

## RESOLUTION NO. 960

### A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ALCOHOL ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Boulder City Council has a responsibility to lead in addressing the critical issues of health, safety, and well being stemming from alcohol abuse within the city; and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is a multi-faceted social problem with many causes, requiring the efforts of the entire community to address; and

WHEREAS, Boulder is not alone in experiencing the impacts of alcohol abuse, as indicated by recent alcohol-related incidents in other communities; and

WHEREAS, leaders of the University of Colorado have re-committed to changing the prominence of alcohol in the culture of student life, and University officials have asked for support from the City in this effort; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boulder participates with the University of Colorado and community members on a University-City Oversight Committee to address issues of mutual concern, including alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, the University of Colorado Student Union and the City already cooperate in promoting personal responsibility among students through joint funding of the University Liaison, a position that provides education and outreach to support the quality of life of students who live off campus; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to influence beverage licensing policies, code enforcement and zoning and land use regulations are other areas where changes in City codes, programs or practices might compliment the efforts of the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, ways the City can address alcohol abuse should not focus simply on legal options but also on the City's human service and community education programs as well as partnerships with the University of Colorado, University of Colorado Student Union, Boulder County, the Boulder Valley School District, the Human Services Coordinating Council and others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOULDER:

The City of Boulder recognizes and encourages the University of Colorado's commitment to changing a culture among CU students in which high-risk use of alcohol is tragically too common, and the City of Boulder will cooperate with the University of Colorado's efforts.

The City of Boulder will address, to the extent it is capable, the health and safety issues associated with alcohol abuse in the greater community.

The City of Boulder will participate in community-wide efforts, involving both private and public sector leaders from throughout Boulder County and the region, to better understand the causes of alcohol abuse and consider appropriate, collaborative solutions.

The City of Boulder, as part of this community-wide effort, will undertake a review of City beverage licensing policies, code enforcement and zoning and land use regulations in order to identify the existing and relevant authorities available to the City. Staff shall propose policy and ordinance changes, if appropriate, to address identified concerns.

The City of Boulder will review the impacts of past efforts to address alcohol abuse and underage alcohol use, including an analysis of the unintended consequences of past efforts.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk on behalf of the  
Director of Finance and Record