



Town Manager's Office

August 20, 2018

Superintendent Thomas S. Tucker, Ph.D
Douglas County School District
620 Wilcox Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104

Dear Mr. Tucker:

As mixed-use areas become commonplace in new developments, many municipalities have chosen to eliminate or modify the 500-foot distance restriction for liquor-licensed establishments in relation to schools. The Castle Rock Economic Development Council requested the Town to look into such a modification, as is allowed by State Statutes.

Town staff is planning to present to Town Council at its September 18, 2018, meeting an ordinance to eliminate the 500-foot restriction moving forward. **Existing schools would not be impacted by this proposed Code amendment and would retain the protection of a 500-foot distance from any new liquor-licensed establishment** (*See Attachment A – List of Existing Schools*). The proposed change would only impact a new school that wants to build in, or adjacent to, a business-zoned district. Liquor-licensed establishments are not allowed in residential-zoned areas, so future schools in those areas would remain protected as long as they are at least 500 feet from a business zoned property.

Under CRS 12-47-103(32), schools are defined as *any public, parochial, or nonpublic school that provides a basic academic education ... for students in grades one to twelve*. This is further defined under CRS 22-33-104(2)(b), which states: *enrolled for a minimum of 172 days in an independent or parochial school, which provides basic academic education ... by an independent or parochial school, including but not limited to, communication skills of reading, writing and speaking, mathematics, history, civics, literature, and science*. Town staff performed an inventory of existing schools that would maintain the 500-foot protection (see attached).

Many municipalities have chosen to eliminate or modify the 500-foot distance restriction between new schools and liquor-licensed establishments, as to not diminish that allowed use in business-zoned areas. The desire for this modification has increased as more charter schools are being built in areas where zoning allows liquor establishments including restaurants, wine bars, brewpubs and stores that sell liquor for off-premise consumption. As the Town continues to grow, there could be instances where a school may be built adjacent to a business-zoned area, which could impact this allowed use if the proposed change is not implemented.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

Chapter 5.08 of the Castle Rock Municipal Code is amended to add a new Section 5.08.015 entitled Location of premises, to read as follows:

- A. Except as provided in subsection B, the distance restrictions imposed by C.R.S. § 44-3-313(1)(d), as amended, prohibiting the sale of alcohol beverages within 500 feet of any public, parochial, or non-public school or the principal campus of any college, university, or seminary are eliminated.
- B. The distance elimination in subsection A shall not apply to public, parochial, or non-public schools in operation as of October 31, 2018.

We welcome your feedback about this issue. Feel free to contact our offices via letter, or by email to TownManager@CRgov.com. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David L. Corliss
Town Manager

**Public, Charter, Private and Parochial Schools in Castle Rock
As of October 31, 2018**

	NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP CODE	PHONE	Grades
Alternative	Renaissance Magnet School	3960 Trail Boss Lane	80104	(303) 387-8000	K-6
Alternative	Daniel C. Oakes High School	961 Plum Creek Boulevard	80104	(303) 387-0650	K-12
Charter	Aspen View Academy Charter School	2131 Low Meadow Blvd	80109	(720) 733-3436	PK-8
Charter	World Compass Academy	2490 South Perry Street	80104	(303) 814-5261	K-5
Charter	Academy Charter School	1551 Prairie Hawk Drive	80109	(303) 660-4881	K-8
Charter	Renaissance Secondary School	3954 Trail Boss Ln	80104	(720) 689-6120	K-12
Charter	Ascent Classical Academy	3565 Celestial Avenue	80109	(720) 840-3256	K-12
Elementary	Castle Rock	1103 Canyon Drive	80104	(303) 387-5000	K-6
Elementary	Clear Sky	1470 Clear Sky Way	80109	(303) 387-5900	K-6
Elementary	Flagstone	104 Lovington Street	80104	(303) 387-5225	K-6
Elementary	South Ridge	1100 South Street	80104	(303) 387-5075	K-6
Elementary	Rock Ridge	400 North Heritage Road	80104	(303) 387-5150	K-6
Elementary	Sage Canyon	2420 Autumn Sage Street	80108	(720) 433-0110	K-6
Elementary	Meadow View	3700 Butterfield Crossing	80109	(303) 387-5425	K-6
Elementary	Soaring Hawk	4665 Tanglevine Drive	80109	(303) 387-5825	K-6
Middle	Castle Rock	2575 Meadows Boulevard	80109	(303) 387-1300	7-8
Middle	Mesa	365 North Mitchell Street	80104	(303) 387-4750	7-8
High	Castle View	5254 North Meadows Drive	80109	(303) 387-9000	9-12
Private	Castle Rock Christian Academy	4881 Cherokee Dr.	80109	(303) 688-0777	PREK-8
Private	Kings Way Christian Academy	4760 Castleton Way	80109	(303) 484-9737	PREK-8
Private	Castle Academy	3760 Dacoro Lane	80109	(303) 615-3240	K-5
College	Arapahoe Community College	4700 Castleton Way	80109	303-660-3160	