

**TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 29-R-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO, OPPOSING HOUSE BILL
24-1304, PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING
MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, for a century, the State of Colorado has committed both in statute and in the state constitution to the local control of land use planning because local governments are closest to the land and to the people that occupy it; and

WHEREAS, local ordinances establishing minimum requirements for parking in retail and residential developments reflect local needs, density, and traffic patterns, determined in conjunction with larger land use plans, and cannot be viewed separately from the broader ability of a community to plan for its own future, including the ability to provide access to public safety services, schools, and recreational services; to make sure that sufficient and safe transportation options are available to citizens of all abilities; to handle increased population or more intense uses; and to align development with a community's long-term goals; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1304, which would prohibit municipalities within a metropolitan planning organization from enacting and enforcing local minimum parking requirements for real property, would: (1) place statewide mandates on hyper-local land use matters; (2) rely on the judgment of state legislators and regulators who lack the understanding needed to make reasoned and informed decisions for our community concerning minimum parking requirements; (3) undermine long-range and short-range planning efforts; and (4) severely limit the Town's ability to regulate traffic and transportation; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1304 silences the voices of our residents by prohibiting the enactment or enforcement of local codes and ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, Weld County, Colorado, that:

Section 1. It is the position of the Town of Mead that municipalities are best suited to determine appropriate parking requirements for motor vehicles in their communities and that collaboration and cooperation, not top-down statewide mandates, are the best way to address transportation and environmental challenges.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead opposes House Bill 24-1304 as written and strongly urges the General Assembly to vote NO on this preemption of local control of land use planning and zoning matters.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 4. Certification and Delivery. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution and make not less than one copy of the adopted resolution available for inspection by the public during regular business hours. The Town Clerk shall also deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the bill's sponsors, and provide a courtesy copy to the Colorado Municipal League.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MEAD:

By: _____
Mary E. Strutt, MMC, Town Clerk

By: _____
Colleen G. Whitlow, Mayor