

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - 26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL RECREATION ACTIVITIES ON UTILITIES-CONTROLLED WATERSHED AREAS AND RESERVOIRS

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs (the “City”), by and through its enterprise Colorado Springs Utilities (“Utilities”), operates water systems throughout the State of Colorado to collect, store, and transport water to provide a safe and secure municipal water supply to the citizens of Colorado Springs, including watershed areas and reservoirs (“watershed areas and reservoirs”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter § 15-110, City Council may allow the Northfield watershed to be used for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter § 15-120, City Council may allow the North Slope watershed to be used for recreational purposes, such as access and service roads, sanitary facilities and parking, recreational and camping areas, provided the use is legally allowable and consistent with the maintenance of proper health, safety, fire protection, and conservation standards: and

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

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes the value of allowing commercial recreation in the watershed areas and reservoirs, because commercial recreation will: (1) enhance security measures and strengthen infrastructure protection to safeguard critical assets; (2) support public recreational access opportunities that align with Utilities’ core operations and are financially and environmentally sustainable: and (3) ensure adequate resource allocation for the sustainable management of the watershed areas and reservoirs.

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

Section 1. In accord with City Charter §§ 15-110 and 15-120 and City Code §12.4.804, City Council hereby authorizes commercial recreation on Utilities-controlled watershed areas and reservoirs, subject to Utilities’ oversight and provided that such uses are consistent with the maintenance of proper health, safety, fire protection and conservation standards.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk