

CASTLE ROCK WATER

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.12 OF THE CASTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO CAMPING AND WASTE WITHIN FLOOD PRONE AREAS FOR PROTECTION OF CLEAN WATER – FIRST READING

JUNE 6, 2023



CLEAN WATER ORDINANCE

BACKGROUND

- Influx of unauthorized camping and temporary shelters in and near waterways
- Uncontrolled refuse accumulation and human waste that come in contact with runoff
- Destruction of open space areas
- Wildfire hazard



Unauthorized temporary bunker burns near East Plum Creek

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GOALS

- Protect clean water supplies from contamination
- Protect health and safety of the public
- Prevent loss of life due to drowning
- Reduce flood risk from clogged storm drains
- Protect public and private property and infrastructure
- Required by MS4 Permit
- Consistent with National Park Service Regulations



Garbage at a camp along East Plum Creek

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

- Prohibit camping and waste deposit within 100 feet of floodplains and in storm drains
- Prohibit sleeping in the same
- Violators will have 12 hours to vacate
- Prohibit the deposit of waste in and near floodplains
- Consistent with Town of Parker and City of Colorado Springs
- Douglas County considering similar ordinance



Temporary dwelling within a storm drain

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IMPLEMENTATION

- Seek cooperative relocation and offer resources
- Abandoned camps are posted for 72 hours
- Hazardous materials and garbage is properly disposed of
- Unclaimed items are removed by contractor and held for 60 days prior to disposal
- Town has expended over \$23,000 in cleanup efforts since July 2022



Patrol Officers engaging at an encampment along the creek

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff
- Water Commission
- Questions



Sellars Gulch in Downtown Castle Rock



RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to approve Ordinance #2023-013 on First Reading as introduced by title."

ALTERNATIVE MOTIONS:

"I move to approve Ordinance #2023-013 on First Reading, with the following conditions or changes: (list conditions or changes)."

"I move to continue this item to the Town Council meeting on ____date to allow additional time to (list information needed)."