

Is the tag a "license" or unique to a specific dog?

The tag signifies that the dog guardian has registered and is participating in the program. The tag is not specific to a dog.

Do I have to renew my registration at some point?

No.

What if I change my mind and no longer want to be registered?

Dog guardians who no longer wish to participate in the program may call OSMP at (303) 441-3440 to have their registration discontinued.

How can I find out more about the program?

Dog guardians can learn more about the Voice and Sight Dog Tag program by visiting our website at www.osmp.org or calling (303) 441-3440.

Voice and Sight Dog Tag Program

City of Boulder



Properly trained, a man can be dog's best friend.

— Corey Ford

City of Boulder Voice and Sight Dog Tag Program

The city of Boulder is one of only a few systems on the Colorado Front Range which allow dog guardians to walk dogs off-leash. This opportunity is possible only if dogs are not required to be on-leash and are responsibly controlled under voice and sight control. It is a tough standard for both dogs and guardians.

A new Voice and Sight Dog Tag Program has been designed by the city of Boulder to help dog guardians understand voice and sight control standards and to reduce conflicts which can occur with visitors, other dogs and wildlife.

What is the Dog Tag program?

The new city of Boulder Voice and Sight Dog Tag program requires dog guardians to watch a video about voice and sight control, register with OSMP and display a special program tag on dogs they wish to walk off-leash. This program only applies to City of Boulder properties where voice and sight control is allowed.

Is this a requirement or just a request?

It is the law. Participation in the program is a new requirement of voice and sight control as stated in city ordinance Boulder Revised Code (BRC) 6-1-16 and 6-13-2 through 6-13-5. Dog guardians may review these ordinances by visiting the OSMP website at www.osmp.org or the City of Boulder website at www.ci.boulder.co.us. Violations include not registering for the program and/or having a dog under voice and sight control without displaying a tag.

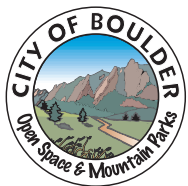


What is voice and sight control?

Voice and sight control means the dogs you are responsible for must be within your sight and under your verbal command at all times, regardless of distractions which can occur during a walk. If your dog cannot immediately obey verbal command, your dog must remain on-leash. Also, keep in mind that dogs under voice and sight control are not allowed to charge, chase or display aggression towards other people or dogs or chase, harass, or disturb wildlife and livestock.

How do I participate in the program?

For your convenience, the City of Boulder is offering several methods of registration, including registration through our website or visiting the OSMP administrative offices in person.



For information visit:
www.osmp.org
or call
(303) 441-3440
or write
Open Space & Mountain Parks
P.O. Box 791
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Frequently Asked Questions about the Voice and Sight Dog Tag Program

STEP 1.

The city of Boulder has produced a video which illustrates the requirements of voice and sight control and realistic, enforceable dog management behaviors.

The short, instructional video can be viewed on the OSMP website, www.osmp.org, on Channel 8, or by acquiring a copy of the video on DVD.

Watching the video is a required step in the registration process. After watching the video, dog guardians are expected to know the regulation and understand how it applies to managing dogs using voice and sight control.

Before registering for the program, you will be asked to affirm that you watched the video and agree to control your dogs off-leash under voice and sight control in the manner described in the video.

STEP 2.

Dog guardians can either register for the program on-line or by visiting the OSMP Administration building at 66 South Cherryvale Road. You and every member of your household who wishes to walk your dogs under voice and sight control must register for the program.

STEP 3.

After you and other members of your household have seen the video and registered in the program, you may purchase the voice and sight dog tag in a couple of ways. You may purchase tags through the OSMP website with your credit card. The OSMP staff will process your order the next business day (please allow 3-5 business days for arrival). You may also come to the OSMP Administration building at 66 South Cherryvale Road to purchase your tags with check, cash or credit card and you will be issued the tags upon payment.

STEP 4.

Ensure that voice and sight program tags are displayed on all dogs when using voice and sight control on City of Boulder lands where voice and sight control is allowed.

Does everyone in the family or household have to register?

Yes. Every member of the family who wishes to walk a dog under voice and sight control must register in the program. The first registrant must be an adult (over 18). Minors may register as part of the same household. Each participant must watch the instructional video and agree to manage off-leash dogs under voice and sight control on City of Boulder lands where voice and sight control is permitted. There is no extra charge for registering additional members of the household.



What if I don't agree to register and get a dog tag?

If a dog guardian chooses not to register with the voice and sight tag program and display voice and sight dog tags, dogs must be kept on-leash at all times.

Am I protected from getting a ticket if my dog has a voice and sight dog tag?

No. A dog guardian who participates in the program and walks a dog under voice and sight control in areas where it is allowed may still be issued for any violation of the following standards:

- The dog guardian is walking more than two dogs under voice and sight control;
- The dog guardian is not carrying a leash for each dog being walked under voice and sight control;

- The dog guardian fails to display voice and sight tag on dog;
- The dog is not within the guardian's sight and under voice control at all times;
- The dog does not come to and stay with the guardian immediately upon command;
- The dog charges, chases or otherwise displays aggression towards any person, or behaves in a way that any reasonable person may find harassing or disturbing;
- The dog charges, chases or otherwise displays aggression towards any dog;
- The dog chases, harasses or disturbs wildlife or livestock.

What are the penalties?

The maximum penalty for a first violation is a fine of \$50. For a second violation within 24 months the maximum penalty is a fine of \$100. A third violation within the same 24 months will result in a fine of not less than \$200 and revocation of the privilege to use voice and sight control.

When is revocation of voice and sight privileges possible?

When an individual has three convictions of Boulder Revised Code (BRC) 6-1-16, "Dogs Running at Large Prohibited" on city OSMP or Parks and Recreation lands within 24 months based on the date of the first violation revocation will occur. Violations of voice and sight control and dogs off-leash in leash only areas are violations of BRC 6-1-16.

Can I get back the privilege to use voice and sight control?

Voice and sight control privileges may be reinstated if the dog guardian proves attendance at a city of Boulder certified training on voice and sight control, and written proof of successful completion of a voice and sight control certification course approved by the City of Boulder. Dog guardians must pay a

reinstatement fee of \$50 plus the \$15 registration fee, as well as the cost of attending the certification program. Dog guardians must also again agree to control any dog accompanying the guardian without a leash in a manner described in the voice and sight video.

In what areas does voice and sight control apply?

The new city of Boulder voice and sight tag program only applies on city Parks and Recreation and OSMP lands which do not require dogs to be on-leash. Dogs are required to be on-leash inside Boulder city limits, unless they have been specified to allow voice and sight control. Voice and sight control requirements also apply to Howard Heuston Dog Park.

What if I need to add someone to my household registry?

Dog guardians who wish to add members of the household to the dog tag program must come in person to the OSMP administration building at 66 South Cherryvale Road.

Does everyone in the household have to watch the video?

Yes. Everyone who wishes to walk the dog under voice and sight control must see the video and agree to the terms and conditions of the voice and sight control requirements. Members of the household who do not walk the dog or choose to walk the dog on-leash do not need to see the video and register as part of the household.

What if I lose a tag or need more?

Dog guardians can come in person to the OSMP administration building at 66 South Cherryvale Road to buy additional tags. Guardians will not be required to pay the registration fee again but will be charged \$5 for each new tag.