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Memorandum

To: Mayor & Council
From: David Reynolds
Re: Council Agenda Item – New Castle Trails Resolution
Date: 5/2/19

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the *New Castle Trails Group* summer event. *Rides and Reggae* will be held this summer on August 9th in Ritter Plaza and on August 10th in VIX Park as well as on BLM Property to the North of Town.

This annual event is hosted by the *New Castle Trails Volunteer Group* for the purpose of bringing attention to the Mountain Bike Trail System that extends into BLM Lands within easy reach of Town. *New Castle Trails* volunteers have worked hard over the past several years to establish a growing network of biking and hiking trails which help to serve our community members as well as visitors from outside of the area.

As this event has grown in size and popularity it has reached a point where it is beginning to look and feel like a celebration for the entire Town. The growing size of this event has also created questions around potential personal liability exposure for its organizers which have been managing this event under the umbrella of *New Castle Trails Group* which is a DBA of Roaring Folk Mountain Bike Association. As this event is designed to be a celebration of the Town's trail network, and bring awareness to the Town's expanding trail opportunities, the question is now being asked if it might be reasonable to designate *Rides and Reggae* as an official Town Event.

The resolution found in this agenda item proposes the following:

- ✚ Name the *Rides and Reggae Festival* as an official Town Function.
- ✚ Name Adam Cornely and Joseph Urnise as the *New Castle Trails Volunteers* responsible to administer this annual event.

Approval of this resolution would make the annual *Rides and Reggae Festival* an official Town event similar to Burning Mountain Festival or the Dirty Hog Dash. It would shift the event's liability burden

away from *New Castle Trails Volunteers* and move liability for the event to the Town. It is important to note that the idea is not to have Town Staff take over or manage the operations of this event, but to simply make official the idea that the Town is authorizing volunteers Adam Cornely and Joe Urnise from the *New Castle Trails Group* to hold this event on behalf of and for the benefit of the Town. *New Castle Trails Volunteers* shall plan, organize, and manage all aspects of this event. New Castle Trails Volunteers will be responsible to Town Council and the Town Administrator to present their planning and seek approval prior to hosting this event.

Proceeds from this event will be used for the permitting, events, mapping, construction, improvements, public awareness, maintenance and expansion of biking and hiking trails which will benefit the Town of New Castle.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. TC 2019-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE,
COLORADO ADOPTING NEW CASTLE RIDES AND REGGAE FESTIVAL AS AN
OFFICAL TOWN FUNCTION

WHEREAS, the volunteer group, New Castle Trails, has hosted the New Castle Rides and Reggae Festival event (“Event”) for the past two years to encourage residents and visitors alike to enjoy both the experience and culture of New Castle’s trails.

WHEREAS, the Event has grown in size and popularity for the enjoyment of the Town of New Castle (“Town”) and has become difficult for New Castle Trails to administer within its scope.

WHEREAS, the Event, due to its size and popularity, provides significant benefits to the Town, as do the volunteers who plan and execute the Event, and the Board believes it is desirable to support the Event and the volunteers whose efforts are instrumental to the success of the Event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings and determinations of the Town Council.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby designates the New Castle Rides and Reggae Festival as an official Town event.

Section 3. The Town Council hereby designates Adam Cornely and Joseph Urnise as authorized volunteers of the Town within the meaning of CRS Section 24-10-103((4)), while they are actually performing duties within the scope of their authority for the Event. Mr. Cornely and Mr. Urnise shall report to and be subject to supervision and control by the Town Clerk in the performance of such duties.

Section 4. Mr. Cornely and Mr. Urnise, in their capacity as authorized volunteers of the Town, shall select, train, supervise, and otherwise control additional volunteers to provide assistance in the planning and execution of the event. A log shall be kept of the names, contact information, and authorized duties of each such additional volunteer. Each such additional volunteer shall be considered to be an authorized volunteer of the Town within the meaning of CRS Section 24-10-103(4) while actually performing duties within the scope of his or her authority for the event.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

Mayor Art Riddile

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Melody L Harrison, CMC