

### **La Plata County Land Use Code Update**

- County Attorney Sheryl Rogers said on Wednesday that the draft version of oil and gas regulations has been submitted to the La Plata County Commissioners for review.

### **Durango Code Update**

Sampling of results of the city's recent Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) survey:

- Broad (>75%) support for code amendments that promote the construction of new ADUs.
- Broad (>75%) support for financial incentives for new ADUs if owners commit to offering the units at a reduced rent.
- Support (64%) for amending the code to allow variances for new ADUs.
- Support for existing regulations requiring owner occupancy and prohibiting the use of ADUs as short-term rentals.
- Over 50% of ADU owners who responded stated that their units are offered for rent for less than \$1,000/month. Over 75% stated that ADU rental income helps offset home ownership costs.
- Over 80% of respondents indicated that they would either want to or would consider adding an ADU if they owned an eligible property.

Staff will further analyze the survey results, then will finalize amendments to ADU standards and submit them for the review of the Code Alignment Working Group. If the changes are supported, amendments will be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption in late Spring or early Summer.

### **La Plata County Tax Collections Update**

- County Sales tax collections for January show an increase of \$307,670 or 18.88% in comparison to the same period in 2020. Year to date, Sales tax has increased \$3,340,399 or 17.66% as compared to the same period in 2020.
- Sales tax collections for February show an increase of \$342,494 or 17.22% in comparison to the same period in 2020. Year to date, Sales tax has increased \$3,682,893 or 17.61% as compared to the same period in 2020.
- Quarter 3 Lodgers tax increased \$72,079 or 29.99% in comparison to Quarter 3, 2020.
- Quarter 4 Lodgers tax increased \$27,024 or 17.66% in comparison to Quarter 4, 2020. Year to date collections for Lodger's tax are \$350,498 or 61.07% as compared to the same period for 2020.

### **Durango Sales Tax Update**

- Durango's collected sales tax year to date is \$ 8,520,237.

### **La Plata County Resiliency Project Update**

- The La Plata Economic Development Alliance presented a plan to the Board of County Commissioners for a resiliency project. Alliance Executive Director Mike French said the umbrella approach is addressing workforce housing enablement and workforce development. Among the actions in the plan:
  - The Alliance will create a talent pipeline, in partnership with Pueblo Community College and Fort Lewis College, providing internship opportunities for students and graduates within the community, keeping talent local and enabling our business capacity.
  - In partnership with the Regional Housing Alliance, the Economic Development Alliance will engage in Workforce or Below Market Housing Planning with individual developers based on a created framework and metric to qualify projects to incentivize and offset specific planning costs related to workforce housing and report on projects.

## **Election Information (Primary Election 6/28/22)**

### LPC Assessor

- Carrie Woodson (D) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Clerk & Recorder

- Tiffany Lee (I) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Coroner

- Jan Smith (R) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Sheriff

- Sean Smith (D) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Surveyor

- Steven McCormack (I) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Treasurer Candidates

- Allison Aichele, (D) incumbent - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Erin Hutchins, (I) - contributions \$830, expenditures \$100 <https://www.facebook.com/Erin2022Treasurer>

### LPC Commissioner, District 1

- Clyde Church, (D) incumbent - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Brad Blake, (R) - contributions \$2500, expenditures \$13 <https://electbradblake.com/>
- Jack Turner (I) - contributions \$2063, expenditures \$515 <https://electjackturner.com/>

### 3rd Congressional House District

- Lauren Boebert, (R) incumbent - contributions \$3.6M, expenditures \$1.9M
- Don Coram (R) - information not available
- Marina Zimmerman (R) - contributions \$42.9K, expenditures \$27.6 K
- Kristin Skrowronski (I) - contributions \$5K, expenditures \$4.6K
- Adam Frisch (D) - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Sol Sandoval (D) - contributions \$535K, expenditures \$478K
- Scott Yates (D) - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Alex Walker (D) - information not available

### US Senate Colorado

- Michael Bennet (D) incumbent - contributions \$8.7M, expenditures \$5.7M
- Eli Bremer (R) - contributions \$407K, expenditures \$229K
- Gino Campana (R) - contributions \$955K, expenditures \$171K
- Deborah Flora (R) - contributions \$304K, expenditures \$32.6K
- Ron Hanks (R) - contributions \$28K, expenditures \$14.7K
- Juli Henry (R) - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Joe O'Dea (R) - contributions \$1.04M, expenditures \$153K
- Peter Yu (R) - contributions \$204K, expenditures \$47.3K
- Karen Breslin (D) - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Gregory Moore (R) - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0

## **Legislation - Housing**

- HB 1242 - Concerning the regulation of structures that are manufactured at a location that is not at the site where the structure is occupied. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1242> (CAR Supports) House Committee on Finance Refer Amended to Appropriations
- HB 1282 - Concerning the creation of the innovative housing incentive program. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1282> (CAR Supports) House Appropriations Committee.
- HB 1304 - Concerning state grants for investments in affordable housing at the local level, and, in connection therewith, creating the local investments in transformational affordable housing grant program and the

infrastructure and strong communities grant program to invest in infill infrastructure projects that support affordable housing. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1304> (**CAR Supports**) House Appropriations Committee.

- SB 159 - Concerning the creation of a revolving loan fund within the division of housing in the department of local affairs to make investments in transformational affordable housing. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-159> (**CAR Supports**) Senate Finance Committee
- SB 160 - Concerning programs to preserve mobile home communities, and, in connection therewith, establishing a revolving loan and grant program to assist mobile home owners seeking to purchase their communities. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-160> (**CAR Supports**) Senate Committee on Local Government Refer Unamended to Appropriations.
- HB 1287 - Concerning protections for mobile home park residents. <https://legiscan.com/CO/bill/HB1287/2022> (**CAR Opposes**) Sent to House Appropriations Committee.
- HB 1051 - Concerning modification of the Colorado affordable housing tax credit, and, in connection therewith, extending the time during which the credit may be claimed and increasing the yearly amount of credits that can be allocated. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1051> (**CAR supports**) House Appropriations Committee.
- HB 1082 - Concerning the enforcement of state housing laws by the department of law, and, in connection therewith, establishing a fair housing unit within the department of law. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-072> Sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- HB 1006 - Concerning the property tax exemption for property used as an integral part of a child care center. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1006> (**CAR supports**) (**CO Chamber Supports**) House Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Refer Unamended to Appropriations.

#### Legislation - Sales Tax

- SB 32 - Concerning simplification of local sales and use tax compliance and administration for retailers that make retail sales in local taxing jurisdictions where they have limited physical presence. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-032> (**CO Chamber of Commerce supports**) Passed House on 3rd reading.
- HB 1118 - Concerning limitations on purchasers' claims for sales and use tax refunds. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1118> (**CO Chamber Opposes**) House Finance Committee. Passed Senate on 3rd reading.

#### Legislation - Wildfire Mitigation

- SB 7 - Concerning outreach to the public relating to wildfire risk mitigation practices. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-007> (**CAR Supports**) To House Energy & Environment Committee.
- HB 1007 - Concerning wildfire mitigation assistance for landowners. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1007> House Finance Committee. (**CAR Supports**) Assigned to Energy & Environment

#### Legislation - Energy/Environment

- HB 1026 - Concerning the replacement of the income tax deduction for amounts spent by an employer to provide alternative transportation options to employees with an income tax credit for amounts spent by an employer for that purpose. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1026> (**CO Chamber supports**) House Appropriations Committee.
- HB 1345 - Concerning measures to increase protections from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1345> (**CO Chamber Opposes**) House Energy & Environment Committee

#### Legislation - Healthcare

- HB 1008 - Concerning the federal requirements for the implementation of fertility coverage under health benefit plans. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1008> (**CO Chamber Opposes**) To Senate Health and Human Services Committee for a hearing March 7.
- HB 1199 - Concerning visitation requirements for health-care facilities. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1199> (**CO Chamber Opposes**) House Health and Insurance Committee for a hearing March 9.
- SB 40 - Concerning actuarial reviews of proposed legislation that may impose a new health benefit mandate on health benefit plans. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-040> (**CO Chamber Supports**) Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Meetings attended March 8 - April 12**

3/8 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	3/28 - 5 pm Durango Planning Commission
3/8 - 4 pm BOCC Work Session on ARPA	3/30 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
3/9 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	3/31 - 5:30 pm Downtown Durango Next Steps
3/10 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	4/5 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
3/15 - 9 am Special BOCC Meeting	4/5 - 2:15 pm Durango Council Study Session
3/15 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	4/5 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
3/16 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	4/6 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
3/22 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	4/11 - 4:30 pm Durango URA Meeting
3/23 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	4/12 - 9:15 LAC Meeting
3/24 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	