

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-1-13 OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FIRES AND GRILLS IN PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE AREAS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

Section 10-1-13 – “Unlawful Acts” of the Pueblo Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: [brackets] indicate matter being deleted; **underscoring** indicates new matter being added.

Sec. 10-1-13. – Unlawful Acts.

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(3) [Building fires except in fireplaces provided therefor. A charcoal blaze may be kindled in a portable charcoal brazier, but care shall be taken that live coals are guarded and completely extinguished before leaving the same.] **Building, igniting, or allowing to burn, a fire, including a charcoal fire. Use of a portable propane camp stove is permitted if the stove's propane tank has a capacity of twenty pounds or less. Notwithstanding the foregoing, more stringent fire restrictions, including bans, issued by the Fire Chief, shall apply to, and supersede, any fires or stove use in the park that are otherwise allowed by this subsection.**

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SECTION 2.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with this Ordinance and to implement the policies and procedures described therein.

SECTION 3.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after final action by the Mayor.

Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on _____, 2026.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on _____, 2026.

APPROVED _____

President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

Approved on _____, 2026.

Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:

Mayor

Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:

Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.

Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of _____ to _____, on _____

Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

President of City Council

ATTEST

City Clerk



Background Paper for Proposed Ordinance

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 27, 2026

TO: President Mark Aliff and Members of City Council

CC: Mayor Heather Graham

VIA: Clyde Bishop, City Clerk

FROM: Steven Meier, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-1-13 OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FIRES AND GRILLS IN PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE AREAS

SUMMARY:

Attached for consideration is an ordinance amending Pueblo Municipal Code Section 10-1-13 – “Unlawful Acts” to prohibit charcoal grills and fires in all parks and park properties, which include trails and open space.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

Section 10-1-13 specifying prohibited actions in Pueblo parks and park properties was originally codified in 1982. It is unknown if the relevant provisions pertaining to grills have been updated since the original ordinance was enacted.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Section 10-1-13(e)(3) prohibits building fires, but expressly allows fires in fireplaces. It also permits portable charcoal grill use in public parks.

With ongoing and future improvements planned along the Arkansas River Corridor, it is in the City’s best interest to safeguard these natural areas—and the surrounding neighborhoods—from the risk of wildfires caused by negligent behavior from park visitors. Proactive protection measures will help preserve the ecological health of the corridor, ensure public safety, and support the long-term success of the City’s investment in its vital recreational and environmental resources.

This Ordinance would prohibit all fires in public parks and park properties and prohibit the use of charcoal grills within these same areas. Portable propane grills would still be permissible, under certain conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for the City.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Not Applicable.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Not Applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may reject this Ordinance and Section 10-1-13 will remain in effect in its current form.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council adopt this Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance

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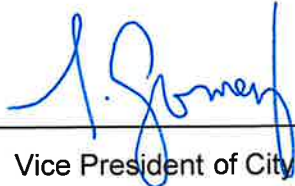
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Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on April 13, 2026.


Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on April 27, 2026.

APPROVED 
Vice President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

Approved on 4-30, 2026.

Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:


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