

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] IN OPPOSITION
TO PREEMPTIONS AND BURDENS IN HOUSE BILL 24-1313**

WHEREAS, for a century, the State of Colorado has committed both in statute and in the state constitution to the local control of land use planning and zoning because local governments are closest to the land and to the people that occupy it;

WHEREAS, for nearly as long, the State of Colorado has dedicated various revenues collected with respect to the operation of motor vehicles and motor fuel “exclusively for the construction, maintenance, and supervision of the public highways of this state,” as provided in Section 18 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution, referred to as the “Highway Users Tax Fund” (HUTF) that is shared with local governments that have a responsibility to maintain safe roads;

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1313 would require the [Name of Municipality] to commit [city/town] funds and staff resources to rezone substantial areas near existing and planned rail and bus transit to accommodate a potential density set by the state, change local laws to meet state criteria, and establish programs to meet state goals relating to affordability and the mitigation of displacement, all subject to state approval;

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1313 will punish communities that do not satisfy the state’s demands by withholding and reallocated HUTF funds for other purposes and authorizing the Department of Local Affairs, a longtime partner of local governments, to sue municipalities to enforce the state’s mandate;

WHEREAS, [city/town] staff estimates that House Bill 24-1313 would require the [Name of Municipality] to increase its zoning capacity by [insert percentage or number of units];

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1313 would undermine the work that the [Name of Municipality] and its residents have done to promote responsible development and affordable housing, despite limited support and a lack of sufficient transit opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the [City Council/Board of Trustees] of the [Name of Municipality] that:

1. It is the position of the [Name of Municipality] that the state should partner with local governments and provide meaningful support to improve transit opportunities and to promote affordable housing development instead of threatening local governments with punishment; and
2. The [Name of Municipality] opposes House Bill 24-1313 and strongly urges its legislators to vote NO on this legislation unless it is amended to remove preemptions and the threat to HUTF funds and instead promote a true partnership with municipalities.

Resolved this ____ of 2024.

Mayor

Attest:

Municipal Clerk