

# 2018 City Council Report to the Citizens

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# Background



## PURPOSE OF RULES AND PROCEDURES OF COUNCIL

- “Providing for an annual ‘Report to the Citizens;’”

## FORMAT

- Summary of City Council highlights from the previous year
- Changed to calendar year (ex. previous editions were April 2017 to April 2018)
- Traditionally passed by Council in April, we would like to informally move approval to January/February in future years
- Hard copy and available online

# Process



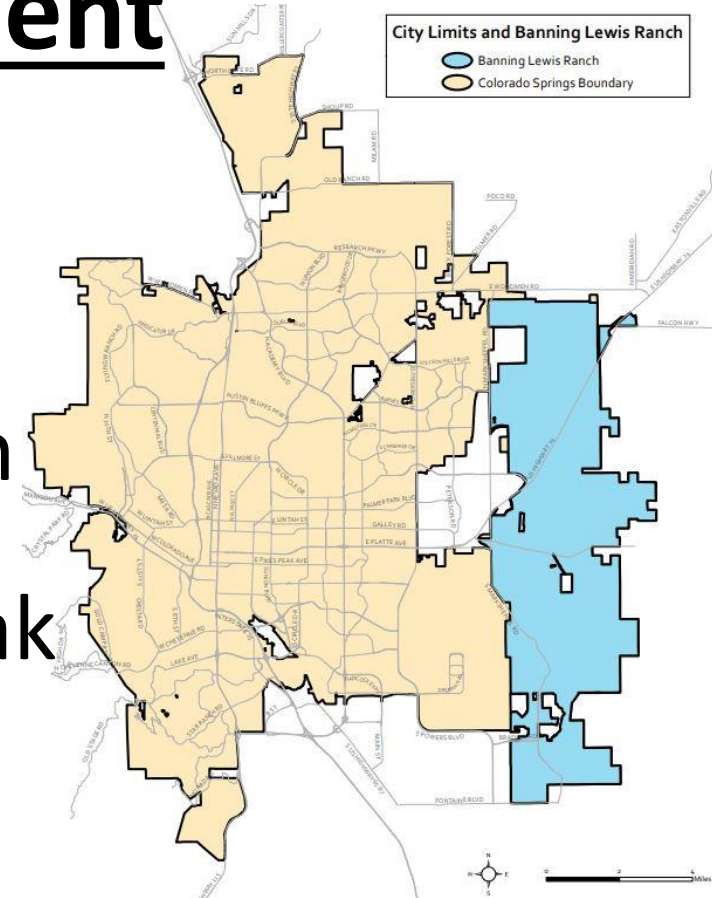
- Reviewed 2018 City Council agendas
- Reviewed calendars for Town Halls and other well attended community events
- Received Council input throughout process

# Highlights



## Growth and Development

- Banning Lewis Ranch Annexation Amendment
- Urban Renewal Downtown
- C4C and the new Pikes Peak Summit House



# Highlights



## Community Engagement

- Public Engagement Meetings
  - Homelessness Initiative Town Halls
  - PlanCOS
- Community Events
  - Luncheons, neighborhood meetings, city employee events, award ceremonies and political gatherings
  - Speaking to groups at City Hall and speaking to students
  - Gary M. Bostrom Reservoir Site dedication



# Highlights



## Ordinances and Resolutions

- **Ordinances:** 126 passed by City Council and signed by Mayor Suthers
  - **Resolutions:** 164 adopted by City Council
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- Cracking down on bad landlords
  - Banning streamside camping
  - Appropriating \$500,000 for additional shelter beds
  - Short Term Rentals
  - Wildlife Feeding Ordinance

# Additions



- Q&A with Council Member Bennett
- Photos from community engagement events
- Feedback from today's meeting







# Colorado Springs City Council



## Report to the Citizens

2018

the State of the State with former Governor John Hickenlooper (Feb. 2), The Pikes Peak—America's Mountain Tour for City Council (May 14), State of the City with Mayor John Suthers (Sept. 21), Legislative Reception to meet and greet State lawmakers (Oct. 24) and the Boards & Commissions Volunteer Reception (Dec. 4) to show appreciation for the citizens serving on City Council Boards.



Gary M. Bostrom Reservoir Site Dedication on April 27

A special moment for current and past City Council Members alike was the Gary M. Bostrom Reservoir Site Dedication on April 27. Bostrom passed away unexpectedly in August of 2017 after spending three decades dedicated to water services in the Pikes Peak region, and was an integral part in completing the Southern Delivery System. Originally deemed the Upper Williams Creek Reservoir, Colorado Springs Utilities decided to dedicate the site to Bostrom. The future reservoir is an important piece for ensuring a safe, reliable water supply for generations to come which is consistent with the legacy left by Gary.

City Council Members will also take time to speak with students taking a tour of City Hall or go to schools throughout Colorado Springs to teach students about local government. If you would like a tour of City Hall or want a Council Member to speak at a school or community event please reach out to City Council Communications Specialist Ted Skroback at 719-385-5482 or [tskroback@springsgov.com](mailto:tskroback@springsgov.com)

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### • By the numbers 2018

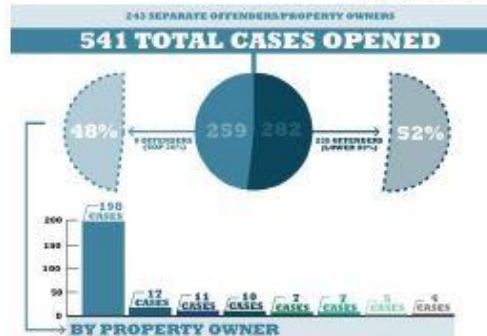
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- **Cracking down on bad landlords—** Constituent concerns voiced to Neighborhood Services and City Council about rampant code violations in some multi-family residential rental properties led to an important change for the City. Previously, an individual rental unit would be cited for a code violation, but with the passing of a series of ordinances by Council in April, City Code is changed to track violations by property owner and adds heftier fines.

### MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING ANALYSIS CASE BREAKDOWN

CODE CASES REPORTED AND ANALYZED ■ JUNE 27, 2017-OCTOBER 31, 2017  
120 days, which equal 35% of the year



An analysis of housing complaint cases made to code enforcement between June 27, 2017 and October 21, 2017 show that eight residential rental property owners account for 48 percent of the total housing complaints received by Neighborhood Services. This analysis seems to support that a small number of property owners are disproportionately responsible for housing code violations throughout the City.



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