

**EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE LONGMONT CITY MANAGER**

**DIRECTING THAT THERE BE NO SWIMMING, TUBING, BOATING OR OTHER FORM OF WATERCRAFT OR OTHER ACTIVITY ON OR IN THE ST. VRAIN AND LEFTHAND CREEKS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT FROM THIS DAY FORWARD UNTIL THIS ORDER IS REVOKED OR CANCELLED.**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Longmont Municipal Code Section 2.20.120(A)(1), I Harold Dominguez, Longmont City Manager, hereby issue this Order of the Longmont City Manager this 12th day of June 2015.

I. Background

In September 2013, the City of Longmont (Longmont) experienced massive flooding along the St. Vrain and Lefthand Creeks, caused by an unusually high level of rain along those two drainage basins. That flooding caused substantial damage to the river channels and has caused them to be obstructed by debris consisting of large rocks, concrete slabs, fallen trees, construction materials, and other such debris that has now created a higher level of risk to users of these two creeks.

The water level in the Saint Vrain Creek over the past five days has hovered around 1200 cubic feet per second (cfs). Currently it is at 1320 cfs. The Boulder County Undersheriff and Sheriff recommend a tubing ban for Boulder County.

Therefore, given the risks posed by these channel obstructions and the higher than normal spring runoff along the St. Vrain and Lefthand Creeks, this Order extends throughout the Longmont city limits and applies until cancelled or revoked.

II. Directive

**Except for those parties identified on the attached Exhibit A-Exemption List, no person shall engage in any activity in or on the waters of the St. Vrain Creek or Lefthand Creek, including swimming, tubing, floating, boating, or any other water related activity or water craft activity.**

III. Duration

This Order of the Longmont City Manager shall be effective at 4:00 P.M. on June 12, 2015 and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded.

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HAROLD DOMINGUEZ  
LONGMONT CITY MANAGER

**Exhibit A**

The parties listed below are exempt from the June 12, 2015 EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE LONGMONT CITY MANAGER concerning activities on the St. Vrain and Lefthand Creeks:

- Authorized City of Longmont personnel
- Authorized City of Longmont contractors
- On-duty emergency personnel
- On-duty ditch company employees and their authorized contractors
- Water rights holders and their authorized contractors
- On-duty utility and oil company employees and their authorized contractors
- On-duty cable and telephone company employees and their authorized contractors
- CDOT, Boulder County and other public agency employees working on infrastructure near creeks and their authorized contractors