

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 06-PC-2023**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF  
MEAD, COLORADO, IN OPPOSITION TO STATEWIDE LAND USE AND  
ZONING PREEMPTIONS IN SENATE BILL 23-213**

**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 and zoning because local governments are closest to the land and to the people that occupy it; and

**WHEREAS**, zoning and land use cannot be viewed separately from the impacts of proposed uses of land on surrounding properties and a community as a whole, including the ability to ensure adequate water and utilities; to provide enough public safety services, schools, and recreational services; to make sure that sufficient and safe infrastructure is available to handle increased population or more intense uses; to align development with the community's economic goals; to prevent displacement of existing people; to preserve important historical sites; and to protect open space and the environment in general; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 23-213 would place statewide mandates on hyper local land use matters and substitute the judgment of legislators and state regulators who lack the understanding needed to make reasoned and informed decisions for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 23-213 will undermine long-range planning efforts and will severely limit the Commission's ability to maintain reasonable zoning regulations to ensure a high quality of life and sound economic environment for our current and future residents, workers, and business owners; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 23-213 silences the voices of our residents by taking away the right to be heard at public hearings on zoning matters or to use their constitutional rights of initiative or referendum to address zoning and land use matters; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Commission of the Town of Mead, Colorado, that:

**Section 1.** It is the position of the Planning Commission that municipalities are best suited to determine appropriate zoning laws for their communities and that collaboration and cooperation – not top-down statewide mandates and giveaways to special interests – are the key ingredients to finding a solution to Colorado's affordable housing problem.

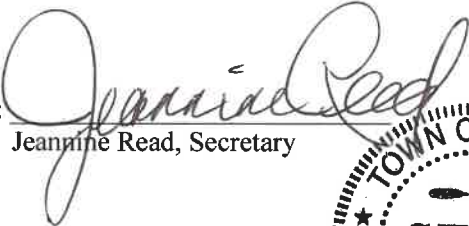
**Section 2.** The Planning Commission opposes Senate Bill 23-213 and strongly urges its legislators to vote NO on this unprecedented and irresponsible preemption.

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

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.**

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MEAD PLANNING COMMISSION:

By:   
Jeannine Read, Secretary

By:   
Ryan Sword, Chair

