

**Town of Ignacio  
Board of Trustees  
RESOLUTION NO. 07-2018**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 112, AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A 2500 FEET SETBACK FROM NEW OIL AND NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT**

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, amphitheaters, 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 could cause significant and unreasonable impacts to the oil and gas industry, which may impact the Town’s economy;

WHEREAS, the preemptive nature of any distance limit less than 2,500 feet could restrict local control thereby limiting the ability of the Town to negotiate 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 to oppose the Proposition 112.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees for the Town of Ignacio, Colorado opposes Proposition 112 and strongly urges the Town’s registered electorate to vote “NO” this November.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Town Board of Trustees of Ignacio, Colorado, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

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Stella Cox, Mayor

Attest:

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Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk