

Board of County Commissioners amends the temporary moratorium on proposed development in the Niwot Rural Community District

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Commissioners vote to maintain the six-month moratorium with an amendment to exclude the Niwot Historic District

Boulder County, Colo. - The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on Oct. 30, 2018, regarding the temporary six-month moratorium on proposed development in the Niwot Rural Community District (NRCD) initially approved in September through [Resolution 2018-112](#). The Commissioners received public comment on whether to terminate, extend or otherwise amend the moratorium, which places a temporary pause on processing applications for development in the NRCD to allow the county and the community opportunity to review existing NRCD regulations and consider necessary revisions.

After a presentation by Land Use staff, public comments, and deliberation, the Commissioners voted (3-0) to maintain the six-month moratorium with an amendment to exclude the Niwot Historic District.

View the archived [Oct. 30 public hearing video](#) (select event bookmark #13 for the start of the hearing, and #14 to view the Commissioner's motion and vote).

The [staff report](#) to the [Board of County Commissioners](#) is posted on the on the [DC-18-0004 webpage](#).

Next Steps

Additional community outreach opportunities and meetings will be announced soon, with anticipation of taking draft revised Niwot Rural Community District regulations to the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners early next year. [Subscribe](#) to the Land Use Code news list to receive notification of upcoming meetings and outreach events.

Public Comment

A public comment form is available on the [DC-18-0004 webpage](#). Use of the comment form is the best way to ensure your comment is promptly reviewed by staff and made part of the public record.

For more information, contact Jose Ruano at jruano@bouldercounty.org or 303-441-3922.

Background

On Sept. 20, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) authorized staff to review and update the Niwot Rural Community District Regulations (Article 4-116) of the [Boulder County Land Use Code](#). The Commissioners enacted a temporary, six-month moratorium on processing applications for proposed development in the NRCD pending consideration of Land Use Code amendments. [Read more](#) on the moratorium, or [view the FAQ](#) document.

Boulder County Land Use staff is analyzing whether the existing NRCD regulations are sufficient to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare, by appropriately balancing changes in development and growth with the present and future needs of the Niwot community.

