

# Boulder County Land Use Department



**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT MORATORIUM  
ON BOULDER COUNTY'S PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS  
FOR OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT AND SEISMIC TESTING  
OPERATIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY**

**Board of County Commissioners**

**July 14, 2020**

**2:30 PM**

# COVID-19

- S.B.19-181 (“Protect Public Welfare Oil and Gas Operations”) was signed into law in April 2019
  - Prioritizes the protection of public safety, health, welfare, and the environment in the regulation of the oil and gas industry
  - Strengthens and clarifies local governments’ authority to regulate oil & gas development
- 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 response to S.B.19-181
- Schedule was designed to complete the regulations before the current moratorium expires on July 31, 2020.
  - Initial draft of the updated regulations posted on March 6
  - First public hearing in front of Planning Commission had been scheduled in April, to be followed by the BOCC in June
- **Due to COVID-19, the schedule was vacated.**



# NEW SCHEDULE

- **June - October** - County staff create new draft regulations based on public input and participate in Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) "Mission Change" Rulemaking Process.
- **Tuesday, October 13 at 4 p.m.** - Public hearing for Planning Commission to receive public testimony on the proposed oil and gas regulations. **Public testimony only; no action.**
- **Thursday, October 15 at 4 p.m.** - Public meeting for Planning Commission discussion and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners or direction to staff to modify regulations. **No additional public testimony.**
- **(If necessary) October 27 and 29 at 4 p.m.** - Planning Commission proceedings continued, if needed.
- **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 4 p.m.** - Public hearing for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to receive public testimony on the proposed oil and gas regulations. **Public testimony only; no action by BOCC.**
- **Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5 p.m.** - Public meeting for BOCC discussion. Adoption of regulations or direction to staff to modify regulations. **No additional public testimony.**
- **(If necessary) December 3, 10, and 15 at 4 p.m.** - BOCC public proceedings continued, if needed.
- **December 31, 2020 - Revised end of moratorium.**



# 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](http://www.boco.org/OilGas)

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### 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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# O&G NEWS UPDATES

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# WE WELCOME COMMENTS!

- Email comments, information, suggestions to:

[oilgascomment@bouldercounty.org](mailto:oilgascomment@bouldercounty.org)

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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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# BOCC ACTION

- BOCC accepted written testimony for today's public hearing and consideration of the moratorium.
- With the proposed schedule, staff anticipates completing the regulation update by December 31.
- Today the BOCC should decide whether the new moratorium should be extended.

