



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REPEALING RESTRICTIONS ON
ACCESS TO CITY OPEN SPACE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Louisville Municipal Code (“LMC”) § 4.04.060, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space (the “Director”), as the City Manager’s designee, is authorized to adopt administrative rules and regulations not inconsistent with and that supplement the provisions of Chapter 4.04 when such rules or regulations are determined necessary for wildlife, vegetation, or public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority in LMC § 4.04.060, on February 26, 2020, the Director adopted a temporary Administrative Regulation Concerning Access to City Open Space; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Administrative Regulation was to address wildlife and vegetation concerns and to protect and preserve the City’s open space lands consistent with the City Charter and Municipal Code by restricting construction of gates in fences along private property abutting City open space land; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Regulation was effective upon adoption and was to remain in effect for ninety (90) days in order to allow the City Council the opportunity to review potential amendments to the City’s open space, building, and zoning codes to address the issue as it deemed appropriate, with input from the Open Space Advisory Board, the Planning Commission, and the public during such legislative process; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the Administrative Regulation on February 26, 2020, members of the community expressed to the staff and City Council strong opposition to that regulation; and

WHEREAS, based on additional information received by staff, including from the public comment and regarding current and past open space management and wildlife practices, City staff is assessing measures to preserve and protect the open space lands by addressing the concerns raised by additional accesses to open space, other than by restricting gates on private property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
CONCERNING ACCESS TO CITY OPEN SPACE IS HEREBY REPEALED.**

ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 2020.

Nathan Mosley, Director
Parks, Recreation and Open Space