

## APPROVAL OF INSPECTION FEES

**RESOLUTION NO. [reso #]** It was moved by Commissioner [moved] and duly seconded by Commissioner [seconded] to approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has authorized local government, including counties such as Arapahoe County, through C.R.S. § 34-60-105, to regulate energy and carbon management operations;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County, has exercised the authority granted to it by C.R.S § 29-20-104, to regulate energy and carbon management operations to protect and minimize adverse impacts to public health, safety, welfare and the environment;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County, is authorized pursuant to C.R.S § 29-260-104(1)(h)(VI)(2) to, *inter alia*, inspect and impose fines in association with the regulating energy and carbon management;

WHEREAS, with the adoption of oil and gas regulations, Arapahoe County authorized the creation of an oil and gas inspections program and the collection of fees for inspections on December 10, 2024 by Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 24-367; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-3.6.L of the Land Development Code states that the "...County may require operators to pay a reasonable inspection fee for all Oil and Gas Facilities in the County. Fees for Oil and Gas Facility inspections shall be assessed according to the County's adopted fee schedule"; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of new oil and gas regulations make it necessary to adopt new inspection fees to cover reasonable and necessary costs of implementing those regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County as follows:

1. That the imposition of new inspections fees for oil and gas facilities be approved on the grounds that the new fees will offset the costs for the oil and gas inspections program that are necessary to ensure the protection of health, safety, welfare, and the environment.
2. That the oil and gas inspections fees shall be:
  - a. Per pad site (annual inspection fee): \$3,000,
  - b. Per well (annual inspection fee): \$1,500.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, \_\_\_\_; Commissioner Campbell, \_\_\_\_; Commissioner Fields, \_\_\_\_;  
Commissioner Summey, \_\_\_\_; Commissioner Warren-Gully, \_\_\_\_.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.