



# TOWN OF ERIE NEWS FLASH

## Board of Trustees Action Items

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## Erie Board of Trustees Action Items October 14, 2014

**Board Considers Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Businesses** – The Board considered Ordinance 35-2014, an ordinance amending the “Business Regulations” section of the Town’s Municipal Code and prohibiting retail marijuana businesses within the Town of Erie. In January of 2013, the Board approved an ordinance imposing a moratorium on recreational marijuana business. The moratorium extended through October 1, 2013. However, in August of 2013, the Board extended the moratorium through December 31, 2014. The Board will consider the Ordinance 35-2014 on Second Reading during their October 28th meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** Article XVIII, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution authorizes local governments such as the Town of Erie, to prohibit the operation of marijuana facilities including: marijuana cultivation facilities; marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores through the enactment of an ordinance. The Town may only regulate the business establishment facet of Amendment 64. The Town may not regulate or prohibit the individual use or growing as allowed by the Amendment. As such, it is important to keep in mind that nothing in the Moratorium or the proposed ordinance will alter or affect the rights of an individual 21 years of age or older to use, possess and grow a limited amount of marijuana as guaranteed by Amendment 64.

**Board Issues Resolutions of Support for Boulder County’s Ballot Measures 1A & 1B** – During Tuesday night’s meeting, the Board of Trustees approved two resolutions of support endorsing Boulder County’s Ballot Measure 1A and 1B set for the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot.

Boulder County Commissioner Cindy Domenico spoke to the Board during last night’s meeting. According to Domenico, Issue 1A provides for a 0.185% sales and use tax for a period of five years (for a total of \$49.6 million) to fund flood recovery. The sales tax amount equates to a little under 2 cents on a \$10 purchase, or 18.5 cents on a \$100 purchase within Boulder County limits. The funds would be used to pay for the costs associated with immediate flood response, repair of public infrastructure, including permanent repairs to roads and bridges and restoration of waterways and assistance to county residents impacted by the 2013 Flood. In addition, these funds would be used to ensure Boulder County’s readiness to respond to future disasters and emergency situations.

Issue 1B asks voters to extend a 0.9 mill ad valorem property tax for an additional term of 15 years to continue to fund crucial safety net services for Boulder County residents. The continued combination of increased need and decreased funding has made it challenging for Boulder County to meet the needs of its most vulnerable residents. The existing mill levy equates to about \$21 per year for a property valued at \$300,000, and generates about \$5 million each year to help provide for high quality services that promote family stability and ensure that people have access to the basic services that they need to get out of crisis and continue towards self-sufficiency.

**Certificate of Appreciation Awarded for Eagle Scout Project at Mount Pleasant Cemetery** – Mayor Pro Tem Mark Gruber presented Seth Anderson a Certificate of Appreciation for recent completion of his Eagle Scout project of recording headstones at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



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*Photo: Trustee Waylon Schutt, Trustee Jennifer Carroll, Seth Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Gruber, Trustee Scott Charles and Trustee Janice Moore.*

View complete October 14, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting Packet [here](#).

**Engage Erie** – View the most recent activity on the Town’s new social engagement site, [Engage Erie](#).

**Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings** – The Board of Trustees will meet in a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 6:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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