

**TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-39**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE,
COLORADO, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 112**

WHEREAS, Proposition 112 (formerly Initiative #97) is a proposed statute that will appear on the November 2018 general election ballot;

WHEREAS, Proposition 112 would require “new” oil and natural gas development (including a previously plugged or abandoned well that comes back online) not on federal land to be located at least 2,500 feet from an “occupied structure” or “vulnerable area,” with such terms defined as follows:

- “Occupied structure” is defined to mean any building intended for human occupancy, including homes, hospitals, and schools.
- “Vulnerable areas” is defined to mean playgrounds, permanent sports fields, amphitheatres, public parks, public open space, public and community drinking water sources, irrigation canals, reservoirs, lakes, rivers, perennial or intermittent streams, creeks, and any other such locations as may be designated by the state or a local government.

WHEREAS, the official fiscal note accompanying Proposition 112 anticipates reduced severance and other tax revenues accruing to both the state and to local governments in the future and the oil and gas industry has released various reports indicating that this measure will significantly restrict production activity in Colorado;

WHEREAS, Proposition 112 would cause significant and unreasonable impacts to the oil and gas industry, which the Town’s economy relies upon, and would not result in further protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town;

WHEREAS, the preemptive nature of any distance limit less than 2,500 feet could restrict both local control and home rule thereby limiting the ability of the Town to negotiate MOUs with producers in which a smaller “setback” might be offered in exchange for other land use and zoning considerations, as an example; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes it is in the best interests of the Town for the Board of Trustees to oppose the Proposition 112 and encourage the Town’s registered electorate to vote “NO” on such measure.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO THAT:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Town of Parachute opposes Proposition 112 that will appear on the November 2018 coordinated election ballot and strongly encourages the electors of the Town to vote NO on such measure.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by a vote of 6 to 0 of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Parachute, Colorado at a regular meeting held at Town Hall in the Town of Parachute, Colorado, on the 20 day of September, 2018 and approved by the Mayor on the 20 day of September, 2018.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO**



Roy B. McClung
Roy B. McClung, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucy Cordova
Lucy Cordova, Town Clerk