

*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

Article XVIII of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**Section 17: Local Control of Oil-and-Gas Development**

**(1) Purpose and findings.**

- (a) THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION CONFERS CERTAIN RIGHTS ON THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING INALIENABLE RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE II, SECTION 3.
- (b) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO MAY ENACT LOCAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS, LAWS, ORDINANCES AND/OR REGULATIONS INTENDED TO PROTECT THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS.

**(2) Definitions.**

- (a) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN, WHETHER STATUTORY OR HOME RULE, LOCATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO.

**(3) Local Control of Oil-and-Gas Development.**

- (a) NOT WITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN COLORADO MAY PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE TIME, PLACE OR METHOD OF OIL-AND-GAS DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, THAT ARE INTENDED TO PROTECT THEIR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS.
- (b) NO LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY ENACT ANY LIMITATIONS, RULES OR REGULATIONS ON OIL-AND-GAS DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE LESS STRINGENT THAN EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL PROVISIONS.
- (c) ANY SUCH RESTRICTIONS PLACED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON OIL-AND-GAS DEVELOPMENT ARE DEEMED NOT TO BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE STATE'S INTERESTS.

- (4) **Self-executing, severability, confliction provisions.** ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE SELF-EXECUTING AND SEVERABLE.

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