

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLORADO SPRINGS APPROVING THE SOUTHEAST
STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND COMMUNITY
STRATEGY, TOGETHER KNOWN AS THE SOUTHEAST
STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

WHEREAS, the Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan and Community Strategy ("Plan") is inclusive of six (6) neighborhoods: Spring Creek, Pikes Peak Park North and South, Southborough, Deerfield Hills, and Soaring Eagles; and

WHEREAS, community stakeholders, residents, property owners, and staff from the City of Colorado Springs ("City") have engaged in a rigorous, comprehensive, inclusive, transparent, and a collaborative planning process which has resulted in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is a document reflective of its community, produced throughout months of public engagement and solidifying a City-community partnership with the southeast area residents and leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Plan acknowledges the research and recommendations in numerous studies, such as the Southeast Plan, *Healthy People and Places Assessment* (2023), the *Academy Boulevard Corridor Great Streets Plan* (2011), the *El Paso County Needs Assessment* (2024) and other City infrastructure planning actions; and

WHEREAS, the Plan helps accomplish the goals in the City's Comprehensive Plan ("PlanCOS") of improving livability and safety while also encouraging neighborhood pride and reinvestment; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with current and ongoing City initiated community plans including: Parks System Master Plan, ConnectCOS Transportation Plan, 2050 Regional Transit and Specialized Transit Plans, and the Colorado Springs Bike Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City's Unified Development Code (UDC), City Code § 7.5.706 states that neighborhood plans should guide land use recommendations for the neighborhoods they address; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2026, pursuant to the City Code § 7.1.103, the City of Colorado Springs City Planning Commission held a public hearing and found that the Plan is consistent with PlanCOS and recommended its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the evidence presented in support of the Plan and Community Strategy, the Staff Report, PlanCOS, the Steering Committee endorsement, the City Planning Commission recommendation, City staff recommendations, and has given appropriate weight to the evidence; and

WHEREAS, following duly given public notice, the City Council held a public hearing on July 28, 2026 at which all written comments received by the City Council were considered and all persons present were afforded the opportunity to be heard.

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

Section 1. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and are adopted as findings and determinations of the City Council in support of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council finds and determines that the boundaries of the Plan area are those boundaries described in the Introduction section of the Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan.

Section 3. The City Council finds and determines that the Plan will be used as a basis for consideration for development of public facilities and other improvements to public or private property. The City Council further finds that the Plan, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, will promote economic growth and opportunity and implement such physical changes appropriate within the plan area.

Section 4. City Council further recommends that upon adoption, this Plan be utilized, as appropriate, to guide and inform the community with respect to the City's Strategic Plan goals and objectives, updates to other planning studies, and any necessary ordinances in support of the Plan.

Section 5. City Council finds and determines that the Plan presented to City Council on July 28, 2026, has been duly reviewed and considered by City Council, is hereby adopted by the City Council, and incorporated in this Resolution by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk