

# Montrose Community Garden Rules

Adopted May 12, 2014

## Located at the intersection of Arapahoe and Aspen Lanes

### Registration:

- Renewal will begin November 2<sup>nd</sup> for current garden renters by filling out a new rental agreement and code of conduct form. \*Current renters of 2 plots will be allowed to renew 2 plots for the next year.
- New registrations for Montrose residents will begin on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be on a first come, first served basis.
- New registration for Non-Residents will begin April 1<sup>st</sup> and will be on a first come, first served basis.
- New renters will only be allowed to initially reserve 1 plot. If additional plots are available after May 1<sup>st</sup> then one additional plot may be reserved with additional fee and deposit.
- New renters must complete a rental agreement and code of conduct form.
- Fee and deposit are due at time of registration.

### Garden Cancellations:

- If you decide not to use your garden plot, contact city hall @ 763-575-7422 immediately so the plot can be reassigned.
- Fees will only be refunded if the garden plot is reserved by another gardener.
- No refunds will be given after May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### Rental Provisions:

- The 2023 fee for each 20' x 20' garden plot is 40.00, plus a \$100.00 cash deposit that is refundable at the end of the season ***if the gardener/resident completely cleans out their plot.*** The \$40.00 plot reservation fee and \$100.00 cash deposit are due at the time of registration. **If the gardener/resident does not completely clear out their plot at the end of the season, they will no longer be allowed to rent a garden plot from the City of Montrose.**

### Plot Size

- The plots are approximately 20' x 20' and will be marked with a stake and number.

### Opening Date:

- The target date for opening is May 1<sup>st</sup>. This may vary due to weather and soil conditions.
- The City will not be doing any preparation work in the gardens beginning Spring 2020 (per City Council decision) – it will be up to the gardener/resident to till and prepare the garden plots for use.
- Gardens must be maintained all summer long.

### Garbage and Composting:

- It is the responsibility of the plot tenant to remove all garbage and compost from their plot.

#### Water:

- Water is available for watering gardens; however, no fertilizer may be applied through city water.
- Unattended use of sprinklers and/or water is not allowed.

#### Safety and Courtesy:

- Each gardener is asked to be respectful of other gardens, including wearing headphones when listening to music.
- Do not allow vine crops to extend beyond the boundaries of your plot.
- Be sure that tall crops do not shade neighboring plots.
- Pick crops from your garden only.
- Use cultivation or mulches to control weeds.
- Weeding should be done weekly so that they are not allowed to reseed.
- Do not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots or negatively affect the plot for future use.
- Mixing or storing of chemicals at the garden is prohibited.
- Gardeners will be conscious of their impact on the soil and the neighboring plots.
- Perennials planted in individual's plots must be removed before the fall clean up.
- Wood structures are not allowed, including garden boxes.
- Horseradish, mint and other perennial crops that are invasive are not allowed.
- Pets are not allowed in the garden area or in the park.
- Landscape fabric, plastic, newspaper, etc. is prohibited.

#### Traps:

- No leg traps are allowed.

#### Garden Neglect and Weed Control:

- Each gardener is responsible for weeding and maintaining their plot(s).
- Gardens and pathways must be kept free of weeds.
- The gardens will be inspected weekly to ensure compliance.
- Gardeners not performing maintenance will be notified to rectify the situation immediately. Non-compliance will result in the garden being mowed or tilled and future rental will not be permitted.

#### Illegal Activity:

- Illegal plants are not permitted in the Community Garden.
- Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in the Community Garden.
- All rules and regulations outlined in the Montrose City Code must be followed at all times.
- An infraction of Garden rules or City Code will result in expulsion from the Community Garden.

Garden Closing Date:

- Target date for closing is October 31st. (You will be notified if this date changes)
- Gardeners must remove **all** materials and **completely** clear plot of any vegetation growth, or \$100.00 cash deposit will not be refunded and the gardener/resident will no longer be able to rent a garden plot with the City of Montrose.
- Items not claimed will become the property of the City and disposed of as needed and tenant will not be permitted to rent a garden plot in the future.

Hold Harmless Clause:

- All participants must sign necessary waivers required by the City of Montrose prior to planting.
- The City reserves the right to close the Community Garden if necessary with proper notification to all gardeners.

**I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF MONTROSE FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS. I FURTHER AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE GARDEN AND ALL OTHER MONTROSE PARK RULES.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print clearly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address:  
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