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**PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE BOCC TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE
FROM COUNTY STAFF ON THE PROGRESS
OF THE COUNTY'S OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS
(ART. 12 OF THE LAND USE CODE)**

**Board of County Commissioners
Jan. 28, 2020**

S.B.19-181

- S.B.19-181, known as “Protect Public Welfare Oil and Gas Operations,” was signed into law on April 16, 2019
- Prioritizes the protection of public safety, health, welfare, and the environment in the regulation of the oil and gas industry
- Strengthens local governments’ broad authority to regulate oil and gas development



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY

- S.B.19-181 clarified and granted additional authority to protect public health, safety, and welfare, including the following matters:
 - the location and siting of oil and gas facilities
 - impacts to public facilities and services
 - water quality and source, noise, vibration, odor, light, dust, air emissions and air quality, land disturbance, reclamation procedures, cultural resources, emergency preparedness and coordination with first responders, security, traffic and transportation impacts, and other nuisance-type effects of oil and gas development
 - financial securities, indemnification, and insurance to ensure compliance
 - inspections oil and gas facilities
 - ability to impose fines for leaks, spills, and emissions
 - ability to impose fees on operators or owners to cover the costs of permitting and regulating, monitoring and inspection programs, and enforcement



LAND USE CODE UPDATE

- On June 4, 2019 the BOCC authorized amendments to **Art.12 of the Land Use Code** (Special Review for Oil and Gas Operations) for the purpose of re-evaluating our oil & gas regulations in light of S.B.19-181 and the new authorities granted by its adoption.
 - Land Use Code amendments involve hearings in front of Planning Commission (recommending body) and the Board of County Commissioners (final decision makers).
 - Oil and Gas regulations were last updated in March 2017.
- The BOCC enacted a moratorium on new oil & gas development while staff works on changes.
 - Current moratorium is in effect until March 28, 2020.
- Boulder County staff was involved with the passage of law and are looking at it closely.

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PROGRESS TO DATE

- ✓ Researching new areas of authority that were not previously included in our oil & gas regulations
- ✓ Legal and practical research
- ✓ Numerous internal staff meetings to discuss ideas and changes
- ✓ Collecting comments from the public to consider in the changes
- ✓ Holding Stakeholder discussions
- ✓ Drafting updated regulations
 - Expect to release Draft Regulations for public review in mid-February, prior to first Planning Commission hearing

Simultaneously:

- State Rulemakings (COGCC and AQCC)
- Litigation

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE & OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Planning Commission Review of Draft Regulations:

- March 2 at 4:00 PM - *Public hearing for PC to receive public testimony on proposed oil and gas regulations. Public testimony only; no action by PC.*
- March 3 at 4:00 PM - *Public meeting for PC discussion and recommendation to BOCC. No additional public testimony.*

Board of County Commissioners' Review of Draft Regulations:

- March 17 at 3:00 PM- *Anticipated public hearing for BOCC to receive public testimony on proposed oil and gas regulations. Public testimony only; no action by BOCC.*
- March 19 at 3:30 PM - *Public Meeting for BOCC discussion and action. No additional public testimony.*

➤ Email comments/information to oilgascomment@bouldercounty.org

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INFORMATION & UPDATES

- Information will be posted on the County Oil & Gas website and emailed to the oil/gas news listserv.
- Oil & Gas website:

www.boco.org/OilGas

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OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT

Oil & Gas Development

Boulder County is concerned about the potential for significantly expanded oil and gas development within the county. We support appropriate tighter restrictions and increased local control to mitigate the impacts of these activities.

The Board of County Commissioners and staff have laid the groundwork for how the county will work to address the potentially hazardous impacts of oil and gas development on local public health, safety, and the environment.

In order to maximize the use of its limited local authority and protect county residents, Boulder County is committed to undertaking a series of legislative, legal, environmental, and public health approaches to help minimize the impacts of oil and gas development on people and the environment. [View details of the county's multi-pronged approach.](#)

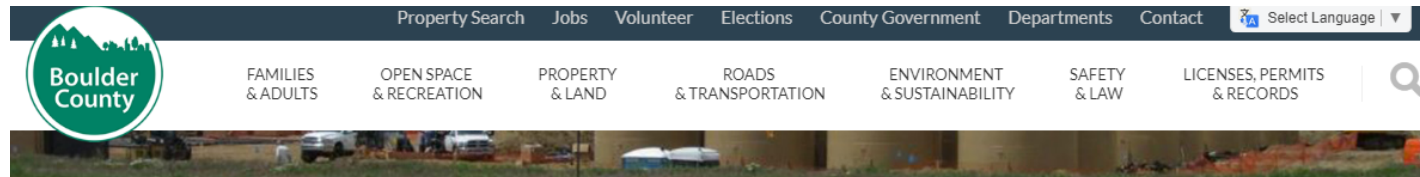
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WE WELCOME COMMENTS

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A temporary moratorium on the acceptance and processing of new oil and gas development applications and seismic testing in unincorporated Boulder County is in effect until March 28, 2020.

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