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## **Arapahoe County hosts open house on rural standards**

*Residents invited to comment on proposed engineering and site development standards during Jan. 31 Byers meeting*

**Arapahoe County, Colo.** – Arapahoe County is in the process of revising its Land Development Code to reflect the needs of the eastern communities. Residents are invited to provide their feedback on the proposed Rural Engineering and Site Development Standards during an open house held 5-7 p.m., Jan. 31 at the Byers High School Commons Area, 444 E. Front St., Byers.

Currently, the design and construction standards for items such as site planning, roadways, architectural styles, signs, drainage, grading and erosion control are the same for rural and urban development within unincorporated Arapahoe County. The County recognizes the need for distinct rural engineering and planning requirements that support the community's rural character, agricultural operations and natural areas.

The new standards are designed to increase safety in rural Arapahoe County through the design and construction of proposed residential developments. The standards also will include regulation on the posting of home addresses and property vehicular access. Currently, the lack of consistency in these areas can make it difficult, at times, for emergency responders to locate and access an injured person or property.

Major topics of the rural engineering and planning design standards include:

- 1) Roadway and driveway access for emergency responders
- 2) Drainage and grading/erosion/sediment control for residential developments
- 3) Right-of-way obstructions (primarily mailboxes)
- 4) Home address posting
- 5) Planning guidelines for eastern communities, rural town centers and rural areas

Can't attend the open house? View the draft standards and provide your feedback online at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) under *What's New*. Comments must be returned to the County by Feb. 3, 2012.

For more information:

- Visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us). Click on "Rural Standards" under *What's New*
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