Summary of Proposed Code Updates:

A draft of the Code was posted to the public ahead of the planning and zoning commission hearing on July 20, 2023. The staff recommendations included the following:

- 1. Apply oil and gas reverse setbacks to all occupiable buildings, not just residential uses.
- 2. Eliminate the buffer exemption for crossings of arterial roadways.
- 3. Increase buffer for developments near existing oil and gas operations from 500' to 2,000' to match ECMC and Fort Collins new code setbacks.
- 4. Allow modification of standards for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) Injection wells and Producing well buffers, no less than 500'.
- 5. Decrease soil-gas and ground water monitoring requirements for plugged and abandoned wells from once every 5 years to once prior to permits and once again at the end of a five-year construction guarantee.
- 6. No change to buffer for developments near existing abandoned wells (not fully reclaimed) at 500'
- 7. No change to buffer near plugged and abandoned wells (fully reclaimed) at 150'
- 8. No change to disclosure requirements for future property owners via a property covenant
- 9. Add requirements for point-of-sale disclosure notice for new developments and existing homes within a 2,000' buffer.
- 10. Add prohibition on detached occupiable buildings from existing buildings located within the oil and gas buffer.