

PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE PALMER LAKE TOWN CODE BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF PALMER LAKE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the Palmer Lake Municipal Code, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of the citizens and visitors of the Town, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is desirable to adopt rules and regulations relating to the use of Palmer Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A new Chapter, Chapter 12.10, is hereby created to read in its entirety as follows:

Chapter 12.10 Palmer Lake Rules and Regulations.

12.10.010 Posting of Rules. The following rules of conduct relative to Palmer Lake shall be communicated on the Town of Palmer Lake website and posted at the Lake area.

1. Lake hours shall be from 5 AM to 9 PM daily.
2. Use Lake at own risk.
3. No glass containers.
4. No littering.
5. Any person sixteen (16) years of age or older is required to have a valid fishing license when fishing on the Lake (Colorado Parks and Wildlife enforce all fishing regulations).
6. It is unlawful to fish from or have any watercraft within 50 feet of posted habitat areas.
7. All camping is prohibited.
8. All campfires of any nature on any lands, including all shoreline areas of the Lake, are strictly prohibited.
9. The use of grills or other cooking devices are strictly prohibited.
10. Drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited.
11. All pets must be on a leash and under control at all times; pet owners must clean up after their pets.
12. Motorized vehicles, including automobiles and motorcycles, must be licensed and remain only on designated roadway.
13. Parking is limited to designated parking spots only. Overflow parking is available at the west side public parking lot.

14. Any and all types of motors or fuels are not permitted on the Lake.
15. All watercraft must be launched from the shore and must have a flotation device for each person on board (C.R.S. 33-13-106(4.5)).
16. Watercraft on the Lake is limited to the number of persons allowable on particular watercraft.
17. All children under 13 years must wear proper life jacket while on watercraft (C.R.S. 33-13-106(4.5)).
18. The Town of Palmer Lake is not responsible for any damage to watercraft or other personal property at the Lake.
19. The Town reserves the right to prohibit use by anyone who abuses the Lake or interferes with the rights of others.
20. The Town reserves the right to restrict use on the Lake or close the Lake at any time in its sole discretion.
21. The Town of Palmer Lake does not specifically monitor ice thickness, entry onto ice covered portions of the Lake is at an individual's own risk.
22. Any request for commercial/for profit activity must make such request with the Town Clerk's office.

12.10.020 Exemption. Special events approved by the Town Board may be exempt from particular Lake rules, depending upon the event (i.e., liquor special event). Official Town vehicles and staff may be exempt from designated roadway and parking, as required for Town operations.

12.10.030 Enforcement. The rules may be enforced by the municipal court of the Town of Palmer Lake, which shall have the authority to impose punishment pursuant to the effective law of the state regarding the range of punishments which may be imposed by a municipal court of the state.

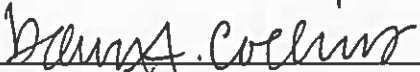
2. **Severability.** If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

3. **Repeal.** Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters embraced in this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this ordinance.


INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE ON THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO



Dawn A. Collins
Town Clerk/Deputy Administrator

BY: 

Mark Schuler
Mayor Pro Tem