

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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Kyle Schlachter

MAYOR

