

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

APRIL 1, 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 85 potential and introduced bills (down from 100)
- If Council is interested in information on any specific bills not addressed tonight, staff can provide an update at a future meeting

# NEW RECOMMENDATION

## RECOMMENDED TO OPPOSE

### **SB 256: FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF DIGITAL TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM**

This bill proposes using severance taxes that support local governments to fund the Statewide emergency radio network for the next 10 years. While this network is important to local governments, they should not be wholly responsible for funding it, as it is used Statewide, including by State entities.

### **SB 257: MODIFY GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO STATE HIGHWAY FUND**

Staff believes this bill would significantly reduce funding toward transportation infrastructure, including grants available to local governments.

# OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

## **HB 1007: PARATRANSIT SERVICES**

Would require local governments to have plans for how to provide these services during emergencies and to consult with impacted members of the community before reducing services. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

## **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. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

## **HB 1147: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT**

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions. (Next hearing is on the Senate floor)

# OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

## **HB 1169: HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ON FAITH AND EDUCATIONAL LAND**

This bill would require an administrative approval process for housing proposals on property owned by religious institutions or schools, with no limitations on density or affordability. (Next hearing is on the Senate floor)

## **HB 1239: COLORADO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT**

Per CML, promotes a culture of litigation rather than promoting resolution of disputes; increases liability for public entities; and unfairly places public funds at risk. (Has passed the House and will be moving to the Senate)

## **HB 1261: CONSUMERS CONSTRUCTION DEFECT ACTION**

Per CML, would further discourage condos and other housing projects being built in the State and counters legislation related to construction defects litigation reform. (Postponed indefinitely)

# OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

## **SB 1: COLORADO VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

This would extend powers of the State Attorney General and the Secretary of State over some municipal elections and would open the Town up to additional litigation surrounding elections. .  
(Introduced in the House)

## **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 and awaiting Governor's signature)

## **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. (Next hearing is second reading on the House floor)

# SUPPORTED ITEMS UPDATES

## **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. (Has passed the House and will be moving to the Senate)

## **HB 1152: TECH ASSESSIBILITY LIABILITY CONTRACTOR**

Potentially reduces Town's liability under State's digital accessibility law. (Next hearing is on the Senate floor)

## **HB 1272: CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS & MIDDLE MARKET HOUSING**

Seen by CML as a means to create more owner-occupied housing options. . (Has passed the House and will be moving to the Senate)

## **HB 1276: COURT ACTIONS RELATED TO FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT**

This bill would allow municipal courts to issue surety or cash bonds after a certain number of failures to appear or personal recognizance bond violations, helping to combat petty thefts. (In Judiciary April 2)

# SUPPORTED ITEMS UPDATES

## **SB 77: MODIFICATIONS TO COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT**

This bill would give staff additional time to respond to open records requests. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)



# 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."*