Open Space identified in the attachments to the Agenda Memorandum for Councillor’s Bill No. 23, Ordinance 4257, as Colorado Hills, Brigham Young University, Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, and the southern portion of the Walnut Creek Exchange as an off-leash dog and natural area to be referred to as the Westminster Hills Open Space (WHOS) Dog Off-Leash and Natural Area.

(2) Regulations; Uses and Activities.

- (a) The regulations and requirements set forth in sections 13-1-6 and 13-1-7 of this Code shall apply to the WHOS Dog Off-Leash and Natural Area, subject to the provisions of this section 13-1-17 which takes precedence.
- (b) Access to the Dry Creek Valley Ditch through the northeast corner of the dog off-leash area is subject to a use agreement with the Dry Creek Valley Ditch Company.
- (c) All uses and activities authorized pursuant to section 13-5-3 of this Code are allowed within the WHOS Dog Off-Leash and Natural Area; provided, however that use of the WHOS Dog Off-Leash and Natural Area as an “off-leash dog exercise area,” as identified in subsection (B) of section 13-5-3, is expressly authorized notwithstanding any limitations set forth in such subsection (B) or elsewhere in this Code.

(B) Walnut Creek Exchange, Northern Parcel – No Off-Leash Dogs. Only on-leash use is authorized within the northern parcel of the Walnut Creek Exchange identified in the attachments to the Agenda Memorandum for Councillor’s Bill No. 23, Ordinance 4257. Off-leash dogs are prohibited within the northern parcel of the Walnut Creek Exchange.

(C) Westminster Hills Open Space Dog-Free Area. No dogs, whether leashed or not, are allowed within the Westminster Hills Open Space except as set forth in subsections A

and B above. This prohibition includes all land acquired from the Sisters of the New Covenant identified in the attachments to the Agenda Memorandum for Councillor’s Bill No. 23, Ordinance 4257, which land is subject to a conservation easement.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage after second reading. The title and purpose of this ordinance shall be published prior to its consideration on second reading. The full text of this ordinance shall be published within ten (10) days after its enactment after second reading.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING, AND TITLE AND PURPOSE ORDERED PUBLISHED this 8th day of July, 2024.

PASSED, ENACTED ON SECOND READING, AND FULL TEXT ORDERED PUBLISHED this 22nd day of July, 2024.

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Nancy McNally

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

David Frankel

City Attorney’s Office