



## TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTED POLICY

**SUBJECT: Timnath Reservoir Use**

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### ISSUE DATE

**March 25, 2014**

**Amended September 24, 2014**

**Amended May 26, 2015**

**Amended June 14, 2016**

**Amended August 9, 2016**

### EFFECTIVE DATE

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### INTENT

The Town leases Timnath Reservoir for the enjoyment of Timnath residents. The purpose of this policy is to outline the rules for Timnath Reservoir's use.

### POLICY

- I. **For Timnath Residents** – At this time, Timnath Reservoir will be restricted to the use and enjoyment for Timnath Residents and their guests.
- II. **Shore Use** – Shore use is defined as activities such as swimming from the designated beach area as it is developed, fishing from the shore or piers, picnicking and general recreation on the shore and adjacent Reservoir property. Any interpretation regarding what constitutes appropriate Shore Use shall be at the discretion of the Town Manager.
- III. **Surface Water Use** - Surface Water Use shall include motorized watercraft, non-motorized watercraft (trolling motors, as defined as 10 Hp motor less, shall be considered non-motorized watercraft for the purposes of this policy), fishing from a boat, water skiing, swimming from a boat. Surface Water Use does **not** include jet skis or inboard hydroplanes. Any interpretation regarding what constitutes appropriate Surface Water Use shall be at the discretion of the Town Manager.
- IV. **Boating Regulations**
  - a. Permits
    - i. **Annual permits** are available for any non-motorized (including trolling motored fishing boats, as defined as 10 Hp motor less) and motorized boats that require State of Colorado registration online or at Timnath

Administration Building 4800 Goodman Street, Timnath, CO 80457. A Town of Timnath boating permit is required to launch any boat and must be affixed to the right side of the boat. Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable. Non-resident family members of the permit holder may use the permit holder's boat but the permit holder is accountable for the actions of the boat driver.

1. The Town will issue one hundred (100) non-motorized and fifty (50) motorized boat permits per year on a first come first serve basis.
    - a. Non-Motorized Single boat permits will be \$25.
    - b. Non-Motorized household boat permits will be \$50 for a household with no limit on the number of non-motorized boats. Each non-motorized boat must have a permit sticker.
    - c. Motorized boat permits will be \$250 per year. Limit one motorized permit per household.
  2. Sale of permits will commence in the first week of January or upon adoption of this policy.
  3. Permit fees are for one year period ending December 31 of each year, regardless of when the permit is purchased. There will be no pro-rata discount for partial year permit purchases.
  4. All permit holders must be Timnath residents.
- ii. Day use permits are available for any non-motorized (including trolling motored fishing boats, as defined as 10 Hp motor or less) and motorized boats that require State of Colorado registration online or at Timnath Administration Building 4800 Goodman Street, Timnath, CO 80457. A Town of Timnath boating permit is required to launch any boat and must be available on the boat. Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable. Non-resident family members of the permit holder (permit holder must be a Timnath resident) may use the reservoir but the permit holder is accountable for the actions of the boat driver. Nonresident family members must be declared at the time of permit application.
1. Non-motorized single boat day permits will be \$10 per day and motorized will be \$50 per day.
  2. Sale of permits will commence upon adoption of this policy.
  3. All day use permits must be applied for by Timnath residents and must be present on the boat or with the non-motorized boat(s).
- iii. Late Season Pass. After Labor Day, season passes will be made available at a reduced rate of \$50 for motorized boats and \$20 for non-motorized boats. Late Season Passes are valid through December 31.
- iv. Permit Requirements. The following items must be presented when purchasing a permit.

1. Signed Timnath Reservoir Boating Permit Application (available online and attached to this policy).
2. Signed Timnath Reservoir Permit Agreement and Waiver (available online and attached to this policy).
3. Proof of residency in Timnath.
4. Driver's license (the number must be recorded on the permit application).
5. Current boat registration must be in Resident's name, except in cases of a day use permit, but a Timnath resident must be the permit holder in all cases.
6. Proof of insurance for motorized boats that include liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$300,000 per accident and \$100,000 per individual, including bodily damage. Binders, application, or receipts are not acceptable. A copy of the insurance certificate will be kept on file.

b. General Regulations

- i. No alcohol may be consumed on premises or on boats.
- ii. Visitors must not enter any private or restricted areas.
- iii. Motorized boat operations are limited to Thursday through Saturday and the first and third Sunday of the Month from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. or sunset, whichever is earliest. No boating, however, is allowed before dawn or after sunset. **Motorized boating is allowed on Mondays that are designated national holidays.**
- iv. Shore access is allowed 6:00 a.m. to sunset.
- v. No littering.
- vi. Dogs on leashes are permitted. Owners must cleanup dog waste.
- vii. No all terrain vehicles are permitted.
- viii. Playing on or entering irrigation ditches or mechanical buildings is prohibited.
- ix. No motor vehicles are permitted outside of the designated parking area.
- x. No camping or overnight parking is allowed, but recreational vehicles as defined in Town Code are allowed for day use only.
- xi. No fires unless otherwise permitted by the Town.
- xii. The Town reserves the right to alter these rules if there are problems, repeat violations or other issues. The Town reserves the right to ban individuals or groups or revoke privileges for the Reservoir Property for inappropriate behavior, unsafe boating, or prohibited activities.
- xiii. The Town reserves the right to alter hours of operation or other regulations for special events or other reasons.

c. General Boating Regulations

- i. All crafts requiring a permit must have:
  1. Coast Guard approved lifejackets for every person onboard.
  2. A paddling device and at least one buoyant cushion or life ring.
  3. An efficient whistle or other mechanical sound producing device.

4. At least one two pound (or higher) “B-1” extinguisher.
  - ii. Boats may not exceed one motor or 24 feet in length. The speed limit for motorized boats is 40 mph.
  - iii. All motorized boats must remain outside designated markers/buoys and 200 feet from shoreline with homes unless docking.
  - iv. No motorized boat shall launch from any point other than the boat dock.
  - v. Trailer parking is limited to the parking lot only.
  - vi. While a boat is moving, passengers must be seated and off gunwales and bows.
  - vii. No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a motorboat in this state unless they hold and have in their possession a boating safety certificate approved by the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. An inspection of your boat by any Colorado Division of Parks and Recreation staff member or police officer or sheriff deputy may be conducted at any time during the boating season.
  - viii. Low water levels should be checked before launching vessels.
  - ix. Due to water level fluctuations, please watch for debris. The Town is not responsible for damages associated with low water use.
  - x. When lightening is at a thirty (30) second count distance away, the reservoir will be closed. It is strongly recommended that you find shelter in your car. Thirty minutes after the last audible thunder the reservoir will reopen.
  - xi. All boat travel will be in a counterclockwise rotation.
  - xii. The reservoir is used for recreation purposes and agricultural irrigation supply. As in any natural body of water, microorganisms are present which may cause illness if ingested.
  - xiii. No private docks are allowed on the reservoir. No overnight storage on the reservoir property is allowed without the explicit consent of the Town Council.
  - xiv. There is a limit of ten (10) motorized boats on the reservoir at any one time.
  - xv. No motorized boats shall operate without mufflers or with through hull exhaust.
  - xvi. No loud speakers shall be used on the boat to communicate with water sport participants.
- d. Water Sports on Motorized Boats
- i. All water sports will abide by appropriate State of Colorado boating statutes and regulations.
  - ii. Boats towing water sport participants have right of way over other boats.
  - iii. Boats towing water sport participants must have a driver and an observer in the boat at all times. The observer must be at least 12 years of age and capable of handing the tow rope, flag and relaying water sport participant’s signals to the driver.

- iv. The observer must clearly display an orange or red flag at least 12 inches square when a skier/wake boarder is down. If a water sport participant falls, they should immediately give the “okay” hand signal.
- v. Water sports participants will respect non-motorized boats and will stay a safe distance from other boaters.
- vi. Boats will travel at “wakeless” speeds in and out of loading areas.
- vii. Participants must wear a lifejacket or a barefoot suit with a built-in floatation device.
- viii. Tow ropes will be no longer than 100 feet.