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Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 32 to article II as follows:

Section 32. Right to Local Self-Government

(1) As all political power is vested in and derived from the people, and as all government of right originates from the people, the people have an inherent and inalienable right to local self-government, including in each county, city, town, and other municipality.

(2) That right shall include, without limitation:

(a) the power to enact local laws protecting health, safety, and welfare by establishing the fundamental rights of individuals, their communities, and nature, and by securing those rights using prohibitions and other means; and

(b) the power to enact local laws establishing, defining, altering, or eliminating the rights, powers, and duties of corporations and other business entities operating or seeking to operate in the community, to prevent such rights and powers from interfering with such locally-enacted fundamental rights of individuals, their communities, and nature.

(3) Local laws adopted pursuant to section (2) of this section shall not be subject to preemption by international, federal, or state laws, nor shall they be subject to limitation pursuant to section 6 of article XX of this constitution; provided that

(a) such local laws shall not restrict fundamental rights of individuals, their communities, or nature secured by the Colorado constitution, the United States constitution, or international law; and

(b) such local laws shall not weaken protections for individuals, their communities, or nature provided by state, federal, or international law.

(4) All provisions of this section are self-executing and severable.

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