

2020-12-08 LAC Report

Notebook: 2020 Reports & Updates

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update for December 8, 2020

COVID Update

- Colorado Counties will operate under a six-color system, green, blue, yellow, orange, red and purple.
- La Plata County is currently level red along with Archuleta County. Montezuma County is currently level orange and Dolores County is level yellow.
- To review the county levels use this site: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>
- Nov. 23, Durango City Council voted 4 to 1 in favor of a mandatory mask ordinance. The ordinance took effect immediately and remains in place for 60 days.

State COVID Relief

- La Plata County is preparing for the governor to sign SB-1, which provides relief to small businesses, arts and cultural organizations, and minority owned businesses impacted by severe capacity restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Counties or cities must apply for funding under SB-1 through the Department of Local Affairs by Jan. 8.
- Funding would be received by Jan. 15 and restaurants, bars and venues will have at least three weeks to apply.
- Grants for small businesses are capped at \$7,000, and counties must disburse payments by Feb. 12.
- More information about SB-1 is here: <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb20b-001>

Durango COVID Relief

- The City of Durango launched the Business Relief Fund to assist businesses with expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For all the details and to find the application, go to: <https://www.durangogov.org/1386/Durango-Business-Relief-Fund>

Local Restaurant Industry Update

- City Council directed staff to look into how much it will cost to reimburse restaurants a portion of third party delivery fees.
- Dave Woodruff, President of the Durango Restaurant Association, asked that City Councilors consider temporarily capping fees that third-party delivery services, such as Uber Eats, and DoorDash, charge restaurants on delivery orders. Such services charge restaurants up to 35% delivery fees on the cost of the food order.
- While Durango's restaurant industry requested the city cap fees at 15%, the idea now is to reimburse restaurants for the amount of delivery fees above the 15% mark.
- Staff will investigate the cost of such a program.

Durango Budget Update

- Durango City Councilors are close to adopting a budget for 2021. They held a public hearing for the budget on Tuesday and are scheduled to adopt it by December 15.
- Review the proposed budget here:
<https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/18431/2021-City-of-Durango-Proposed-Budget---Updated-Nov-25PDF>

Durango Financial Update

- Sales tax was up 4.2% for September. It was down -2.6% for the year.
- Lodgers tax was down -18.7% for September and down -35.1% for the year.
- View the monthly Sales Tax Snapshot report here:
<https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/18586/September-2020-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-PDF>

Town of Bayfield Budget Update

- Bayfield has adopted the 2021 budget.
- The Town hired a Finance Director September of 2020. The 2021 Budget includes Finance Director (0.8-FTE), Assistant Public Works Director (1-FTE) and Park Maintenance Worker (1-FTE) supported by the 2021 Budget anticipated revenues and a Deputy 1-FTE supported by a JAG Grant at 2 year funding.
- Review the budget here:
https://townofbayfield.colorado.gov/sites/townofbayfield/files/documents/budget_2021_Final.pdf

LPC Registered District Advisory Committees

- Registered District Advisory Committees (RDAC) afford organized citizen groups the opportunity to participate in the district plan amendment process and to comment on La Plata County land use permits which require public notice.
- RDACs were codified when the county Land Use Plan was adopted in October.
- Applications to form a Registered District Advisory Committee are here:
<https://forms.laplata.co.us/Forms/RDACApplication>
- More information on RDACs is here: <http://online.encodeplus.com/regs/la-plata-co/doc-viewer.aspx#secid-3143>

Durango Projects Approved

- On Nov. 17, City Council approved the 16 Coalbank Drive Preliminary Minor Subdivision, which created the potential for two separate residential ownership interests in the duplex located at 16 Coalbank Drive.
- On Nov. 17, City Council approved the Riverview Heights Lot III-A Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment & Rezoning. The conceptual development for the parcel is a single-family home with an accessory dwelling unit
- On Nov. 17, City Council approved the Boxcar Landing Conceptual Development Plan, located at 3801 Main Avenue. The proposed project would consist of up to 132 housing units consisting of apartments, condominiums and townhouses, with 6,000 square feet of commercial space.

La Plata County Projects Approved

- On Nov. 12, the LPC Planning Commission approved the Helmer Lot 3 Class I ADU located on CR 509 in Ignacio. The proposal was to build a garage with additional dwelling unit.
- On Nov. 12, the LPC Planning Commission approved the Border Buds Retail Marijuana Dispensary Class II. This was a proposal for a new retail marijuana dispensary to be located at 1929 S HWY 550 Durango.

Meetings attended November 10 - December 8

11/10 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda	11/23 - 10:30 am Durango Council Special Meeting
11/10 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	11/24 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda
11/11 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED	11/25 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
11/12 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	11/26 - Thanksgiving Day
11/13 - 1 pm Performance Review	12/1 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda CANCELLED
11/17 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	12/1 - 4:30 pm Durango Council Study Session
11/17 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	12/1 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
11/18 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	12/2 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
	12/8 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting