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**Rules and Regulations Governing
Off-Leash Enclosures**



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Statement of Basis and Purpose

These rules and regulations are adopted pursuant to Chapter 8, Article II, Section 8-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code ("D.R.M.C.").

The regulation and control of Off-Leash Enclosures is necessary to protect public health and safety. The purpose of these rules and regulations is to define the operational standards for Off-Leash Enclosures.

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1.0 Definitions

- A. "Accessory Use" means a subordinate use, clearly incidental and related to the primary use of land, and, unless otherwise permitted by the Denver Zoning Code and Former Chapter 59 ("the Denver zoning codes"), located on the same zone lot as that of the primary use.
- B. "Attack" means violent or aggressive physical contact with a person or animal, or violent or aggressive behavior that confines the movement of a person, including, but not limited to, chasing, cornering, or encircling."
- C. "Board" means the Board of Public Health & Environment.
- D. "City" means the City and County of Denver.
- E. "Department" means the City and County of Denver Department of Public Health & Environment.
- F. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the City and County of Denver Department of Public Health & Environment or the Executive Director's designee.
- G. "Off-Leash Enclosure" means an Accessory Use comprised of a designated outdoor area, located on private property, limited in usage to an exclusive set of persons (e.g., only residents of an apartment complex or patrons of a commercial business), and where dogs may run off-leash.
- H. "Operator" means the person or persons who operate an Off-Leash Enclosure on private property.
- I. "Owner" means the person or persons who own the property on which the Off-Leash Enclosure is located.

2.0 Applicability and Exemptions

A. Applicability. These Rules and Regulations Governing Off-Leash Enclosures shall apply to the construction, ownership, and operation of an Off-Leash Enclosure, except as exempted in paragraph B of this Section 2.0.

B. Exemptions. The following are exempt from these Rules and Regulations:

- 1. Unobstructed Open Space associated with (a) Single Unit Dwelling uses, (b) Two-Unit Dwelling uses (Duplex), (c) Rowhouse, and (d) Multi-Unit Dwelling uses in a building permitted under the Row House building form standards in the Denver Zoning Code. All terms in this exemption are as defined in the Denver zoning codes.