

TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO

RESOLUTION 2023-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO
APPROVING A LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND AGENDA
FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons (the “Town”) is a statutory Town, the actions of the Colorado General Assembly can have great impact on the day-to-day operations and the Town’s residents, businesses, and visitors, and;

WHEREAS, the Town appreciates our partnership with the Colorado Municipal League (“CML”) as a lobbying arm for all Colorado municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, there are situations in which Town has perspectives on proposed legislation which may diverge from CML positions and situations in which Lyons may agree with their positions and may want to supplement CML’s lobbying efforts with testimony before the General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, currently, testimony at the General Assembly on behalf of the Town should only occur with explicit Town of Lyons Board of Trustees (“Board”) approval, however, opportunities for providing testimony often scheduled between Board meetings; and

WHEREAS: The approval and adoption of a Legislative Agenda can free any Trustee or Board and Commission Chair to testify on any issue which conforms to the approved Legislative Agenda, without prior specific approval by the Board of Trustees providing the Town flexibility in addressing issues which concern the Town at the General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees hereby:

- (a) Adopts the 2023 and 2024 Legislative Agenda attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- (b) Each Trustee who is planning to testify should provide notice of this to the Board of Trustees via the Town Clerk.
- (c) Each Board and Commission Chair who is planning to testify must obtain approval from the Mayor prior to testifying.

(d) The Legislative Agenda may be amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2023.

TOWN OF LYONS

BY:

Hollie Rogin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dolores M. Vasquez, CMC, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

2023 and 2024 Legislative Agenda, Town of Lyons, Colorado

A. Local Control

The Town of Lyons is a Statutory Town. Being such, Lyons wishes to maintain local control to the greatest extent possible.

Policy Positions:

- Oppose unfunded mandates at the local level.
- Support legislation that enhances municipal authority and flexibility to address local needs.
- Oppose legislation that diminishes local control of zoning.
- Oppose legislation that diminishes local control of marijuana and psilocybin sales.
- Protect core provisions of the Colorado Urban Renewal law, which provides effective redevelopment tools for municipalities such as tax increment financing and eminent domain.
- Protect the autonomy of employment and personnel decisions made by city administration.

B. Housing Affordability

The Town of Lyons is committed to preserving and expanding housing affordability.

Policy Positions:

- Support the creation and preservation of state and municipal funding options for affordable housing.
- Enhance and preserve the rights and interests of the residents of manufactured home communities.
- Support the expansion of housing choices.
- Encourage partnerships with government entities and nonprofits to achieve affordable housing goals.

C. Transportation

The Town of Lyons is severely underserved by regional transportation options, particularly to and from Longmont, and wishes to expand our regional options while creating safer public and multimodal local options.

Policy Positions:

- Support ongoing state funding for transportation projects.
- Oppose efforts to divest state-owned roads to municipalities without adequate funding.
- Support investment in regional transit projects and major highway corridors that include multimodal access and safety.
- Increase transportation access for vulnerable populations, including youth, older adults, those with lower income and people with disabilities.

D. Public Safety

The Town of Lyons contracts with the Boulder County Sheriff for law enforcement and relies on the Lyons Fire Protection District for emergency services. We wish to provide our community with continually enhanced public safety services.

Policy Positions:

- Support funding for direct services for public safety departments and individuals to promote first responder mental health wellness.
- Oppose local government mandates to enforce Federal immigration laws.
- Support increasing funding for wildfire mitigation for local communities.
- Support state-level actions to prevent gun violence.

E. Health and Human Services

The Town of Lyons is currently challenged in providing basic public transportation, as well as medical and pharmaceutical care to its residents, and it is committed to supporting the highest quality of life possible for its aging population.

Policy Positions:

- Support increasing accessibility, availability, quality, and affordability of cost of basic health and human service needs.
- Support expanded mental/behavioral health services, reduced barriers to care, and funding to support such programs and initiatives.
- Support programs that promote a lens of aging and disability in all areas.
- Support legislation that seeks to address mitigation of the climate crisis.