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Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 32 to article II as follows:

SECTION 32. RIGHT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY SELF-GOVERNMENT

(1) AS ALL POLITICAL POWER IS VESTED IN AND DERIVED FROM THE PEOPLE, AND AS ALL GOVERNMENT OF RIGHT ORIGINATES FROM THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE HAVE AN INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY SELF-GOVERNMENT IN EACH COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, AND OTHER MUNICIPALITY.

(2) THAT RIGHT SHALL INCLUDE THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE POWER OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS, TO ENACT LOCAL LAWS THAT PROTECT HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE BY RECOGNIZING OR ESTABLISHING RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS, THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND NATURE, AND BY SECURING THOSE RIGHTS USING PROHIBITIONS AND OTHER MEANS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MEASURES TO ESTABLISH, DEFINE, ALTER, OR ELIMINATE COMPETING RIGHTS, POWERS, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES, OR DUTIES OF CORPORATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS ENTITIES OPERATING, OR SEEKING TO OPERATE, IN THE COMMUNITY.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 16 OF ARTICLE XIV OR SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE XX OF THIS CONSTITUTION, LOCAL LAWS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO PREEMPTION OR NULLIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL, FEDERAL, OR STATE LAW, PROVIDED THAT:

(A) SUCH LOCAL LAWS DO NOT RESTRICT FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS, THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, OR NATURE SECURED BY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS, OR BY INTERNATIONAL LAW; AND

(B) SUCH LOCAL LAWS DO NOT WEAKEN PROTECTIONS FOR NATURAL PERSONS, THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, OR NATURE PROVIDED BY STATE, FEDERAL, OR INTERNATIONAL LAW.

(4) ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE SELF-EXECUTING AND SEVERABLE.

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