



STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

Parks and Land Owned by the City of Longmont

Purpose Statement: The City of Longmont provides public Property and services to serve our customers, visitors, and community members in a variety of settings and facilities. An atmosphere of respect, courtesy, and welcome has been established and will be maintained at these City owned properties. Over the last several years, public properties have had recurring problems with a small number of individuals whose behavior has infringed upon the intended use of these locations. The behavior has included, among other things, directing abusive behavior toward other users, city staff, and individuals utilizing Public Property, and engaging in unlawful activity. As a result of this behavior, some of these areas have become unsafe for individuals utilizing public property. Efforts have been undertaken by various operational groups and the Public Safety Department to address this activity, however the challenges are merely moved from one location to another with the underlying behavior remaining unaddressed. While the City recognizes that everyone is free to use these areas for their intended purposes, and the intended purposes of these areas are numerous, the City finds that if a user's behavior is such that it impacts the use and enjoyment of the park, open space, or rights-of-way by others, that this person should not be allowed to use these areas for a period of time. This is especially the case with repeat offenders.

These Standards of Behavior are intended to protect the rights and safety of citizens and visitors while prohibiting persons from unreasonably interfering with other persons' use of City parks and protect City facilities, equipment and grounds. These Standards of Behavior shall apply to all City parks, open space, and rights-of-way. These Standards of Behavior are intended to supplement, and not replace, any other applicable law, ordinance, or policy regulating behavior at City Parks (including the provisions of Longmont Municipal Code Chapter 13.20, regulating Public Lands). Enforcement of these Standards of Behavior shall not preclude any other enforcement action. The suspensions provided for in these Standards of behavior are extraordinary measures, and are limited to situations in which an individual has engaged in repeated or egregious violations of law at a City park, open space, or right-of-way such that the prospects of injury to persons or damage to property appear to be substantial if the individual is not prohibited from returning to the area.

TIER 1

<p style="text-align: center;">Behaviors not tolerated under any circumstance include:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tier 1 Response to infractions:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assault or attempted assault. ○ Possession or viewing of illegal pornographic materials. ○ Vandalism, theft, abuse, or damage of the facility or its contents, or another person's belongings in an amount greater than \$500. ○ Any serious criminal conduct not otherwise listed above. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You will be issued a suspension from the location for 60 days. The boundaries of the suspension shall be consistent with the behavior and the nature of the location. The boundaries of the suspension shall be clearly communicated and indicated on any notice of suspension issued. 2. If you return during the suspension period law enforcement will be called and asked to issue a trespass ticket. 3. If you are convicted of trespass, an appeal must occur within the judicial system. 4. If you commit this offense or any other offense from this list within 12 months of the date your suspension ends, law enforcement will be called, you may be issued another ticket, and you will be suspended for 1 year.

TIER 2


Repeated behavior issues which are likely to continue:	Tier 2 Response to infractions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An individual who receives three or more citations for violations of the City of Longmont Public Lands Ordinance (L.M.C. Chapter 13.20), none of which were dismissed by a court. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You will be issued a suspension from the location for 30 days. 2. If you return during the suspension period law enforcement will be called and asked to issue a trespass ticket. 3. If you are convicted of trespass, an appeal must occur within the judicial system. 4. If you commit this offense or any other offense from this list within 12 months of the date your suspension ends, law enforcement will be called, you may be issued another ticket, and you will be suspended for 60 days.

Enforcement:

These Standards of Behavior may be enforced by Park Rangers and the Longmont Police Department.

Process to Appeal a Suspension or to Re-enter a Park after a Suspension: An individual may appeal a suspension to the City Manager or Designee within 10 days of suspension; the City Manager/Designee will have 10 days to hear the appeal. All appeals shall be held in accordance with Chapter 2.98 of the Longmont Municipal Code. The City Manager or Designee's decision is final, subject only to judicial review

Approved:



 City Manager

5-16-2023

 Date

Review Date: 05/10/23