

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FEBRUARY 4, 2025
TOWN COUNCIL



OVERVIEW

- General Assembly in session January-May
- Staff monitors, but does not take any positions on, legislation unless Council directs it
- Staff is presently tracking roughly 80 potential and introduced bills (up from 65)
- If Council is interested in information on any specific bills not addressed tonight, staff can provide an update at a future meeting

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDED TO OPPOSE

HB 1093: LIMITATIONS ON LOCAL ANTI-GROWTH LAND USE POLICIES

Clarifies the State's anti-growth law to also include any restriction that seeks to limit a particular housing type and mandates in-lieu fees for land dedication.

RECOMMENDED TO SUPPORT

HB 1112: LOCAL AUTHORITIES ENFORCE VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Would allow local authorities to enforce these requirements, providing municipalities with increased flexibility and helping restore timely registrations. (Transportation, Housing & Local Government Feb. 11)

POSITIONS COMMUNICATED



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

January 22, 2025

Sens. Mark Baisley, John Carson and Lisa Frizell; and Reps. Brandi Bradley, Max Brooks, Anthony Hartsook and Bob Marshall, Colorado General Assembly
Re: Town of Castle Rock bill positions as of January 2025

Dear Honorable Legislators:

We have been following the beginning of your 2025 session with great interest and have taken positions on several bills, which we would like to share with your information.

The Town of Castle Rock opposes these 10 introduced and anticipated pieces of legislation:

- SB 1: Colorado Voting Rights Act
- SB 3: Semiautomatic Firearms & Rapid-Fire Devices
- SB 30: Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions
- SB 62: Failure to Appear Charges in Municipal Court
- HB 1007: Paratransit Services
- HB 1007: Criminal Asset Forfeiture Act
- Anticipated legislation regarding:
 - Accessible public meetings
 - Municipal court reform and transparency
 - Police Officer Bill of Rights
 - Yes in God's Backyard

Additionally, we support these five introduced and anticipated pieces of legislation:

- SB 47: Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law
- HB 1039: Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements
- Anticipated legislation regarding:
 - Reform to the construction defects process that would create more owner-occupied housing
 - Additional time for staff to respond to open records requests
 - Allowing municipal courts to issue surety or cash bonds for failures to appear to help combat petty thefts

We appreciate the work in which you are engaging on behalf of Castle Rock residents this session and are here to support you. Please reach out with questions, and we will continue to share our positions on bills.

Sincerely,

A row of seven handwritten signatures in black ink, corresponding to the names listed below.

Jason Gray Laura Cavey Ryan Hollingshead Kevin Bracken Mark Davis Max Brooks Tim Dietz
Mayor Mayor Pro Tem District 1 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6

cc: Colorado Municipal League

100 N. Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 3: SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARMS & RAPID-FIRE DEVICES

Prohibits the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale and purchase of specified semiautomatic firearms and classifies a device that increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm as a dangerous weapon. (Passed committee; set for Senate floor Feb. 7)

SB 62: FAILURE TO APPEAR CHARGES IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would prohibit municipalities from making contempt of court a jailable offense under local ordinance, which is a provision that exists within our Town Code. (Judiciary Feb. 5)

NOW INTRODUCED - HB 1147: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions.

SUPPORTED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1039: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MUFFLER REQUIREMENTS

Requires all commercial vehicles to have a muffler, not just those with an engine brake. (Passed committee; in Appropriations)

NOW INTRODUCED - SB 77: MODIFICATIONS TO COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT

This bill would give staff additional time to respond to open records requests.



PROPOSED MOTION

"I move to affirm staff's recommended positions on State legislation as presented and direct staff to communicate the positions to the Town's legislative delegation, CML and others."