

LPC Land Use Code Update

- The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) repealed and reenacted Chapter 90 (Oil and Gas Code) of the Land Use Code. The new code is effective August 1, 2023.
- These are the setbacks approved:
 - Property lines if adjacent parcel contains commercial or industrial building or public gathering space - 300 feet
 - Property lines if adjacent parcel contains dwelling unit or high occupancy building - 400 feet
 - *High occupancy building unit: (a) Any school, nursing facility as defined in C.R.S. § 25.5-4-103(14), hospital, life care institution as defined in C.R.S. § 12-13-101, or correctional facility as defined in C.R.S. § 17-1-102(1.7), provided the facility or institution regularly serves 16 or more persons. (b) An operating childcare center, childcare facility, day care facility, or day care home. (c) A multifamily dwelling unit with four or more units.*
 - Property line with informed consent of neighbors - 150 feet
 - Commercial and industrial buildings - 300 feet
 - Residential or high occupancy building units - 400 feet
- The following are the reciprocal setbacks (*setback from an existing oil and gas facility*):

	Commercial/industrial building or public gathering space	Dwelling unit or high occupancy building unit
Working pad surface	300 ft	400 ft
Flowline or pipeline	n/a	50 ft
Plugged and abandoned well or dry and abandoned well	150 ft	150 ft
Existing or county permitted well	200 ft	200 ft

LPC Sales Tax Update

- Sales tax collections for October show an increase of \$129,391 or 6.35% in comparison to the same period in 2021. Year to date, Sales tax has increased \$1,382,508 or 6.80% as compared to the same period in 2021. Lodger’s tax collections are earned Quarterly; Quarter 3 Lodgers tax decreased \$40,096 or -12.84% in comparison to Quarter 3, 2021. Year to date collections for Lodger’s tax are -\$40,155 or -5.39% as compared to the same period for 2021.
- Sales tax collections for November show an increase of \$99,750 or 5.15% in comparison to the same period in 2021. Year to date, Sales tax has increased \$1,482,258 or 6.66% as compared to the same period in 2021. Lodger’s tax collections are earned Quarterly; Quarter 4 Lodgers tax increased \$8,078 or 4.49% in comparison to Quarter 4, 2021. Year to date collections for Lodger’s tax are -\$32,077 or -3.47% as compared to the same period for 2021.

Durango-La Plata County Airport Update

- United Airlines in June will add seasonal nonstop service between George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas, and Durango-La Plata County Airport. United will operate the summer seasonal service on Saturdays and Sundays between June 24 and Sept. 3, using a 76-seat Embraer E-175 aircraft.
- The Airport held a groundbreaking ceremony April 25th on a \$7 million terminal expansion. A boarding gate will be added and seating areas expanded, along with new concession stands and public restrooms.

City Council Update

- New councilors Gilda Yazzie and Dave Woodruff were sworn in to Durango City Council on April 18, and a new mayor was elected. Melissa Youssef is the Mayor of Durango and Jessika Buell is the new Mayor Pro Tem.

Advisory Boards Update

- Durango City Council voted 4 to 1 to dissolve the Multimodal, Parks & Recreation, Natural Lands Preservation, Infrastructure Advisory and Long Term Finance Advisory Boards. The work of these advisory boards will be handled by the recently established Financial Advisory Board and working groups to be created as needed.

Durango City Attorney Update

- Durango City councilors have hired Mark Morgan, who spent 14 years as the city attorney for Gretna, LA, as the new city attorney for Durango. His first day was May 1.

Durango Fire Protection District Impact Fee Update

- The Durango Fire Protection District Impact Fee program was originally approved in 2019. Chief Hal Doughty said as the community grows, so does the need for fire services, leading to a need to increase the fee structure.
- The new fee in the city of Durango is \$1317 per residential unit and \$2321 per 1,000 square feet of enclosed non-residential floor area.
- Durango City Council approved the increase in April.

Planning Projects

- Durango's Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of the proposed Sophia Apartments project on Florida Road adjacent to the Animas City Cemetery. In a 3 to 1 vote, the PC found the project for up to 202 rental apartments (with 16% of them affordable) not compatible with the neighborhood. The project will go before Durango City Council in June for another public hearing and decision.

Meetings attended April 6-May 4

4/11 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	4/24 - 5 pm Durango Planning Commission
4/12 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	4/25 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
4/13 - 2 pm RHA Meeting	4/26 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
4/13 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	4/26 - 12 pm BOCC Planning Meeting
4/17 - 2 pm Joint Dgo/LPC Study Session	5/2 - 2:15 pm Durango Council Study Session
4/18 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	5/2 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
4/19 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	5/3 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time

Colorado Legislature

Business / Taxation

- [HB 1008](#) - Food Accessibility - House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repass
- [HB 1017](#) - Electronic Sales And Use Tax Simplification System - To Senate Finance Committee. **CO Chamber Supports**
- [SB 6](#) - Creation of the Rural Opportunity Office - House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments - **CAR Supports**

Energy & Environment

- [SB 16](#) - Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Measures - House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments - **CO Chamber wants to Amend**
- [SB 201](#) - Mineral Resources Property Owners' Rights - Introduced in the Senate - Assigned to Agriculture & Natural Resources - **CO Chamber Opposes**
- [HB 1161](#) - Environmental Standards For Appliances - Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee - **CAR monitoring, CO Chamber monitoring**
- [HB-1069](#) - Study Biochar In Plugging Of Oil And Gas Wells - To Senate Transportation & Energy Committee.
- [HB 1080](#) - Reliable Alternative Energy Sources - House Committee on Energy & Environment Postpone Indefinitely - **CAR is monitoring**
- [HB 1210](#) - Carbon Management - To Senate Transportation & Energy Committee
- [HB 1274](#) - Species Conservation Trust Fund Projects - Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed - No Amendments - **CO Chamber Opposes**
- [HB 1282](#) - Protect Consumers From Additional Entities - House Second Reading Special Order - Laid Over to 05/01/2023 - No Amendments - **CO Chamber Opposes**

Health Care

- [HB 1209](#) - Analyze Statewide Publicly Financed Health-care - Senate Committee on Health & Human Services Refer Amended to Appropriations **CO Chamber Opposes**
- [HB 1215](#) - Limits On Hospital Facility Fees - Senate Committee on Health & Human Services Refer Amended to Appropriations - **CO Chamber Opposes**
- [HB 1224](#) - Standardized Health Benefit Plan - House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repass - **CO Chamber Opposes**
- [HB 1225](#) - Extend And Modify Prescription Drug Affordability Board - House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repass - **CO Chamber Opposes**
- [SB 252](#) - Medical Price Transparency - House Second Reading Laid Over Daily - No Amendments - **CO Chamber Opposes**

Housing

- [HB 1115](#) - Repeal Prohibition Local Residential Rent Control - Senate Committee on Local Government & Housing Postpone Indefinitely. **CO Chamber Opposes, CAR Opposes**
- [HB 1171](#) - Just Cause Requirement Eviction Of Residential Tenant. Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Senate Local Government & Housing - **CAR is Monitoring**
- [HB 1189](#) - Employer Assistance For Home Purchase Tax Credit - House Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee, Floor - **CAR Supports, CO Chamber Supports**
- [HB 1190](#) - Affordable Housing Right Of First Refusal - Senate Second Reading Laid Over to 05/01/2023 - No Amendments - **CAR wants to Amend, CO Chamber Opposes**
- [SB 1](#) - Authority Of Public-private Collaboration Unit For Housing - Senate Considered House Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repass - **CAR Supports, CO Chamber Supports**
- [SB 35](#) - Middle-income Housing Authority Act - House Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee - **CAR Monitoring**

Labor/Employment

- [HB 1032](#) - Remedies Persons With Disabilities - To Senate Judiciary Committee - **CO Chamber wants to Amend**
- [HB 1078](#) - Unemployment Compensation Dependent Allowance - To Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee. **CO Chamber Opposes**
- [HB 1192](#) - Additional Protections In Consumer Code - .Senate Committee on Judiciary Lay Over Unamended - Amendment(s) Failed - **CO Chamber wants to Amend. CAR wants to Amend.**
- [SB 172](#) - Protecting Opportunities And Workers' Rights Act. Assigned to Judiciary - **CO Chamber Opposes**

Land Use

- [SB 5](#) - Forestry And Wildfire Mitigation Workforce. Senate Considered House Amendments - Result was to Pass - **CAR Supports**
- [SB 213](#) - Land Use. To House Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee - **CAR wants to Amend**
- [SB 273](#) - Agricultural Land In Urban Renewal Areas. House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments - **CAR Opposes**

Regulatory

- [HB 1068](#) - Pet Animal Ownership In Housing - House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repass - **CAR wants to Amend**
- [HB 1287](#) - County Regulation Related to Short Term Rentals - To Senate Local Government & Housing Committee - **CAR Monitoring**
- [SB 291](#) - Utility Regulation. - Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance **CO Chamber Opposes, CAR Opposes**

Water

- [SB 274](#) - Water Quality Control Fee-setting By Rule - House Committee on Energy & Environment Refer Unamended to House Committee of the Whole - **Co Chamber Opposes, CAR Opposes**

Signed by the Speaker of the House

- [SB 17](#) - Additional Uses Paid Sick Leave - House Committee on Business Affairs & Labor Refer Unamended to Appropriations - **CO Chamber wants to Amend**

Signed by Governor

- [HB 1011](#) - Consumer Right to Repair Agricultural Equipment
- [HB 1039](#) - Electric Resource Adequacy Reporting
- [HB 1099](#) - Portable Screening Report For Residential Leases