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Be it ~~e~~Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, add article XXX as follows: ~~is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE: ***~~

~~1500 FOOT STATEWIDE SETBACK FROM OCCUPIED STRUCTURES FOR NEW OIL AND GAS WELLS~~

ARTICLE XXX

Mandatory Setback of Oil and Gas Wells

~~SECTION 1. PURPOSES AND FINDINGS.~~ Section 1. Purposes and findings.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO FIND AND DECLARE:

(a) THAT THE CONDUCT OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, MAY IMPACT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT;

(b) THAT ANY IMPACTS ARE EXPERIENCED MOST DIRECTLY IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES;

(c) THAT SUCH IMPACTS ARE MINIMIZED AND MITIGATED BY LOCATING WELLS AWAY FROM OCCUPIED STRUCTURES; AND

(d) THAT TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PEOPLE DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE SETBACK REQUIRING NEW OIL AND GAS WELLS TO BE LOCATED AWAY FROM OCCUPIED STRUCTURES, INCLUDING ~~BUT NOT LIMITED TO~~ HOMES, SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS.

~~SECTION 2. GRANT OF AUTHORITY.~~ Section 2. Grant of authority.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO HEREBY ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE SETBACK THAT ALL NEW OIL AND GAS WELLS REQUIRING A STATE OR LOCAL PERMIT, INCLUDING THOSE USING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ~~SHALL~~MUST BE LOCATED AT LEAST ~~1500~~ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET FROM OCCUPIED STRUCTURES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, "OCCUPIED STRUCTURE" MEANS ANY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE THAT REQUIRES A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, OR BUILDING OR STRUCTURE INTENDED FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, INCLUDING ~~BUT NOT LIMITED TO~~ HOMES, SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITALS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, "OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS" MEANS EXPLORATION FOR AND PRODUCTION OF COLORADO'S OIL, GAS, OTHER GASEOUS AND LIQUID HYDROCARBONS, AND CARBON DIOXIDE. THE OWNER OF A HOME MAY WAIVE THIS SETBACK ONLY WITH REGARD TO THE OWNER'S HOME.

~~SECTION 3. NOT A TAKING.~~ Section 3. Not a taking.

APPLICATION OF THE STATEWIDE SETBACK ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A TAKING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY NOR REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO ~~ART. II, SECTIONS 14 AND 15 OF~~ ARTICLE II OF THE COLORADO ~~C~~ONSTITUTION.

~~SECTION 4. SELF EXECUTING, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTING PROVISIONS~~ Section 4. Self executing, severability, conflicting provisions.

ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ARE SELF-EXECUTING, ARE SEVERABLE, AND SHALL SUPERSEDE CONFLICTING STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. LAWS AND REGULATIONS MAY BE ENACTED TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF THIS ARTICLE, BUT CANNOT IN ANY-NO WAY SHALL THEY REDUCE THE SETBACK STANDARD LIMIT OR RESTRICT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE POWERS AND RIGHTS ~~HEREIN GRANTED~~ ESTABLISHED IN THIS ARTICLE.