

Ballot Measures

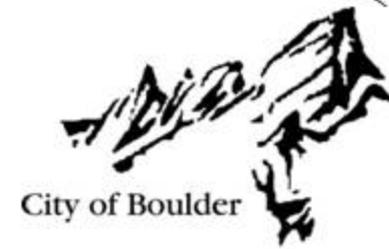
Utility Occupation Tax

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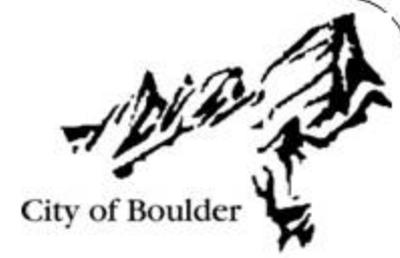


- Discussed two previous meetings April 14 and July 14. Passed on first reading July 28.
- 2010 Franchise Agreement with Xcel was allowed to expire.
 - Funded general fund programs: Police, Fire, Library, Parks, Human Services and other general services.
- Asked voters to replace it with an Occupation Tax.
 - Same amount as the franchise agreement
- Passed – 2011 extended two years when clean energy portion passed by the voters.

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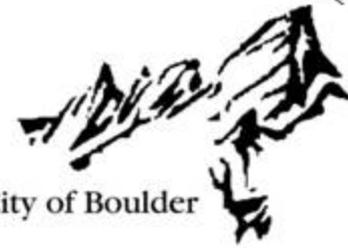
- Sunsets the earlier of December 31, 2017 (if no electric utility is formed), or when the city commences delivery of electric utility services
- Two components: Total of \$6.3 million
 - a. \$4.3 replaced the Franchise Tax general fund services
 - b. **Not included - \$2.0 part for Municipalization Study**
- Proposed at this time so that reductions in services can be made in an orderly manner, if it is not passed
- Five year extension recommended for the General Fund portion (\$4.3M) only
- **Does Council want this proposed ballot item to move ahead to final reading?**



Library

Current Library Charter Provisions

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Sec. 132 - General powers of library commission

Gives the library commission control of the library

Sec. 133 – Title and Custody of Property

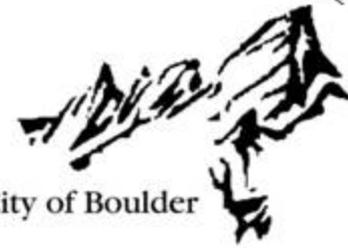
Property is in the name of the city, but under the control of the library commission

Sec. 134 – Powers of the Library Commission

Gives the commission, “with the approval of the city manager”, power of acquisitions, expenditures and employees.

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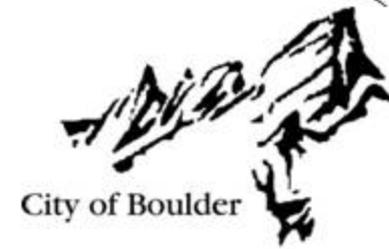
Sec. 135 – Library Appropriations

Creates a library fund into which is deposited the 1 / 3 mill levy and any gifts, bequests or donations.

Sec. 136 – Library Reports

Requires annual reports of “the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number of visitors, and such other information as the city manager may deem to be of general interest.”

Proposed Amendments



Repeal Section 69 and 132 through 136

Sec. 65 – Administrative Departments

Add Library and Arts as a charter created department

Sec. 69 – General Powers and Duties

Provides for the library to be managed by the library director, who is also the technical advisor to the library commission

Sec. 132 – Library Commission established.

Establishes the Library Commission as an advisory commission

Sec. 133 – Powers and Duties of the Library Commission

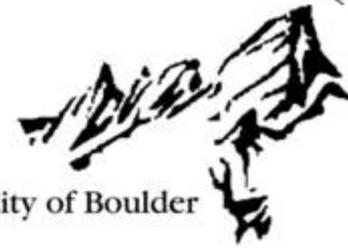
Provides details of the duties of the Library Commission as an advisory body

Sec. 134 – Library Fund

Maintains the library fund and the commission's authority over expenditures from gifts, bequests, donations and the proceeds of sale of library property.

Proposed Amendments

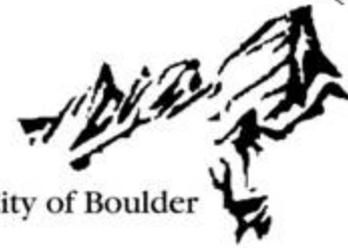
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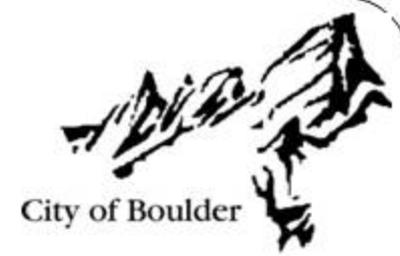
- Recognizes the role of the library commission as an advisory body
- Clarifies the role of the library director
- Simplifies the library fund language without changing any current funding mechanism
- Adds to the library funds received from the sale of library property acquired with gifts or the 1 / 3 mill property tax

Proposed Changes from First Reading

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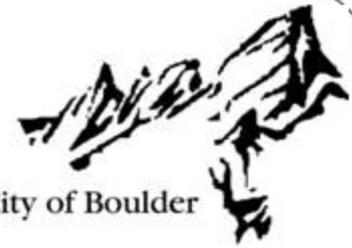
- Add a provision to Section 133 expressly authorizing the library commission to seek to gifts, donations and bequests.
- Limits the library commission's authority to approve of expenditures to:
 - Gifts, donations and bequests
 - Sale of library property purchased with gifts, donations or bequests or with the 1 / 3 mill levy property tax
- Exhibit C are staff's attempt to improve the drafting without changing the meaning.



Council Compensation

Current Language

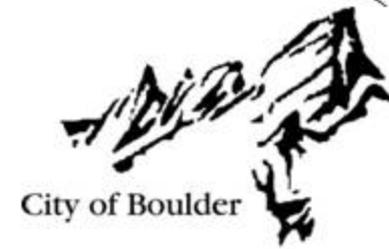
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•“Council members shall receive as compensation **\$100.00** per meeting at which a quorum of city council is present, not to exceed **fifty-two** meetings per calendar year, plus an annual escalation each January 1 in a percentage equivalent to any increase over the past year in the Consumer Price Index”

Adjusted amount is now \$206.97. Council’s maximum compensation under the current format is \$10,762.44

Four options



- Ordinance 8052 – base salary of \$10,000, plus \$210 per meeting, both subject to annual adjustment.
 - Maximum 2016 Compensation would equal \$20,920
- Ordinance 8053 – double the base meeting amount to \$425 per meeting.
 - Maximum 2016 Compensation would equal \$22100
- Ordinance 8054 – Would provide for council compensation equal to a percentage of area median income.
 - 25% of AMI = \$ 22,375
 - 50% of AMI = \$ 44,750
 - 75% of AMI = \$ 67,125

Benefits

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- Current law allows council members to participate in city health plans with council members paying 100% of the costs
- Council could amend Section 7 of the charter to include the following language:
“Council members may elect to receive benefits under the same terms and conditions that are available to full-time city employees including without limitation participation in city health, vision, and dental insurance plans.”

Small Change

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Change “Medium” to “Median” in
the ballot title