

ORDINANCE NO. 24 - _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6 (TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKS PROGRAM) OF CHAPTER 4 (PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKS PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Section 103 (Citizens Advisory Committee) of Part 1 (General Provisions) of Article 6 (Trails, Open Space and Parks Program) of Chapter 4 (Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

4.6.103: CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

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D. No later than the year 2024~~5~~, the advisory committee shall draft language for and recommend to the City Council a ballot measure which shall be referred to the electors of the City concerning renewal of this article.

Section 2. Part 2 (Deposit and Expenditure of Revenues) of Article 6 (Trails, Open Space and Parks Program) of Chapter 4 (Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

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4.6.202: DEPOSIT AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES:

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F. Open Space Lands Account: Of the revenues distributed hereunder, after deductions for planning as described in subsection A of this section, a minimum of sixty percent (60%) shall be used only for the acquisition, **maintenance** and stewardship of new open space lands as provided herein.

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5. Of the revenues in the Open Space Lands Account, a minimum of seventy five percent (75%) shall be used only for acquisition of new open space land, and no more than twenty five percent (25%) shall be used for maintenance of City-owned open space lands regardless of how acquired or stewardship of City-owned open space lands acquired by the fund.

G. Use For Trails: Of the revenues received from the sales and use tax and other revenue sources, after deductions for planning as described in subsection A of this section, a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the revenues may be used to acquire an interest in new open space land for new trails within the City, **and for-including** the construction, acquisition and maintenance of **City-owned trails regardless of how acquired**, and to join in partnerships with El Paso County, neighboring counties and municipalities incorporated therein, recreational districts or other governmental entities or land trusts, or with private individuals, corporations or entities, as would benefit the City residents by completing trail plans as they exist as of the passage of this article. Recreational capital improvements shall be limited to the purposes described in section 4.6.101 of this article.

H. Use For Parks: Of the revenues received from the sales and use tax and other revenue sources, after deductions for planning as described in subsection A of this section, a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the revenues may be used to acquire an interest in new open space land for new park areas, including the construction and acquisition, ~~(but not maintenance)~~ of new park area recreational capital improvements for the use and benefit of the public. Recreational improvements shall be limited to the purposes described in section 4.6.101 of this article. Any funds or other revenue received pursuant to this article that is spent on existing lands owned by the City may be spent to acquire, construct, establish and maintain new parks and related facilities thereon as are described in section 4.6.101 of this article and to maintain and renovate all City parks.

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4.6.204: EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION DATE:

This article shall become effective and in force at one minute past midnight (12:01) A.M. on July 1, 1997, and shall expire at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight on December 31, 20425, unless renewed by a vote of the electors of the City; and upon expiration, all monies remaining in any of the funds created hereunder may continue to be expended for the purposes set forth until completely exhausted.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 4. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Finally passed: _____

Randy Helms, Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved on _____.
- Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Blessing A. Mobolade, Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk