

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECREATIONAL USE OF  
ROSEMONT RESERVOIR AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs ("City") on behalf of its enterprise Colorado Springs Utilities ("Utilities") owns the real property commonly known as the Rosemont Reservoir State Wildlife Area, which is more particularly described and depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto, (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of adjudicated rights for the storage of water for domestic consumption in the reservoir located upon the Property ("Rosemont Reservoir" or the "Reservoir"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is part of Utilities' watershed areas; and

WHEREAS, Utilities has entered into a lease agreement, as amended from time to time, with the State of Colorado, acting by and through the Department of Natural Resources, for the use and benefit of the Division of Parks and Wildlife and the Parks and Wildlife Commission to manage the Property and Reservoir for the purposes of managing the Reservoir's fishery, allowing public fishing and wildlife viewing, and wildlife habitat management and improvement; and

WHEREAS, City Code § 12.4.805 provides that the "City may provide by agreement for the use of City reservoirs by the Colorado Division of Wildlife for the division's spawn taking and fish propagation management practices. Persons entering upon watershed areas of the City or taking fish from reservoirs of the City pursuant to any agreement shall not be subject to the prohibitions against the activities set out in this part"; and

WHEREAS, City Code § 12.4.804 provides that "City Council may allow watershed areas and reservoirs of the City to be used for public recreational purposes provided that the use is legally allowable and consistent with the maintenance of proper health, safety, fire protection and conservation standards"; and

WHEREAS, Utilities would like to expand the authorized public recreational uses of the Property and Rosemont Reservoir to include recreational uses such as camping, contained campfires, picnicking, use of non-motorized watercraft, and other similar or related public recreational uses, subject to proper management and implementation of best management practices by Utilities, consistent with the maintenance of proper health, safety, fire protection and conservation standards with respect to the recreational uses of the Property and Reservoir.

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

Section 1. That City Council hereby finds that allowing public recreational uses of the Property and Rosemont Reservoir, subject to proper management and implementation of best management practices by Utilities, is consistent with the maintenance of proper health, safety,

fire protection and conservation standards.

Section 2. That City Council hereby authorizes the use of the Property and Rosemont Reservoir for public recreational purposes, such as camping, contained campfires, picnicking, non-motorized watercraft, and other similar or related public recreational uses, provided that Utilities is responsible for the proper management and implementation of best management practices, consistent with City Code, to ensure the proper health, safety, fire protection and conservation standards are applied and upheld with respect to the recreational uses of the Property and Rosemont Reservoir.

Section 3. That City Council acknowledges that Utilities may enter into one or more agreements with other entities to manage the recreational uses of the Property or Rosemont Reservoir, provided that Utilities continues to ensure that the recreational uses of the Property and Rosemont Reservoir remain consistent with the maintenance of proper health, safety, fire protection and conservation standards.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

# Exhibit A



 <p>Colorado Springs Utilities it's how we're all connected</p> <p>ADVANCED GEOMATICS 1521 Hancock Expy. Colorado Springs, CO 80947</p>	<h2>EXHIBIT A</h2> <p><b>NOTE :</b> THIS SKETCH DOES NOT REPRESENT A MONUMENTED LAND SURVEY AND IS ONLY INTENDED TO DEPICT THE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Drawn by: J. SAKARIASON</td> <td>Date: 01/08/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Checked by: P. CLIFTON</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Drawn by: J. SAKARIASON	Date: 01/08/2026	Checked by: P. CLIFTON	
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