

Colorado Constitutional Amendment

Community Rights Amendment

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado

Article II, Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Colorado is Amended
BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

Section 32. Right of the People to Local Self-Government

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 any other municipal subdivision or other local community within the State. That right shall include, without limitation, the power to enact local laws protecting health, safety, and welfare by recognizing the fundamental rights of people, communities, and the natural environment, and by securing those rights using prohibitions and other means; and the power to enact local laws establishing, defining, altering, or eliminating the rights, powers, and duties of for-profit business entities, operating or seeking to operate in the community, to prevent such rights and powers from usurping or otherwise conflicting with the fundamental rights of people, their communities, and the natural environment. Local laws adopted pursuant to this right shall not be subject to preemption by international, federal, or state laws, nor shall they be subject to limitation pursuant to Article XX, section 6 of the Colorado Constitution; provided however, that local laws shall not restrict fundamental rights of individuals, their communities, or the natural environment secured by the Constitution of the State of Colorado, the U.S. Constitution, or international law, nor shall local laws weaken protections for people, their communities, or the natural environment provided by state, federal, or international law.

Self-executing and severability. All provisions of this section are self-executing and severable.

Effective Date. All provisions of this section shall become effective upon official declaration of the vote hereon by proclamation of the governor, pursuant to section 1 (4) of Article V.

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