

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019 **ITEM NUMBER:** 9.C.
SECOND READING: July 09, 2019 **O-2019-37**
TYPE OF ITEM: Consent
PRESENTED BY: Kimberlee McKee, LDDA Executive Director; Shawn Lewis, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE: A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 13.20 of the Longmont Municipal Code on Public Lands

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: On April 16, the Longmont Downtown Development Authority reported on a number of ongoing initiatives to improve safety and the general appearance of downtown. One policy proposal was to apply 12 rules found in the Public Lands Ordinance to the six downtown breezeways and associated microplazas. LDDA and City staff believe application of these rules will help make the breezeways safer and more welcoming, as well as give Rangers the ability to enforce certain rules that cannot currently be enforced. Following subsequent discussions on May 14 and May 21, City Council approved a motion to bring back the ordinance for first reading on May 28. The ordinance and related map are attached.

COUNCIL OPTIONS: Approve the ordinance; modify and approve the ordinance; take no action/reject the ordinance

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS: Approve the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

Relationship to Council Work Plan

Section B: Vision for Longmont's Places

In 20 years, Longmont will have a developed Main Street from Pike Road to Highway 66, and a river corridor that stretches from the Sugar Mill to the Fairgrounds as a vibrant economic, residential, cultural and entertainment epicenter that is sustainable and respects the natural environment. This area will:

- Goal B1: Have a diverse housing stock with higher densities, access to high quality public transportation, food and jobs
- Goal B3: Become a nationally recognized geographic center of science, technology, engineering, education, arts, and entrepreneurialism

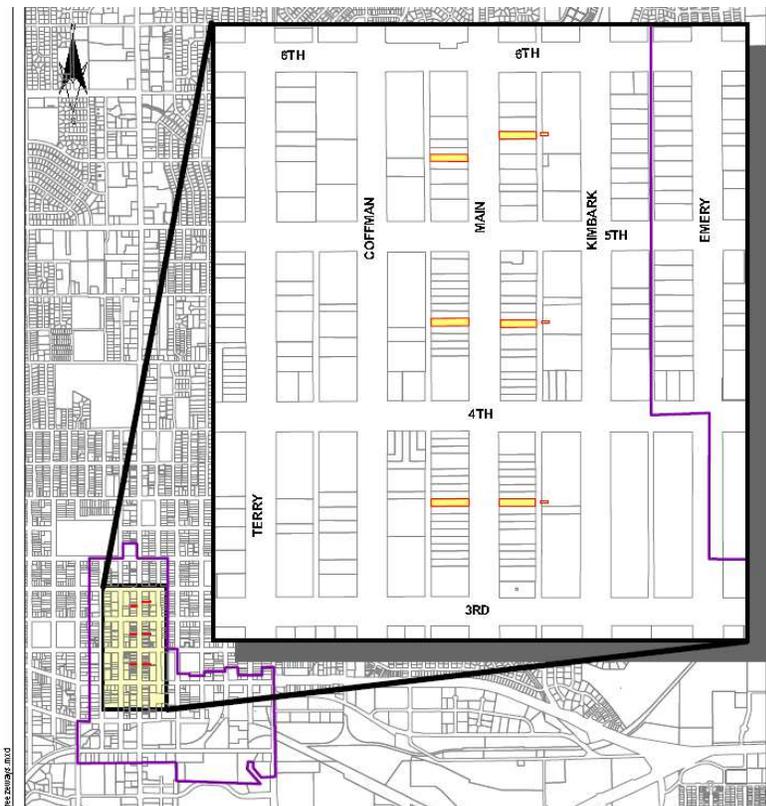


The continued redevelopment and vitalization of Downtown is based in large part on ensuring that the area is well maintained and safe. The updates and policy proposals herein are aimed at improving the maintenance of the physical components of Downtown and improving the health and safety of all people who visit, work or live in Downtown. In turn, this will help achieve items B1 and B3 to create a vibrant economic, residential, cultural, and entertainment district of the city.

Which Public Lands Ordinance Rules Would Apply?

- Entering areas that are closed to the public
- Violating properly posted rules
- Parking in areas not designated for parking
- Using an inflatable bouncer
- Erecting a climbing wall
- Placing power cords across the walkways
- Selling or consuming alcohol (without a permit)
- Selling tangible or intangible goods (without a permit)
- Building a fire outside of city-provided pit
- Discharging explosives or fireworks
- Violating the noise ordinance
- Depositing or leaving litter outside of receptacles

What are the Areas Where These Rules Would Apply?



In short, six breezeways and associated microplazas (highlighted areas in the blown up section of the map to the left). The total number of linear feet of these areas is about 1,000 feet of the downtown.

Why Are These Changes Needed?

- Downtown breezeways have become after hours hangouts for late night bar patrons. As noted by downtown resident Jon Schallert during the April 16 Study Session meeting, often times, the “party” continues in breezeways and plazas when bars close at 2:00 AM.

- There has been intermittent loitering and sleeping in breezeways in recent years. Downtown businesses have called Police on occasion to ask for help moving people out of doorways so they can enter their building.
- After hours loitering by bar patrons has led to property damage in the plazas. Artwork, planters, landscaping, sprinkler systems and other systems have undergone repairs as a result of late night revelry in the breezeways and microplazas.

Applying select Public Land Ordinance rules to these areas of downtown provides police and Rangers with additional tools to ensure the downtown area is safe and maintained 24-hours a day.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance

Map