



City of Arvada

City Council Agenda

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Councilmembers:

Lauren Simpson, Mayor
Randy Moorman, Mayor Pro-Tem
Shawna Ambrose, District 2
Sharon Davis, At large
Bob Fifer, District 4
Michael P. Griffith, At large
Rebecka Lovisone, District 3

Staff Members Usually Present:

Don Wick, City Manager
Linda Haley, Deputy City Manager
Allison Scheck, Deputy City Manager
Rachel Morris, City Attorney
Jacqueline Rhoades, Director of Infrastructure
Jessica Garner, Director of Community & Econ. Dev.
Bryan Archer, Chief Financial Officer
Gabriella Bommer, Director of Human Resources
Ryan Stevenson, Director of Vibrant Community & Neighborhoods
Rachael Kuroiwa, Director of Communications & Engagement
Ed Brady, Chief of Police
Kristen Rush, City Clerk

Info: 720-898-7550

THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
EXECUTIVE SESSION (If Needed)
5:00 P.M.

WORKSHOPS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of Councilmembers
2. Workshops
 - A. Ordinance Regulating the Residential Location of Registered Sex Offenders
 - B. Staff Updates
3. Adjournment



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

AGENDA ITEM
2.A.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Ordinance Regulating the Residential Location of Registered Sex Offenders

Report in Brief

City Council has requested that Legal draft an ordinance regulating the residential location of registered sex offenders. Included within this request Legal was tasked with researching whether this type of regulation was lawful for the Arvada City Council to undertake. This session is designed to summarize the state of the law for City Council, and request Council provide direction on several key policy questions.

Background

Arvada does not currently have an ordinance that restricts or regulates the residency of sex offenders or sexually violent predators. Several City Council Members have expressed an interest in passing an ordinance that would restrict or regulate the residency of sex offenders and sexually violent predators.

The purpose of this session is for Legal to report on the current state of the law, clarify terms, and provide some policy guidance to the City Council. With regards to guidance Legal will be asking Council to consider three specific questions:

1. Who should be restricted or “governed” under this ordinance?
2. What areas do we want to restrict sex offenders from?
3. How far do we want to restrict sex offenders from certain areas?

These questions will be discussed in the context of the overarching question whether City Council wants to pursue the drafting and consideration of such an ordinance.

In preparation for this project, Legal has conducted legal research, reviewed ordinances from other comparative local municipalities, and drafted several legal memoranda.

Strategic Alignment

This potential ordinance serves to forward the City of Arvada’s Safe Community strategic alignment.

Next Steps

Once Council has provided feedback regarding the parameters of the ordinance, the City Attorney's Office will prepare a draft ordinance for City Council consideration at a business meeting.

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Reviewed by:

Approved by:

Padraic Emerine, Assistant City Attorney I 08/17/2026

Rachel Morris, City Attorney 08/24/2026

Edward Brady, Police Chief 08/24/2026

Don Wick, City Manager 08/24/2026

Enclosure, exhibits & attachments required to support the report

Establishment of a Sex Offender Residence Ordinance

This presentation is Attorney Work Product

Questions to be Answered by Council:

If we proceed with drafting an ordinance, the following questions should be answered:

1. Who do we want to restrict?
2. Where do we want to restrict them from?
3. How far away do we want to restrict them from establishing residence?

Does Arvada have the legal authority?

Yes. This is what is referred to as a topic of “mixed local and state concern.”

- Thus, Arvada is not outwardly “pre-empted” from establishing an ordinance regulating where a registered sex-offender may establish residency in the City of Arvada.
- Ryals v. City of Englewood

What we cannot do is:

- Create a blanket ban on any sex offender from establishing residence in Arvada.
- Creating an ordinance that has a restrictive distance that has the practical effect of prohibiting a sex offender from establishing residence anywhere in the City.
- Applying a new ordinance retroactively to sex offenders already in the City.
- Apply this ordinance to juveniles. Only adults. Juveniles are regulated by the State.

1. Who do we want to restrict?

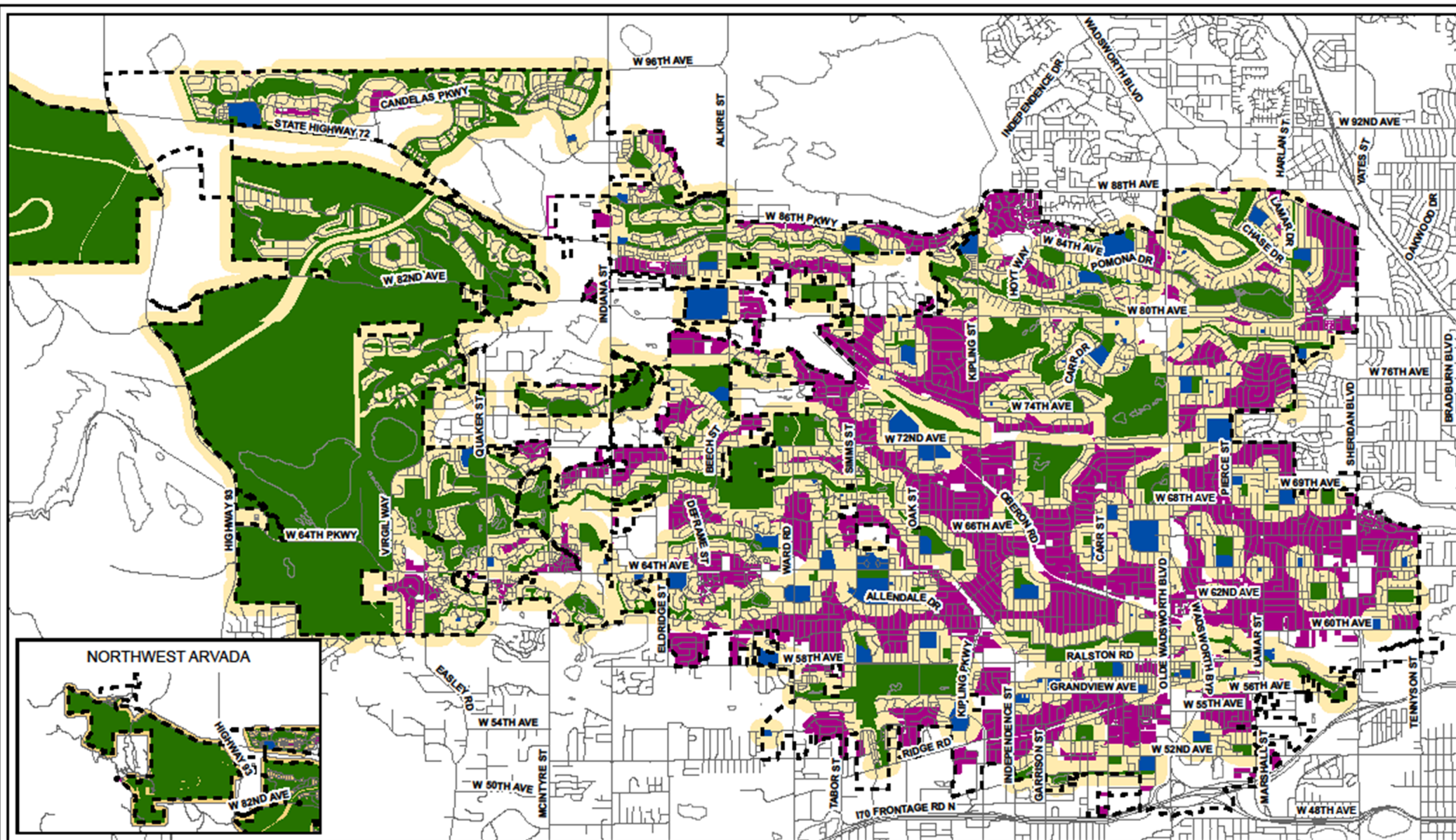
- “Sex Offender” means any person who is convicted of a sex offense or any criminal offense with an underlying factual basis.
 - Includes a wide variety of offenses at both the misdemeanor and felony level.
 - Currently 216 RSOs in Arvada
- A “sexually violent predator” is a ‘sex offender’ but one who has been found a “high likelihood or risk to reoffend”, and been ruled to be classified as a sexually violent predator by a court of law.
 - Currently 3 of those 216 RSOs are classified as SVPs
- By offense-type: Legal recommends avoiding this type of criteria.
 - Determinate vs. indeterminate vs. lifetime registration
 - Crime classifications vary significantly.
 - Specific conditions of criminal sentence and SOMB requirements

2. Where do we want to restrict them from?

- Common examples include:
 - Schools
 - Playgrounds
 - Pools
 - Daycare or childcare facilities
- Be cautious of “overly-restrictive” locations and overly vague locations
 - Parks
 - Libraries
 - “recreational areas” or “recreational trails”

3. Distance of Restriction?

- Survey of comparative cities most are in the 500 to 1000 foot range.
- Legal recommends no further than 1000 feet.
- Be cautious of “overly-restrictive” or a distance that has the practical effect of preventing any sex offenders from establishing residence in the City.



SVP 500 Draft



- City Limits
- Residential Parcels (Assessor)
- Schools, Libraries, and Licensed Childcare
- Parks, Trail Corridors, and Open Space
- 500ft Buffer from Restricted Areas

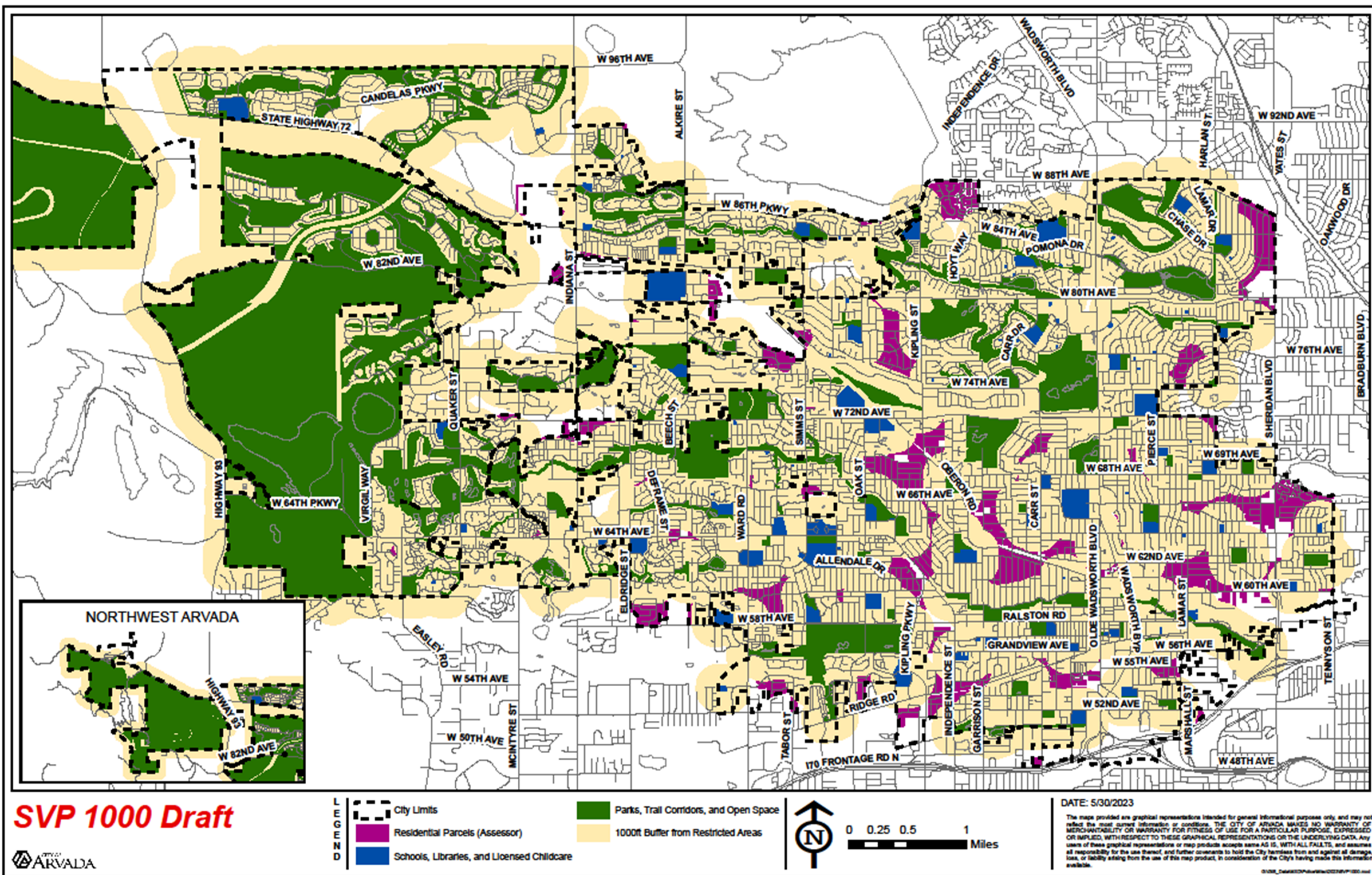


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DATE: 5/30/2023

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REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM
2.B.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Staff Updates

Report in Brief

The purpose of this workshop is for staff to provide City Council with brief updates on projects and issues that do not require a full workshop.

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Approved by:

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