

1 CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

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3 Resolution No. 26
4 Series, 2025

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
7 COLORADO, OPPOSING HB 25-1147, FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN
8 MUNICIPAL COURT
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10 WHEREAS, Article XX Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution confers on home
11 rule municipalities the authority to create municipal courts as well as their powers; and

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13 WHEREAS, our municipal court’s jurisdiction is limited to matters of local
14 concerns; and

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16 WHEREAS, case law is clear in Colorado that there is no conflict that currently
17 exists between state law, as amended by Senate Bill 21-217 and any municipal ordinances
18 imposing penalties for violations municipal ordinances; and

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20 WHEREAS, as ordinances of the city are matters of local concern the municipal
21 court has the jurisdiction to enforce penalties that address as much; and

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23 WHEREAS, limiting the ability of municipal courts to address matters of local
24 concern could have a profound effect on county courts by potentially increasing their caseloads
25 exponentially; and

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27 WHEREAS, this increase in caseloads would lead to staffing issues, delays in court
28 cases, potential dismissals of cases, and be a disservice to defendants, victims, witnesses and police
29 departments who would have to travel further, in most cases, to address local issues.

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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
32 THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

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34 Section 1. The City of Littleton opposes House Bill 25-1147 and strongly urges its
35 legislators to vote NO on this legislation and allow for municipal courts to continue to function as
36 prescribed in the Colorado Constitution, Colorado State Law, by continuing to address matters of
37 local concern.

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40 INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the
41 City Council of the City of Littleton, Colorado, on the 1st day of April, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the
42 Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado.

44 ATTEST:

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47 Colleen L. Norton

48 CITY CLERK

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50 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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53 Reid Betzing

54 CITY ATTORNEY

Kyle Schlachter

MAYOR

