

TOWN OF BERTHOUD
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF BERTHOUD SUPPORTING
THE COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S SUPPORTIVE POSITION ON SB 181**

Whereas, oil and gas drilling permits are currently issued by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission that is predominantly composed of members with industry backgrounds;

And, Whereas, the COOGCC is currently charged to prioritize oil and gas development over public health, environmental, or local land use impacts;

and, Whereas, current oil and gas activity represents heavy industrial land use that is exempt from local zoning or Town control;

and, Whereas, oil and gas drilling and the subsequent permanent equipment and facilities have a significant impact on the areas surrounding those activities and facilities;

and, Whereas, these impacts can be seen east of downtown Berthoud in the facilities that have developed in the last several years;

and, whereas, these impacts include, but are not limited to, permanent loss of farmland and open space, permanent visual impacts of tank farms and other facilities, heavy truck and other vehicle traffic, and significant temporary and permanent noise and light pollution,

and, Whereas, oil and gas activity has been shown to have significant negative impacts on front range air quality and other environmental issues such as wildlife habitat and water quality;

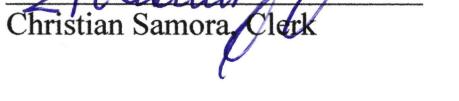
and, Whereas, all other industrial uses and their siting within the Town of Berthoud is controlled by Town zoning and the Development Code as determined by the Board of Trustees;

and, Whereas, SB181 will allow for “reasonable and necessary” local control by the Town of Berthoud over oil and gas activity within the Town boundaries;

and, Whereas, SB 181 will restructure the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to add representatives with professional experience in environmental and public health issues;

and, Whereas, SB181 will charge the COOGCC to give equal weight to public health and environmental concerns, in addition to oil and gas development;

Therefore, be it resolved this 26th day of March, 2019 that the Berthoud Town Board of Trustees supports the Colorado Municipal League position of support for SB 181, as amended, and urges the Colorado Legislature to pass SB181 and urges Governor Polis to sign it into law.


Christian Samora, Clerk




William Karspeck, Mayor