

## 2019-02-12 LAC Report

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### Legislative Affairs Coalition Update

February 12, 2019

### Durango Sign Code

The City's Sign Code is being updated. See it here: <http://www.durangogov.org/1087/Sign-Code-Update>

It features the following major changes:

- Small portable signs (ex. sandwich boards) will no longer be allowed in the public right of way.
- Yard signs - up to 12 square feet of yard signage allowed year round; up to 48 square feet of yard signage allowed 30 days prior to an election.

A Public Hearing will be held at the regular City Council meeting on February 19, 2019. The meeting begins at 6pm and is held at Town Hall, 949 E. 2nd Ave.

### Durango Sales & Use Tax Update

- On January 22, Durango City Councilors approved a question to be placed on April's ballot:

QUESTION 1-A: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE CITY TAXES FOR 10 YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING STREET IMPROVEMENTS. SHALL CITY OF DURANGO TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$4,686,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF COLLECTIONS AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY FROM AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF NOT MORE THAN 0.50% TO BE IMPOSED BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ALLEYS, CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND RELATED STREET IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDED THAT THESE INCREASED TAXES SHALL NOT BE COLLECTED AFTER JUNE 30, 2029?

- See the monthly sales tax snapshot here:  
<http://www.durangogov.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/338>

- The Sales & Use Tax history report is here:  
<http://www.durangogov.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/112>

### **La Plata County Mill Levy**

- Commissioners discussed the possibility of asking voters for a mill levy increase at a study session on Feb. 5th. This comes following a presentation by the Long Term Finance Committee which stated the county should consider ways to raise revenue or face deficits in the coming years.
- The issue will be studied further before any decision is made.

### **La Plata County District Plans Update**

- District Plans are on the Planning Commission agenda the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm.
- Visit the [District Plan Update webpage](#) for an overview of the update process.
- For details and background materials on all of the policy topics visit the [Land Use Code Revision project page](#).
- [Fort Lewis Mesa District Plan](#) is currently underway. The group will continue meeting in Breen with the next meeting on Feb. 18, then on March 4, March 18 and April 1. The group will hold an annual meeting on April 13, when two board positions will be filled.
- The [Animas Valley District Plan](#) is also underway and the [Bayfield Plan](#) should begin later this month.

### **LPEA April Election**

- Incumbent directors up for re-election are Mike Alley (District 1 – Archuleta County), Dan Huntington (District 2 – south and west La Plata County), Doug Lyon (District 3 – City of Durango), and Jack Turner (District 4 – north and east La Plata County).
- Candidate Packets are available at LPEA offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs and online here: <https://lpea.coop/board-director-candidate-information>
- Term is for 3 years and Candidate requirements include:
  - Must be in good standing and permanent residents of the district they want to represent
  - Must not work for an LPEA competitor
  - Must not be employed by LPEA nor have a spouse or child employed by LPEA
- Completed petitions are due by 1 pm on March 4, 2019 to an LPEA office (45 Stewart St., Durango or 603 S. 8th St, Pagosa Springs)

## Bayfield Opportunities

- The Town of Bayfield put out an RFP for a firm to evaluate and expand broadband in the local community. The RFP is online at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofbayfield/announcements> Interested firms are invited to submit an electronic copy of the proposal by 3:00 PM, March 4, 2019 to: Chris La May, Town Manager Town of Bayfield [clamay@bayfieldgov.org](mailto:clamay@bayfieldgov.org).

## Ignacio Opportunities

- There are currently vacancies on Ignacio's Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. To apply, complete and submit a [Board or Commission Application](#) which is also available at Ignacio Town Hall.

## La Plata County Subdivisions Approved

- On 1/22/19 Purgatory Gelande Hotel Subdivision Preliminary Plat and Conditional Use Permit were approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The resubdivision of a 60 acre parcel will create three lots and a 105 room hotel and is a project by Purgatory Recreation I, LLC and Purgatory Village Land LLC.

## Durango Subdivisions Approved

- On 2/5/19, Durango City Council approved a request by Tap River, LLC for a Minor Subdivision to divide Mercury Village Lot 4 into two (2) parcels - one residential lot would be 1.184 acres; the other would be 2.255 acres with a proposed food hall.

## Meetings attended January 8 - February 12

1/8 - 10 am BOCC	1/22 - 4 pm Special Durango Council Meeting
1/8 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	1/22 - 5 pm Durango Council Study Session
1/9 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	1/24 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
1/10 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	1/28 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
1/15 - 10 am BOCC	1/29 - 10 am BOCC
1/15 - 1:30 pm BOCC Work Session	1/30 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
1/15 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	2/5 - 10 am BOCC
1/15 - 6:30 pm Durango Council Meeting	2/5 - 6:30 pm Durango Council Meeting
1/16 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	2/6 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
	2/7 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission

1/17 - 6 pm Joint Planning CANCELLED

2/12 - 9:00 am LAC Meeting

1/22 - 10 am BOCC