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Arapahoe County to hold open house to get citizen feedback on Land Development Code

Littleton, Colo. --- Arapahoe County invites residents to stop by one of two open houses to review and discuss upcoming changes to the Land Development Code for unincorporated Arapahoe County.

The Jan.14 Open House will be held at Koelbel Library, Room B, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial, and citizens can stop by anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. The Jan. 28 Open House is scheduled 5 to 7 p.m. at Byers High School, 444 E. Front St., Byers, for citizens in the eastern Arapahoe County.

The County's Land Development Code, adopted in 2001, is a set of rules, regulations and ordinances that govern how and where certain types of development may occur. The code is being updated to help the County address future needs for zoning and land development, such as in-fill and redevelopment which will help the County integrate land that is under utilized in the urban areas, as well as changing needs within the rural area.

"We need to develop a code more specific to the rural character of the County," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who represents the eastern communities in District 3, as well as Foxfield and portions of Aurora and Centennial. "It's important the County has an updated Land Development Code so we can preserve the rural areas and know how they will look in the future and address the remaining urbanized land across the County."

The Land Development Code is being rewritten in four phases during 2010 and 2011. This meeting will address the first phase changes which include administrative provisions of the Land Development Code, zoning and uses for agricultural and rural residential zone districts and regulations addressing nonconforming uses, land and buildings.

Citizens will have the opportunity to meet with staff, provide comments and ask questions. Preliminary drafts will be made available to homeowners associations and other interested agencies prior to the public meeting.

For a complete copy of the proposed Land Development Code or for information on proposed changes, please contact the Planning Division at 720-874-6500 or visit What's New on the County web site at www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

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