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Colorado Secretary of State

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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: ***~~

~~2000 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 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 ~~2000~~TWO THOUSAND 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 THE SURFACE ESTATE OF REAL PROPERTY ~~A HOME~~ MAY WAIVE THIS SETBACK ONLY WITH REGARD TO AN OCCUPIED STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE OWNER'S ~~PROPERTY~~HOME.

~~SECTION 3. SELF-EXECUTING, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTING PROVISIONS~~ Section 3. 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.