



City Council

August 5, 2025
Packet Addendum #1

From: [Jessica Bronson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: No tap fees for ADU's please
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 9:02:34 PM

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Hi,

I oppose an additional tap fee for ADU's. I am hoping to build an ADU on the back of my property. I am very excited about the possibility of my parents living right next door to my son and I. The project is already expensive and it feels like this is one more thing in our way that does not need to be there. Hooking up to utilities should not cost residents this much if you want to encourage new housing.

Thank you,

Jessica Bronson

From: [Stephanie Hempen](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: NO Tap fees
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 8:02:58 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Stephanie Hempen, and I'm a resident of Louisville. I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed sewer tap fee for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). I strongly encourage you **not to impose any additional utility tap fees** on ADUs.

ADUs are meant to provide flexible, small-scale housing options for families and individuals. Charging additional fees—especially when water and sewer connections already exist—creates a significant and unnecessary barrier to their construction and legalization. It also runs counter to the intent of the new state law and the excellent ordinance you recently passed to support ADUs in our community.

Thank you for your continued leadership and thoughtful decision-making on behalf of Louisville residents.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hempen 254 McKinley Park lane, Louisville

From: [tamar krantz](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Diana Langley](#)
Cc: [Hannah Miller](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Purpose of eliminating parking minimums is to reduce driving, too.
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 6:07:38 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

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Dear City Council Members,

Please consider that the purpose of the state law is two-fold. It is expected to lower costs for developers and frees space so they can build more housing on their lots. But it is also expected to encourage a transition away from cars in transit areas. As written, this will only lower costs for developers (and increase profit if coupled with density changes) but will not do anything to help us reduce car traffic.

Could you please include mandates to encourage alternative transit along with this ordinance? Or, could you direct staff to create a complimentary ordinance to address this issue? The city of Boulder approved an ordinance separate but complementary to the ordinance to reduce parking minimums city-wide. According to this [Boulder Reporting Lab story](#), Boulder will be implementing parking permit systems, a pilot program with paid parking with fees supporting free bus passes, and mandating e-bike charging outlets and larger space bike parking for cargo bikes. Other measures we could use to help with alternative transit could be requirements for ride-share pick up areas, bicycle storage enclosures, covered walkways to transit stops, ecopassess, or requirements for [measures used for LEED credits](#)? Though these measures will increase costs for developers, they will be more than offset by the savings from reduced parking requirements. Measures to increase car share and bike travel are especially important if you are going to reduce parking requirements city-wide and not just in transit areas.

I am copying my comment from July 7 below since it's not in the package for this meeting. Could you please look at the idealized and simplified graphic below my previous email? This ordinance alone will lead to a worse "after" picture not shown--one with more area covered with building, more mass, and potentially spillover parking.

Tamar Krantz
She/her

from: **tamar krantz** <tamarkrantz@gmail.com>
to: City Council <Council@louisvilleco.gov>
date: Jul 7, 2025, 6:50 PM

subject: Comment on tomorrow's Agenda Item 10F regarding elimination of parking minimums in some developments

Dear City Council Members,

Do you want to do the easiest thing? Pass this ordinance to change our codes to comply with the state law? The staff report states that it is unlikely we will see a dramatic reduction in parking spaces because developers will voluntarily create adequate parking so their units are marketable. The staff report also suggests that if we do end up with inadequate parking and spill-over effects we can simply make policy changes later.

Or do you want to look into the purpose of this state law and see how it can be best applied in Louisville? The legislative declaration of HB1304 states that minimizing parking will discourage vehicle ownership, reduce vehicle miles traveled, prevent GHG emissions, help us address our severe ozone nonattainment designation, reduce congestion, increase mass transit use, reduce impervious surfaces, decrease the need for parking structures, help small businesses, and decrease the cost for housing.

If your intent is the latter you can do more with this code change. I think you should amend the ordinance to make sure that the legislative objectives will actually be achieved in Louisville. You can set parking maximums. You can require that land that would have been devoted to parking be devoted for pedestrian use or impervious surfaces. You can require that new multi-family housing entrances are oriented towards public transit and include covered walkways to access ride share or transit stops. You can also require bicycle parking. I'm sure you have more ideas. I pasted a graphic below from <https://perfectfitparking.mapc.org/>. As you can see from the picture, eliminating parking can lead to buses, trees, and more housing units. Unfortunately compliance with HB1304 will not get us to the "after" picture below without you adapting this ordinance for our city.

Finally, I see the staff report notes that "denial of the ordinance will leave the City in violation of HB24-1304. This may result in loss of eligibility for state funding and create legal challenges for the City." I'm sure you are aware that the city of Lafayette and other cities are suing the state over this legislation. The Lawsuit filed by other municipalities against this legislation. It is linked in [this Denver Post Article](#). The article says that the plaintiff's claim the laws (including HB1313) , "unconstitutionally impinge on the authority of local governments to set their own land-use rules." Please discuss the implications of delaying compliance to express solidarity with these other jurisdictions.

Looking forward to your discussion before you opt for the easiest solution.

Tamar Krantz



Before



After

From: garyd@frii.net
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Ordinance Regarding Water and Sewer Tap Fees for ADUs
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 3:27:22 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi. I'm a resident of old Louisville and really appreciate your establishing a very helpful ordinance that allows ADUs in Louisville. It's supportive of having more affordable housing in Louisville. The additional ordinance 1900 regarding sewer connections and tap fees is very related. I would prefer that existing sewer connections could be shared with ADUs as well as the water connections. The small sizes of ADUs would probably limit them to being used by one or two people, which shouldn't add very much load to the City's drainage system. If you did agree with this proposal that there should be a fee to handle additional load on the system, it would seem that something like 25% of the current wastewater tap fees would be more appropriate than 80%.

Thanks for getting us to the policies we have now.

Gary Dunlap
741 Lincoln Avenue
Louisville

From: [Tiffany Boyd](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: NO TAP FEES for ADU's in Louisville
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 12:50:05 PM

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Dear Council,

My name is Tiffany Boyd and I live in Louisville. Thank you so much for serving our community on the City Council.

I am writing to ask you **not** to charge additional utility fee assessments for ADU's in Louisville.

These fees are inconsistent with the intent of the House Bill 24-1152 which was meant to increase housing in Colorado, especially in areas with single family occupancy.

As Louisville families look to offer affordable housing for renters on their own property, these fees would discourage people from taking the step towards completing an ADU.

Thank you,
Tiffany Boyd

From: [Kelly Kanner](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: NO TAP FEES for ADUs
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:28:19 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Council Members,

My name is Kelly Kanner, and I'm a resident of Louisville. I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed sewer tap fee for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). I strongly encourage you to **NOT impose any additional utility tap fee assessments on ADUs.**

ADUs provide our city with an opportunity for more diverse housing, and the flexibility to age in place with multi-generational family living. Charging additional fees when water and sewer connections already exist creates a significant and unnecessary barrier to their construction and legalization. Louisville would be the only town in our area to impose an extra fee, creating a new obstacle and ultimately making it harder to build an ADU for many residents and families.

Thank you for working hard to approve ordinances that make sense for Louisville. Please continue to support the construction of ADUs in Louisville by not imposing any additional utility fee assessments.

Sincerely,
Kelly Kanner

374 W Spruce Ln

From: [joy brook](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Parking
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 9:57:27 AM

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Please do not get rid of any minimum requirements for parking. Things are too crowded and we certainly need plenty of parking. Please think of the citizens and not the greedy developers.
Tane Mahuta E Tu!

Blessings to the Creator, trees! Stand Tall!

From: [Jeff Meier](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: No Tap Fees for ADUs
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 7:46:34 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

I live in Louisville and support the addition of ADUs for property owners that want to add additional housing
Please do NOT restrict their ability by charging unnecessary additional fees
Thanks for you efforts and leadership

Jeff Meier
970 948-6666

From: [Tawnya Somauroo](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: NO To tap fees for ADU"s
Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025 11:25:59 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Councilmembers,

I'm writing to urge you not to impose a sewer tap fee on accessory dwelling units (ADUs). When we rebuilt our home, we designed a space to be ADU-ready not as a luxury, but as a way to accommodate the changing needs of our family and community. So far, the space has been a wonderful asset. Our elderly parents have stayed for extended visits, and last year we hosted a friend on sabbatical from Greece along with his wife and young child for four months. Next year, a young adult niece may live with us for the summer. Someday, we might choose to rent it out or it could be a way for our own children to live with us as they enter adulthood. The flexibility is the whole point.

A sewer tap fee would deter us from completing the space as a full legal ADU, even though we've already invested in getting it 95% of the way there. The tap fee also runs counter to the spirit of the new state law, which is meant to encourage people to create this kind of housing in their homes. Many ADUs are used for family, not rentals, and imposing a one-size-fits-all utility fee ignores that reality. Among peer communities, Louisville would be alone in creating this kind of barrier. Please support residents like us who are trying to do the right thing by making room for loved ones and creating future flexibility.

Please vote no on the sewer tap fee!

Regards,

Tawnya Somauroo

From: [Cameo Martine-Stern](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Daniel Stern](#)
Subject: NO TAP FEES for ADU"s-Please
Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025 9:41:40 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As a longtime resident of Louisville, I care deeply about our community and its future. That's why I am urging you not to impose additional water/sewer tap fees on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

My family, like many others, views ADUs as a meaningful way to create flexible, lower-impact housing solutions for families, often aging parents or adult children. Adding new fees, especially when utility connections already exist, creates an unnecessary financial burden and directly undermines the spirit and intent of both the new State Bill and the thoughtful local ordinance you recently passed to support ADUs.

The proposed fee is inconsistent with the intent and spirit of the State Bill, which was meant to remove barriers to ADUs—not add them. Louisville would be the only community among our peers to impose an extra fee, creating a new obstacle and ultimately disincentivizing ADU development.

Thank you for your thoughtful leadership and for listening to the voices of residents like me.

Sincerely,

Cameo Martine-Stern & Daniel Stern

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From: [Elizabeth Ryterski](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: NO TAP FEES for ADU"s
Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025 7:04:53 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Elizabeth Ryterski, and I'm a resident of Louisville. I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed sewer tap fee for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). I strongly encourage you **not to impose any additional utility tap fees** on ADUs.

ADUs are meant to provide flexible, small-scale housing options for families and individuals. Charging additional fees—especially when water and sewer connections already exist—creates a significant and unnecessary barrier to their construction and legalization. It also runs counter to the intent of the new state law and the excellent ordinance you recently passed to support ADUs in our community.

Thank you for your continued leadership and thoughtful decision-making on behalf of Louisville residents.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Ryterski, 941 Garfield Ave, Louisville

From: [Carina](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Opposing ADU Tap Fees
Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025 6:52:04 PM

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Hello,

I've recently designed an ADU for a Louisville project and was excited to be able to take advantage of the new ordinance to make the guest house much more spacious. However, I was surprised at the extra cost.

Considering that the maximum square footage of the ADU can be capped at 800-1000sf, the fees seem rather high. Over \$5000 was asked of us for a sewer tap fee - the same amount required for a townhome unit.

I also applauded the city's recent program of allowing current illegal ADUs to be registered with no penalty but was struck questioning: Will existing owners be charged the new sewer tap fee? And would residents really feel incentivized to register their illegal ADUs or even build new ones if the sewer tap fees are so high?

It feels like the new ordinance would do little to entice owners to build an ADU if they're slapped with an additional 5 grand in fees.

The ordinance is a great way to bring even more people to this charming downtown area, but I think homeowners might feel as though they're being penalized for considering an ADU addition.

Thanks for your time and consideration. I'll be following the hearing about the new ADU ordinance and seeing how everything plays out.

All the best,
Carina Borunda

From: [Peter Stewart](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Andy Johnson](#); [Erik Hartronft J.](#); [Eric Ellis](#)
Subject: Fw: Tap fees for Accessory Dwelling Units
Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025 1:33:15 PM
Attachments: [Letter-Tap fees for Accessory Dwelling Units.pdf](#)

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Mayor and City Council members,
Regarding Agenda Item 8E.

The Council Meeting Packet for the forthcoming August 5th City Council meeting posted this week omitted our group letter (attached) in opposition to the proposed tap fees for ADUs. This omission may give Council the impression there is not public opposition to the proposal. This is not the case. In addition to our group's letter, numerous other members of the public expressed opposition to the additional fees throughout the ADU zoning hearings.

Please consider our, and other public comments, in opposition.

Thank you,

Peter Stewart, Stewart Architecture
Andy Johnson, DAJ Design
Erik Hartronft, Hartronft and Associates
Eric Ellis, Conscious Design

From: Peter Stewart
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 2:23 PM
To: City Council, Louisville <Council@louisvilleco.gov>
Cc: Kurt Kowar <kurtk@Louisvilleco.gov>
Subject: Tap fees for Accessory Dwelling Units

Mayor and City Council members,

Please see attached group letter from:

Peter Stewart, Stewart Architecture
Andy Johnson, DAJ Design
Erik Hartronft, Hartronft and Associates
Eric Ellis, Conscious Design

From: [Tim Grayson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Opposed to ADU tap fees
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 9:24:31 AM

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To Louisville City Council,

Thanks so much for your hard work and dedication to our city.

I am a Louisville resident and would like to express my opposition to imposing sewer tap fees for ADUs

The tap fees will discourage residents from complying with ADU regulations, discourage adding much needed housing, and many ADUs will simply be used as guest rooms for the primary residence regardless.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Tim Grayson

From: [Stephanie Grayson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Opposed to ADU tap fees
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 9:28:16 AM

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To Louisville City Council,

Thanks so much for your hard work and dedication to our city.

I am a Louisville resident and would like to express my opposition to imposing sewer tap fees for ADUs.

The tap fees will discourage residents from complying with ADU regulations, discourage adding much needed housing, and many ADUs will simply be used as guest rooms for the primary residence regardless. Given that 70% of Louisville is dedicated to single family residence land use, ADU's provide us an opportunity for more diverse housing, the ability to age in place, provide additional space for multi-generation living situation for family members, among many other opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Grayson

From: [Peter Stewart](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Diana Langley](#); [Cory Peterson](#); [Andy Johnson](#); [Eric Ellis](#); [Erik Hartronft J.](#)
Subject: Tap fees for ADUs, agenda item 8E
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 10:05:47 AM

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Mayor and City Council Members,

I want to highlight a couple points demonstrating the proposed additional tap fees for homes with ADUs are unwarranted and unnecessary.

Occupants per single-family homes:

The rationale for the fees is that homes with ADUs will have more household occupants than homes without ADUs. The data and my own experience show this is not true. There are homes with ADUs that have 1-occupant and there are homes without ADUs that have 4 or more occupants.

For decades household size has been in decline. In the 1970's the average single-family household size was 3.6 and today it's about 2.5. Most of our housing stock and associated infrastructure (roads, schools, and water and sewer facilities) were constructed to support higher occupancy numbers than is common today. This is why it's broadly accepted that ADUs do not burden this infrastructure.

Title 13 as written creates a shell game

The proposed amendments are complicated, yield random outcomes, and have no clear policy objective. It creates a shell game that no one wants to play. Not owners, not their design team, and I'll bet not City staff either.

How the game works:

Consider a proposed addition or remodel to create a guest suite, for use as extra space, or home office, and/ or for guests.

- If attached to the home the tap fee = None
- If detached, over the garage, it's a "guest house" and the tap fee = \$37,500
- If a stove is added it's an ADU and the tap fee = \$5,400
- If the stove is removed and the sink is smaller the tap fee = None

Similar game with a basement finish

- Add a stove the tap fee = \$5,400
- Remove stove, add a microwave (and maybe a portable burner) the tap fee = None

Simple policy is good policy

Let's take all these complications out. Family needs and family structure change over time. A house is used one way at one point in time and another at another point. People should have the flexibility to use their homes in ways that work for them without the imposition of extra tap fees from the City. Like all our surrounding communities there

should be only one water tap fee and only one sewer tap fee for all single-family properties. This is fair and demonstrates how we support our broader goals of increased housing options, flexibility, and affordability.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Peter Stewart

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From: [Tawnya Somauroo](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for Removing Parking Minimums to Enable Gentle Increases in Density
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 11:56:09 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Council,

I'm writing in strong support of the ordinance to remove parking minimums for multi-family housing Louisville-wide. This is a smart and necessary step toward enabling more inclusive and adaptable housing options in Louisville. Our city has long said it values affordability and sustainability, but with over 70% of our land zoned for single-family homes, we need to take meaningful steps to actually make room for those goals to take shape.

Removing parking minimums is a subtle but powerful way to enable gentle density and small-scale evolution in our neighborhoods. We aren't a museum; we're a living city, and that means our built environment must be allowed to change over time with our needs. I hope this ordinance is just the beginning, and that the city will continue to explore ways to welcome more flexibility to promote housing diversity.

Thank you,

Tawnya Somauroo

From: [Tim Bierman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Vote No to Additional Tap Fees for ADUs
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 12:47:12 PM

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Dear Council Members-

As a resident of Louisville, I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed sewer tap fee for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). I strongly encourage you not to impose any additional utility tap fees on ADUs. Charging additional fees—especially when water and sewer connections already exist—creates a significant and unnecessary barrier to their construction. The potential additional Tap fees runs counter to the intent of the new state law and the ordinance you recently passed to support ADUs in Louisville.

Thank you,

Tim Bierman
905 Lincoln Avenue
Louisville, CO

From: [Mike Deborski](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: Parking Ordinance
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 1:27:11 PM

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Mr. Mayor and Council Members.

I write to you with concern for the parking ordinance that is to be changed to accommodate for State House Bill HB-24-1304. We all know that this bill is to accommodate more affordable and density driven housing. I like that it allows for multi-family projects to potentially attain a greater density in areas that are targeted for transit use. I would like to insure that it does include the Highway 42 Corridor. We do not currently have transit available, but it's certain that in the not too distant future we will.

Due to the nature of commercial builds, the funding for these projects should naturally insure that adequate parking is included. Parking is a key component that investors and bankers look for when choosing to lend funding for such projects. This however, is not the case for single family, duplex and or ADU type builds. As our ADU ordinance and Comp Plan move forward, I believe we need to insure that these type builds have adequate parking to support the inhabitants.

My concern lies with expanding this change of ordinance city wide without fully exploring the ramifications. My Old Town neighborhood is a prime example. My next door neighbor has had a bootleg ADU for over a decade. I have a grandfathered ADU that five generations of my family have lived in. When rented, they each brings up to two additional cars to the neighborhood.

Councilman Dickenson can attest, right across Grant Street, his neighbor has to put out parking cones to reserve his spot to park near his house. We average three cars per household on my side of Grant Street. The average lot is only 50 foot, thus, can park about 2.5 cars per lot. Combine that with swim team, Street Faire, Art Shows and other events. Parking becomes very tight. I have the luxury of living on the corner, thus absorb the overflow.

Transfer this concern to our newer neighborhoods, what will we do in a cul-de-sac? Nearly all neighborhoods I visit in Louisville have cul-de-sac parking issues. If not already included, I believe

our ADU ordinance should require at least one, on lot parking space be provided by the applicant.

I appreciate that council would like to take this assertive action in one fell swoop. However, I believe it would be most prudent to run with staff's original recommendation to simply implement this parking deregulation limited to ATSA builds. Then, revisit the city wide implications when the comp plan become finalized.

Respectfully,

Mike Deborski

601 Pine Street

Louie, of course

From: [Anneliese Steel](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Public comments
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 2:09:39 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi, I can't make the council meeting this week, but I wanted to add my strong support for eliminating parking minimums in Louisville. I live in the Dutch Creek neighborhood and love how walkable downtown is. It has been well documented that parking minimums raise the costs of housing for individuals and can prohibit small businesses from developing. It also leads to sprawl, look at Superior. I would like to see more independent businesses and affordable housing in our great town, and I think that this ordinance change is fantastic! I wish I could be there in person to support the effort, and I hope my comments help.

I also support the speed limits for bikes; my elderly neighbor no longer feels comfortable biking on the path due to the speeds of e-bikes. I support continued e-bike usage on town trails and a speed limit is a great middle ground.

*Anneliese Steel
334 Chestnut St, Louisville, CO 80027*

From: [Maryan Jaross](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: bike and e-bike speed limit on trails
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 2:25:40 PM

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Hi,

We can't attend the meeting tomorrow due to other commitments, but as walkers and runner on the trails, we would very much appreciate the 15 mph speed limit on the trails and a few well-placed solar-powered speed detectors to let bikes know just how fast they're going.

Thank you,
Maryan Jaross

Maryan Jaross
846 St. Andrews Lane
Louisville, CO 80027
303.641.6972

From: [Susan McEachern](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: E-Bikes on City Trails: Ordinance No. 1899, Series 2025
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 2:34:39 PM

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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: Open Space Advisory Board

Date: August 4, 2025 (Update of October 2024 memo)

Re: E-Bikes on City Trails: Ordinance No. 1899, Series 2025

We understand that Council is revising regulations for bicycles and e-bikes on open space and other trails throughout the city. The Open Space Advisory Board strongly urges that Louisville develop a policy that is consistent with neighboring communities to avoid confusion and the difficulty of enforcing regulations on trails that cross city boundaries into other city or county properties. Examples include the Coal Creek Trail and the Harney-Lastoka Open Space.

- Lafayette has a 15 mph speed limit and allows class 1 and 2 e-bikes only.
- Boulder County has a 15 mph speed limit on multi-use trails and allows class 1 and 2 only, with all e-bikes prohibited on foothills and mountain trails.
- Broomfield has a 20 mph speed limit and allows class 1 and 2 only.
- Boulder has a 15 mph speed limit and allows class 1 and 2 only.
- Erie has a 15 mph speed limit and allows class 1 and 2 only.

OSAB strongly recommends that the proposed ordinance be revised to allow only class 1 and 2 e-bikes on Louisville trails. OSAB agrees with the speed limit (including signage) of 15 mph. This would align our regulations with those of adjoining communities and would enhance the safety of pedestrians, especially those with mobility issues. Allowing only class 1 and 2 e-bikes will also reduce the noise created

by more powerful e-bikes that diminishes the quality of the open-space experience and negatively affects the health and well-being of humans and wildlife alike.

OSAB also requests that City Council consider how the speed limit and classes of e-bikes allowed will be enforced.

From: [Michelle Frieswyk-Johnson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: NO TAPS FEES ADU's
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 2:45:38 PM

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City Council,

As someone who is in the “Middle Place” of life (caring/paying for aging parents AND caring/paying for launching young adults), it is only natural to create added space for family. ADU’s are meant to be part of the main home, not a totally separate space with extra costs. For me, Louisville is about community which includes supporting the ever growing changes of families. I say NO to tap fees.

Thank you for reading and considering my input.

Warmly,

Michelle

From: [Mark Cathcart](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: ORDINANCE NO. 1899, SERIES 2025 – ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR BICYCLES AND ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BIKES
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 3:04:26 PM
Attachments: [Louisville CO ebike speed regulation 2025 \(1\).pdf](#)

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Please add to the packet addendum for the 8/5 meeting and confirm receipt.

I do plan to attend and speak but do NOT need these as visual aids/projected. Thank you.

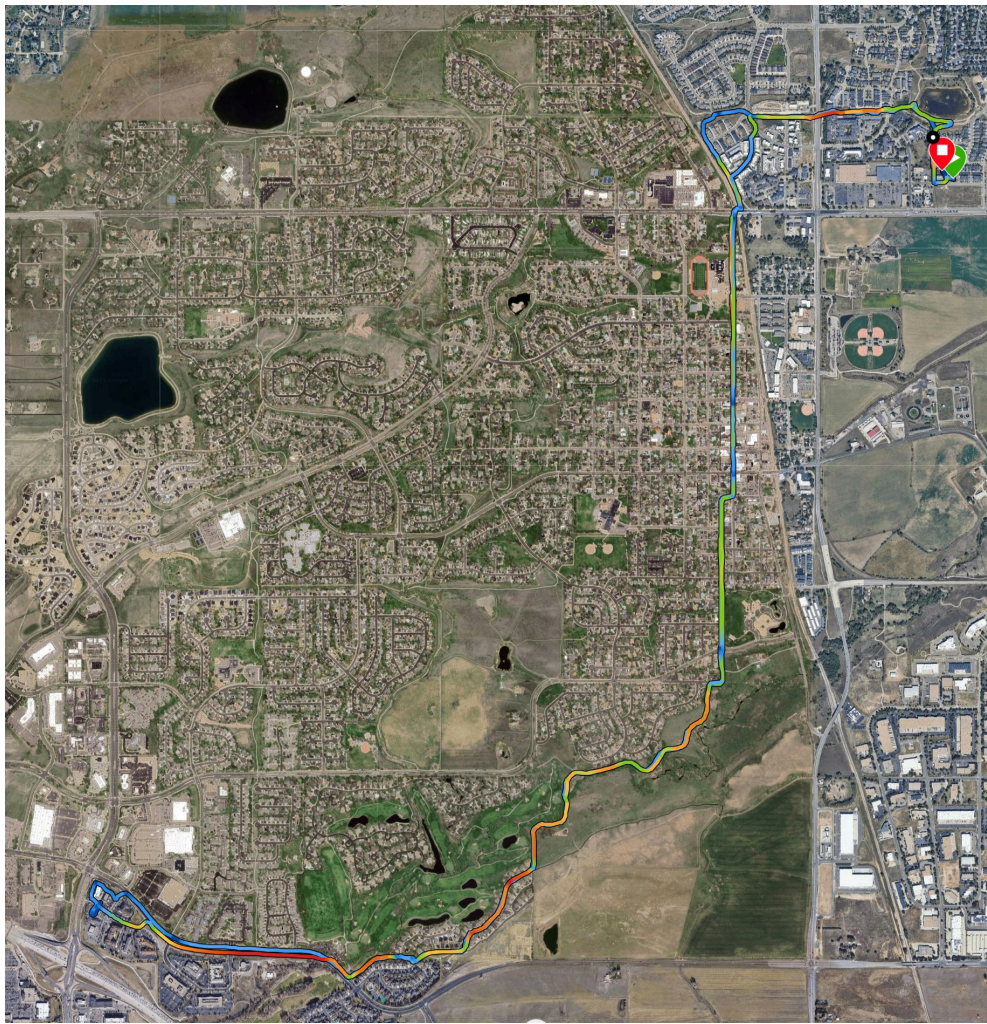
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++Mark.

ORDINANCE NO. 1899, SERIES 2025 – ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT
FOR BICYCLES AND ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BIKES ON BIKEPATHS AND
TRAILS WITHIN THE CITY

Mark Cathcart, Louisville resident - Age 67 and a half
August 5th, 2025

(I guess you won't get the Adrian Mole joke?)



Saturday 8/2 - Cycled to FedEx - about as far you you can go in and stay within City limits.

I saw about 48-cyclists on roads and trails. Only 8 were e-bikes *(as far as I could tell)*.

99% of existing bikes do NOT have a speedometer.

While cycling I suspect I broke the proposed 15MPH speed limit many times. On the road, I was passed by at least 3x drivers exceeding the speed limit. A driver also blew through the stop sign at the History Museum heading south on Main Street.



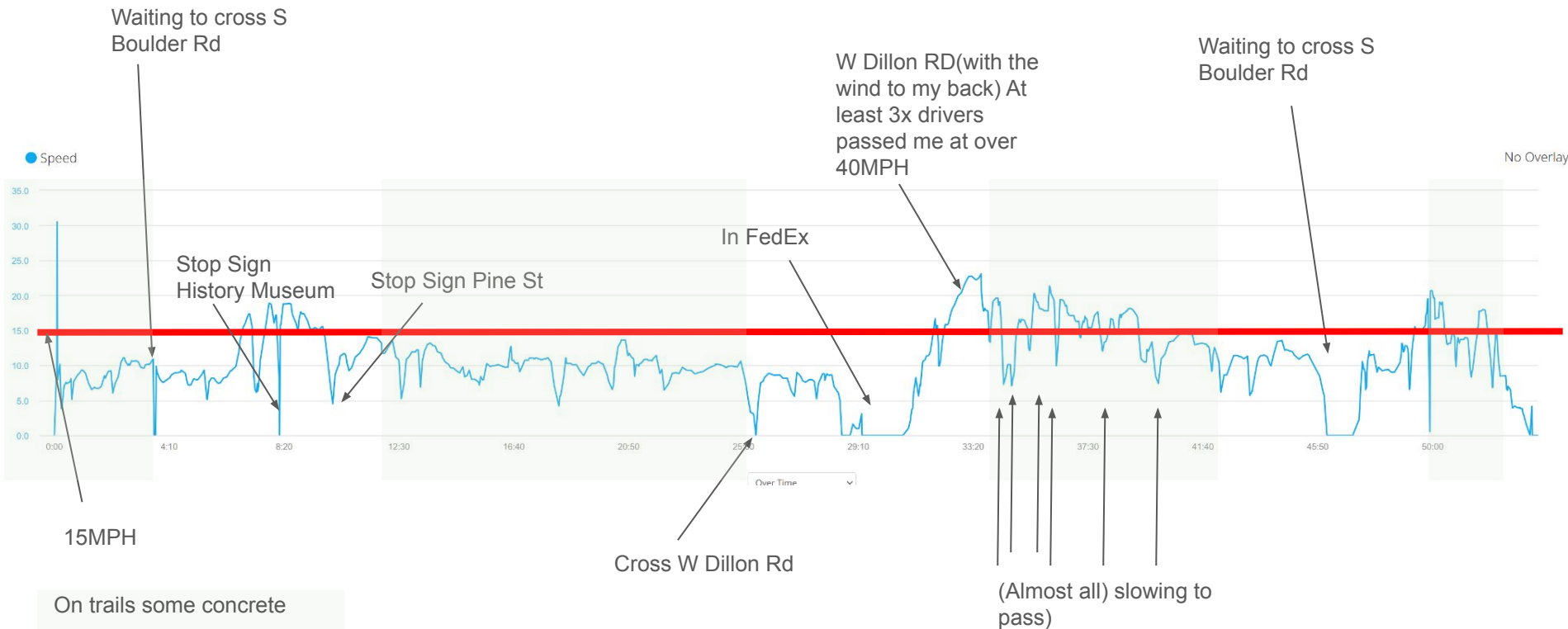
I am an unfit 67-year old on a lot of drugs following a 2017 heart attack.

We need to normalize cycling as transport. I could have driven. Helmet use is a personal choice.

My bike does NOT have a speedometer, I do have a GARMIN GPS watch. I reviewed the data.

I averaged just 10.8 mph in the 9.67 mile round trip. I had to wait for 6:30 mins to cross roads inc. S. Boulder Rd

Thanks to Alex at FedEx for the picture





I understand why politicians are unwilling to tackle real speeding problems. This happens more than you know.

Electric cars will NOT save us.

We need to normalize cycling as transport and not pass performative laws that penalize a growing community.

ebikes are a new phenom' - kids that ride like this are a small minority of a small minority - **Fund education, not prohibitive laws that can't be enforced.**

From: [Derek Cosson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Public comments
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 9:39:10 AM

Please see below

From: Anneliese Steel <anneliese.steel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 2:08 PM
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Subject: Public comments

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi, I can't make the council meeting this week, but I wanted to add my strong support for eliminating parking minimums in Louisville. I live in the Dutch Creek neighborhood and love how walkable downtown is. It has been well documented that parking minimums raise the costs of housing for individuals and can prohibit small businesses from developing. It also leads to sprawl, look at Superior. I would like to see more independent businesses and affordable housing in our great town, and I think that this ordinance change is fantastic! I wish I could be there in person to support the effort, and I hope my comments help.

I also support the speed limits for bikes; my elderly neighbor no longer feels comfortable biking on the path due to the speeds of e-bikes. I support continued e-bike usage on town trails and a speed limit is a great middle ground.

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From: [David Blankinship](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Trail speed limit
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 2:32:49 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council,

I wanted to relay a few thoughts that I have about the 15 mph speed limit for bikes on trails being discussed at tonight's city council council meeting.

1. The speed limit signage itself potentially moves us in the right direction for safety, but let's be sure that we supplement it with at least some educational campaigns (since it is my understanding that the police would officially be tasked with enforcement and are unlikely to prioritize this work).
2. Let's be sure that the wording in the revised law covers all modes of transportation on the trails (which would also include scooters, one wheels, etc.) to avoid loopholes. Also, let's be specific about what constitutes a trail as it doesn't necessarily have to go through a park or open space property.
3. The city currently has adopted the state laws that allow only class 1 and class 2 e-bikes on trails. I'm not proposing any change of laws here and I don't think the council is either, but I would like to see this rule highlighted on the new wayfinding signs. In fact, there has been a delay in the wayfinding installation after the initial work on the Powerline Trail for some reason, so this might be the push that is needed to install them and get our rules and regulations information current.
4. My last thought is that hopefully this is not the end but rather the beginning of a more thoughtful discussion about safety and user conflict on the trails. Be sure that the parks and open space long range planning process taking place this year looks at the issue from an outsider's perspective and hopefully city council and staff are open to any feedback that might come their way through those channels.

Thanks,
David Blankinship