



Shopping Cart Ordinance

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Introduction

- On January 27, 2025, City Council directed staff to create an ordinance prohibiting shopping carts.
- On February 18, 2025, PRG staff shared this topic with the Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee.

Current Shopping Cart Regulations

CCRMC section 6-2004 governs abandon shopping carts, which

- Prohibits abandoning shopping carts – 6-2004(c)
- Requires businesses that use shopping carts to register with the city – 6-2004(d)
- Requires each shopping cart to have owner identification – 6-2004(e)
- Identifies management of shopping carts as the owner's responsibility, including implementation of security measures – 6-2004(f)
- Requires the owner of an abandon cart to retrieve it within 48 hours notice – 6-2004(g)(1)
- Allows the city to recover costs for abandoned cart removal, plus a 15% administrative fee – 6-2004(g)(3)

Ordinance Changes

- Prohibits shopping carts in city public right-of-way, city parks, and city owned property.
- Changes the notice period for abandoned shopping carts to 24-hours.

Enforcement

- Park Rangers and Front Range Patrol can educate park users with shopping carts on the new rules and ask them to remove the shopping cart from the park.
- In instances where education is not effective to gain compliance, Rangers can issue a citation.
- Abandoned shopping carts can be removed from city property after 24-hours of issuing notice.



Discussion