

RESOLUTION NO. 26-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES,
COLORADO, CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANNEXATION POLICY,
IMPOSING A STAY ON FUTURE ANNEXATION APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTING
THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ANNEXATION PETITION FOR PROPERTIES
KNOWN AS CROWSNEST ANNEXATION**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Castle Pines, Colorado, held its dually noticed annual retreat on March 7, 2026, during which it discussed the Council’s vision for the community, including a discussion of annexation and the appropriate timing and conditions under which annexation should occur; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a Council-adopted annexation policy (“Annexation Policy”), in addition to the statutorily-required Three Mile Plan, is necessary to provide direction to potential applicants and staff on when and how the City may want to expand its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that the community has grown and changed considerably, increasing from approximately 10,500 to approximately 17,500 residents since 2018, and an Annexation Policy is a valuable tool for communicating with the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges and consents to the Crowsnest Annexation Petitioners’ withdrawal of their Annexation Petition effective March 19, 2026, consistent with City Council’s direction to defer annexation consideration until an Annexation Policy is developed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby establishes a stay on the acceptance, processing, and consideration of any future annexation applications until such time as the City Council adopts an Annexation Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directs City staff to develop an Annexation Policy as a top priority and present a draft to the City Council within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that establishing an Annexation Policy prior to considering annexation requests promotes orderly growth and is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council directs City staff to draft an Annexation Policy and present it to the City Council within the next one hundred twenty (120) days.

Section 2. The City Council hereby imposes a stay on the acceptance, processing, and consideration of any future annexation applications until such time as the City Council formally adopts an Annexation Policy, unless earlier lifted or modified by the City Council.


Section 3. The City Council acknowledges and consents to the Crowsnest Annexation Petitioners' withdrawal of their Annexation Petition effective March 19, 2026, thereby terminating such annexation proceedings.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining issues of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the City Council.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, AND 1 ABSENT ON THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.




Tracy Engerman (Mar 26, 2026 20:47:56 MDT)

Tracy Engerman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tobi Duffey, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Linda Michow (Mar 26, 2026 10:04:19 MDT)

Linda C. Michow, City Attorney