



2016 State Legislation: New Authorities and Mandates

The following table is designed to serve as a brief general reference source. Commissioners, Councilmembers and mayors should always seek advice and counsel from the county or city attorney concerning specific implementation requirements.

General Government

2016 Legislation	Local Option	Local Requirement	Effective Date
SB16-63 Intergovernmental Agreements with local governments outside of Colorado (Roberts/ Vigil)	Counties are authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with local governments in states bordering Colorado for purposes of planning for and providing services during emergencies and natural disasters. (CRS § 29-1-206.5)		August 10, 2016
SB16-168 Creation of Airport Authorities (Roberts/ Brown)	Counties are permitted to allow jurisdictions across state lines to be part of an airport authority in Colorado. (CRS § 41-3-106 and CRS § 41-4-103)		August 10, 2016
HB16-1064 Local License for Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities (Brown/ Roberts)	Counties may issue licenses for medical marijuana testing facilities. (CRS § 12-43.3-301)		March 23, 2016
HB16-1211 Local License for Marijuana Transporter (Melton/ Baumgardner, Jahn)	Counties may issue licenses for medical marijuana transporters. (CRS § 12-43.3-301)		August 10, 2016
HB16-1320 Regulation of Massage Therapy (Foote, Carver/Cooke)	Counties may inspect massage therapy businesses and verify licensure. (CRS § 12-35.5-118)		Upon Governor's signature

Health and Human Services

2016 Legislation	Local Option	Local Requirement	Effective Date
HB16-1224 Treat Trafficking of Children as Child Abuse (Lundeen/Woods)		A child that is a victim of human trafficking shall be assessed by the county department of human services and offered services if it's necessary and appropriate. The county department must also notify local law enforcement as soon as practicable. (CRS § 19-3-308)	January 1, 2017
HB16-1401 Retail Food Establishment Licensure & Inspection (Priola, K. Becker/Hodge, Woods)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Beginning January 1, 2017 thru 2019, the annual licensing fees paid by retail food establishments (restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores) will increase. The average increase is \$93 in 2017, \$31 in 2018 and \$31 in 2019. •The increases in 2018 and 2019 are contingent upon the local public health agency's compliance with 1.) a uniform communication method that does not use a letter grade, number, symbol or other simplified methods of communication (CRS § 25-4-1607.7) and 2.) the completion of plan reviews – which are required before a retail food establishment can open new locations - within 14 working days (CRS § 25-4-1607.9). •On or before December 31, 2019, significant statewide compliance with the federal Food and Drug Administration's voluntary retail food regulatory program standards is also required. This includes higher levels of training and education on food safety principles for public health inspectors and standardization of food safety inspections across the state with a focus on the highest risk establishments. (CRS § 25-4-1607.9 (2)). 	August 10, 2016

Land Use and Natural Resources

2016 Legislation	Local Option	Local Requirement	Effective Date
HB16-1272 Disconnection of Land from a Municipality (Kraft-Tharp/Tate)	Following a disconnection notice from a land owner and municipality, commissioners may request a meeting to discuss negative impacts on the county. (CRS § 31-12-501)		April, 14, 2016

Taxation and Finance

2016 Legislation	Local Option	Local Requirement	Effective Date
SB16-172 Electronic Notices in County Property Tax Disputes (Woods/ Tyler, Buck)	Allows commissioners to choose whether or not to give taxpayers the option of receiving notices of hearings for the abatement and refund of taxes, notices of hearings for petitions for appeal, and decisions related to these hearings to be emailed or faxed – rather than mailed - to the petitioner (CRS § 39-1-113, CRS § 39-8-106, CRS § 39-8-107)		Upon Governor's Signature
HB16-1088 Fire Protection District Impact Fee on New Development (Dore/Roberts)	While local governments must confer, they may decide whether or not to impose an impact fee to fund the expenditures by a fire protection district. If they choose to do so, the local government and fire protection district shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement defining the details of collection and remittance (CRS § 29-20-104.5 (2)(c))	Local governments must confer with any fire protection district providing services in a new development and the owner of the development, to assess whether there should be an impact fee imposed to defray the impacts to the fire protection district. (CRS § 29-20-104.5 (2)(b))	Upon Governor's Signature
HB16-1230 Transparency Online Project Include County Info (Dore/Cooke)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Starting with the 2018 budget year, counties are required to provide the state Chief Information Officer (CIO) with a copy of the county's adopted budget no later than 30 days after the fiscal year begins. (CRS § 24-72.4-106 (1)(a)) •No later than 30 days following the end-of-the year audit of a county revenues and expenditures for a fiscal year that begins on or after January 1, 2017, the county shall provide the CIO a database that identifies all revenue received by the county and 	August 10, 2016

		expenditures made by each spending agency. (CRS § 24-72.4-106 (1)(b)) •These requirements do not apply to a county that posts its budget and revenue and expenditure data on the county website. In this case, the county shall notify the CIO that it is exempt from providing this information to the CIO. (CRS § 24-72.4-106 (4))	
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Transportation & Telecommunications

2016 Legislation	Local Option	Local Requirement	Effective Date
SB16-173 Allow Golf Cars to Cross State Highways (Heath/K. Becker)	Counties are authorized to allow golf cars to cross state highways at an at-grade crossing in order to continue using a local road. (CRS § 42-4-111)		August 10, 2016
HB16-1106 Designation of Pioneer Trails (Wilson/Grantham, Garcia)	Counties may designate any public roads in the county as a section of a pioneer trail and establish interpretive and educational signage along these sections of road. (CRS § 30-11-127)		August 10, 2016