

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE
OPPOSING STATE SENATE BILL 23-213
REGARDING LAND USE AND ZONING PREEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, for over 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, the Colorado Supreme Court has consistently recognized that the exercise of land use planning and zoning to be a matter of local concern; 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, to implement a local master plan like the one that Cherry Hills Village adopted in 2022; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 23-213 silences the voices of local 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE:

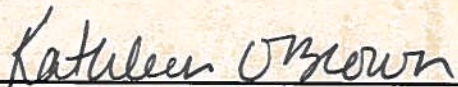
Section 1. It is the position of the City of Cherry Hills Village that the stated issues the legislation attempts to address are important, but that municipalities are best suited to determine appropriate zoning laws for their communities and that collaboration and cooperation – not top-down statewide mandates and giveaways to special interests – are the solution to Colorado's affordable housing problem; and

Section 2. The City of Cherry Hills Village 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 be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Introduced, passed and adopted at a
regular meeting of City Council this 4th day
of April, 2023, by a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

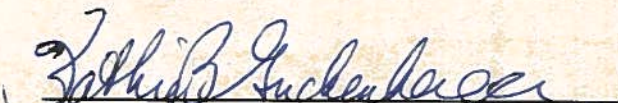
(SEAL)


Kathleen Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Laura Gillespie, City Clerk


Kathie B. Guckenberger, City Attorney