



# Open Space and Mountain Parks “Overarching Issues”

## Voice and Sight Tag Program Enhancements

City Council Meeting  
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# Voice and Sight (Tag) Program Enhancements

- I. Background and Core Recommendations
- II. Fines, Revocation and Reinstatement
- III. Program Fees

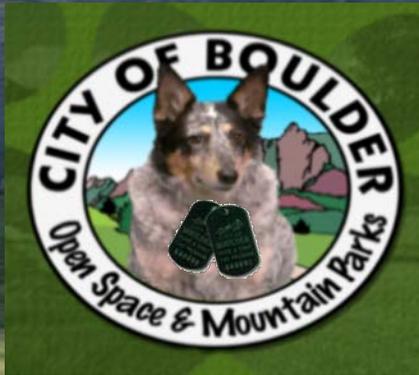




➔ *Opportunity for voice and sight control*

➔ *Voice and sight control that minimizes visitor conflict and resource impacts*



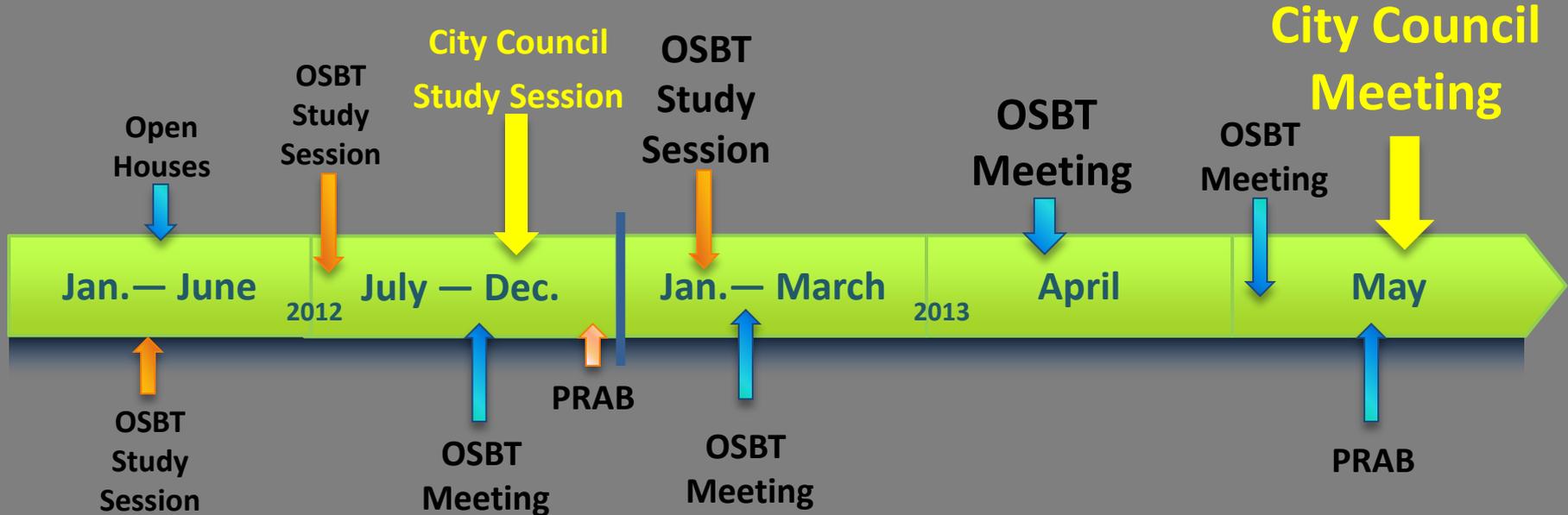


# Voice and Sight Tag Program “Tag Program”





# Voice and Sight Tag Program Timeline 2012 — 2013



# Recommended Tag Program Enhancements

- ➔ *Require attendance of an information session*
- ➔ *Expand community outreach and education*

# Information Session

- *Program expectations and requirements*
- *Interactive discussion*
- *Common situations*
- *Ways to reinforce good voice and sight control skills*



# Education and Outreach Strategies

- *Increase outreach about training opportunities*
- *Create refresher videos on requirements and etiquette*
- *Improve clarity and information on signs*



# Revised Tag Program Recommendations

- ➔ *Require proof of City of Boulder dog license or rabies vaccination*
- ➔ *Violation Fines, Revocation and Reinstatement*
- ➔ *Program Fees*

# Voice and Sight (Tag) Program Enhancements

II. Recommendations for fines, revocation and reinstatement



# Fine Amounts

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Fine Amount</b>
<b>Voice and Sight Tag Required (B.R.C. 6-13-2)</b>	<b>\$100 - maximum \$200 - maximum \$300 - minimum</b>
<b>Voice and Sight / Dog at Large (B.R. C. 6-1-16)</b>	<b>\$100 - maximum \$200 - maximum \$300 - minimum</b>
<b>City Manager's Rule (B.R.C. 8-3-3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Seasonal dog restrictions</li><li>•Dogs prohibited areas</li></ul>	<b>Bond Increase \$100</b>

# Violations Causing Revocation

## One Conviction:

- *Aggressive Animal Prohibited*
- *Failure to Protect Wildlife and Livestock*
- *City Manager's Rule → wildlife protection\**

# Violations Causing Revocation

## Two Convictions in Two Years:

- *Voice and Sight / Dog at Large*
- *City Manager's Rule → not singularly wildlife related*
- *Voice and Sight Tag Required*
- *Failure to Remove Excrement*

# New Violations

- Having a dog off leash when privileges are revoked
  - ➔ *Minimum \$300 fine and one-year revocation period*

- Chronic offenders:

*2 revocations in 3 years; or 3 revocations*



*5 year loss of privileges*



# Reinstatement Process

## Reinstatement of Privileges:

*Investigated alternative reinstatement paths*

- ➡ To determine dog and guardian ability
- ➡ Alternative when dog testing not necessary



# Reinstatement Process

## Reinstatement Paths:

- 1. Require retaking the information session and the voice and sight evaluation test*
- 2. Require retaking the information session*

## Trigger for the Paths:

- 1. One conviction**
- 2. Two convictions**





**Open Space Board of Trustees Recommendation:**  
Violations anywhere in the city's jurisdiction  
should count toward loss of Tag Program privileges

- *Aggressive animal*
- *Dogs chasing /injuring wildlife*

## What about “Two Conviction Violations”?

- *Off-leash violations in City Parks currently apply to revocation*
- *The addition of information session could help*

# Voice and Sight (Tag) Program Enhancements

## III. Program costs and fees



# Cost Estimate

## 1. Cost estimate:

- *Staff time*
- *Non personnel expenses*

## 2. Implementation will be over a two year period:

- *First year to prepare and develop enhancements*
- *Second year is the first full year of changes*

# Cost Estimate



## OSMP Staff Time:

	2013	2014	Ongoing
Existing Staff Time	\$207,000 2.4(FTEs)	\$128,000 1.5 (FTEs)	\$66,000 .8 (FTE)
Seasonal Positions	\$88,000 2.0 (FTEs)	\$109,000 2.5 (FTEs)	\$44,000 1 (FTE)
Total Staff Time	<b>\$295,000</b> <b>4.4 (FTEs)</b>	<b>\$237,000</b> <b>4.0 (FTEs)</b>	<b>\$110,000</b> <b>1.8 (FTEs)</b>

# Cost Estimate



	Implementation		Ongoing
	2013	2014	
Staff Time	\$295,000	\$237,000	\$110,000
Materials and Services	\$148,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 25,000
Yearly Cost	\$443,000	\$291,000	\$135,000
	\$734,000		\$135,000

## Material and Services:

- New online registration system
- Information sessions and revised video
- Tags, postage and mailing supplies

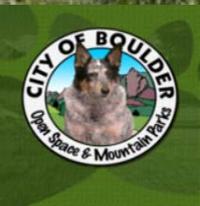
# Recommended Fees



<b>Fee</b>	<b>City of Boulder Residents</b>	<b>Boulder County Residents</b> <i>Outside the City of Boulder</i>	<b>Residents Outside Boulder County</b>
Program Registration	\$13	\$33	\$75
Annual Renewal	\$5	\$20	\$30
Additional Guardian	\$5		
Additional Dog	\$10		

# Recommendation:

- *The Voice and Sight Tag Program be modified with the program enhancements listed in Attachment A*
- *Authorize OSMP to expend an additional \$235,000 in 2013 for implementing the enhanced Voice and Sight Tag Program*



# Questions?



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