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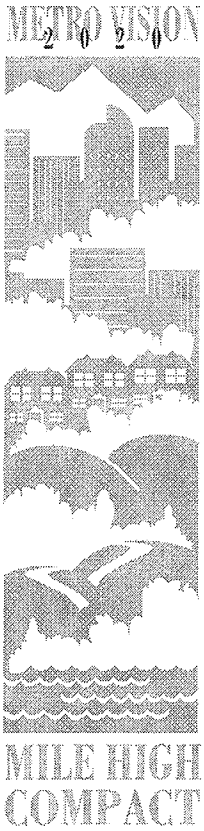

MILE HIGH COMPACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 10th day of August 2000, pursuant to Article XIV, Section 18(2)(a) of the Constitution of Colorado and Section 29-1-203 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, by and among the cities and towns of the State of Colorado, and the counties of Colorado, bodies politic organized under and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado.

I. *WHEREAS, the Cities and Counties recognize that growth and development decisions can impact neighboring jurisdictions and the region; and*

II. *WHEREAS, Metro Vision 2020, collaboratively created by DRCOG members, business, environmental and neighborhood leaders; provides a regional framework for local decisions on growth and development within the Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) region; and*

III. *WHEREAS, the Cities and Counties are willing to make a commitment to the accommodation and encouragement of planned growth and development, to the orderly extension of urban services, to the enhancement of the quality of life, to the protection of the environment, and to the promotion of the economic viability of their respective communities and the region; and*

IV. *WHEREAS, the Cities and Counties support planned growth and development to maximize efficiency through coordination among jurisdictions, provide for the orderly extension and integration of urban services, promote the economic vitality of the Cities and Counties and enhance the quality of life of its residents; and*

V. *WHEREAS, the Cities and Counties have Comprehensive/Master Plans that provide for the development within their respective jurisdictions; and they recognize the need to have consistent and coordinated comprehensive plans and master plans in order to provide for the orderly growth and development of the region; and*

VI. *WHEREAS, the Cities and Counties desire to voluntarily and collaboratively set forth the principles defined herein that illustrate their commitment to address the nature and location of growth within their individual and overlapping jurisdictions and the region as a whole.*

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the undersigned Cities and Counties (hereinafter referred to as we) agree as follows:

1. ***Metro Vision 2020.*** *We acknowledge that Metro Vision 2020 is the comprehensive guide for the development of the region. Moreover, we agree that Metro Vision 2020 is a dynamic document that reflects changes in the region.*

2. ***Comprehensive/Master Plan.*** *We acknowledge that comprehensive/master plans are critical tools in translating the community's vision into more specific goals, policies and programs to manage their long-range growth consistent with the communities' and the region's vision. We agree to develop and approve comprehensive/master Plans for each of our respective communities and to update these plans on a regular basis, as determined by each jurisdiction.*

3. ***Comprehensive/Master Plan Principles.*** *We recognize that there are certain fundamental principles that guide the development of a comprehensive/master plan. We agree to rely on the following principles in developing or amending our comprehensive/master Plans:*

- ***Metro Vision 2020.*** *Local comprehensive/master plans will be consistent with the regional vision provided by Metro Vision 2020 and will incorporate its core elements:*
  - *Designating the extent of urban development within a specified area;*
  - *Creating a balanced multi-modal transportation system;*
  - *Establishing a hierarchy of mixed-use, pedestrian and transit-oriented urban centers;*
  - *Preserving four free-standing communities of Boulder, Brighton, Castle Rock and Longmont;*
  - *Development of a regional open space system;*
  - *Preserving the region's natural environment, especially air and water quality.*

- ***Public participation.*** *The comprehensive plan/master plan will be developed through a public participation process with the specifics determined by each jurisdiction, but which will include a public hearing prior to the adoption of the comprehensive plan/master plan.*

- ***Reflection of community values.*** *The comprehensive/master plan will be a reflection of the community's values and the region's vision.*

- ***Translate the vision into specific goals, policies and programs.*** *The comprehensive/master plan will translate the vision for the community into specific goals, policies and programs and/or provide implementation strategies .*

- ***Provide for the broad needs of the community.*** *The comprehensive/master plan will provide for the diverse life-style, and life-cycle needs of the community (residential and business).*

- ***Long-range view.*** *Local comprehensive/master plans will address the development and re-development of the community for a fifteen-to-twenty-year period.*

- ***Dynamic.*** *The comprehensive/master plan will be a dynamic document and be able to reflect changes in the community.*

- ***Long-range plan for major infrastructure.*** *The comprehensive/master plan will address the major infrastructure that will be needed to support the development of the community. The incremental, implementing elements of the long-range plan will be identified in the capital improvements/project plan.*

- ***Coordinated.*** *The comprehensive/master plan will coordinate the various elements, such as transportation, land use, community facilities, that must come together in order to provide for the desired quality of life.*

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- ✧ ***Intergovernmental collaboration.*** *Issues that overlap or affect neighboring jurisdictions or districts will be addressed in a collaborative process.*

4. ***Elements of a Comprehensive/Master Plan.*** *We agree to include and/or address the following elements within our comprehensive/master plans.*

   - ✧ ***Land use and growth coordination.*** *This element includes identification of the desired land use patterns, where growth is anticipated or desired to occur over the time period of the plan, and the anticipated amount of development at the end of twenty years or buildout. An urban growth boundary/area will be based on these decisions.*

   - ✧ ***Provision of services and community facilities.*** *This element provides a description of the essential services and community facilities (for example, schools, fire, police recreation, libraries, etc.) to be provided or available to the community, the level of such services, and what services and/or community facilities are necessary in the future to address future growth for the plan period.*

   - ✧ ***Utilities.*** *This element provides a description of how utilities with sufficient capacity will be provided to serve planned development and redevelopment. Such utilities should include, but not be limited to water, wastewater and drainage.*

   - ✧ ***Transportation and transit.*** *This element addresses how the community plans to accommodate the transportation demand for the timeframe of the comprehensive/master plan, including alternative modes of transportation such as trails and bikeways, and transportation demand reduction strategies. This element also reflects Metro Vision 2020 regional multimodal transportation plans.*

   - ✧ ***Parks and recreation.*** *This element addresses how the community provides future parks and recreation facilities and opportunities to serve the community. Plans for trail corridors, bike paths, etc. will be coordinated with overlapping and neighboring jurisdictions.*

   - ✧ ***Open space.*** *This element addresses the community's future open space preservation which will be coordinated with, but not limited by, the plans of overlapping and neighboring jurisdictions and the Metro Vision 2020 Open Space Plan.*

   - ✧ ***Economic viability.*** *This element includes a review and projection of the economic viability of the community based on existing and projected commercial/industrial activities and employment included in the comprehensive/master plan and their impacts on the other elements of the plan.*

   - ✧ ***Housing.*** *This element addresses how projected population changes, and development and redevelopment are anticipated to affect the mix, affordability, availability and redevelopment needs of the community's housing stock. The relationship between housing and jobs may be addressed in the context of the subregion or to the individual community.*

   - ✧ ***Urban design/Community image/Identity.*** *This element addresses how the community will shape its boundaries and urban landscape to further its identity and image.*

   - ✧ ***Environmental resources and hazards.*** *This element identifies key environmental resources, such as wildlife corridors and habitat areas, which are important for the community to preserve and to identify hazard areas that should not be considered for development. This could also be included as part of the land uses element since it provides the basis for future land use. This element addresses the effects that the location and type of growth and land development have on air and water quality.*

5. ***Urban Growth Areas or Urban Growth Boundaries.*** *We agree to adopt Urban Growth Areas or Urban Growth Boundaries, as established by Metro Vision 2020, within our comprehensive/master plans, or in the case of counties by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, and to allow urban development only within those areas. We will encourage and support the efficient development within our Urban Growth Areas or Urban Growth Boundaries consistent with the goals of Metro Vision 2020. Modifications to Urban Growth Areas or Urban Growth Boundaries will be addressed through Metro Vision 2020's flexibility process. We agree to address nonurban growth outside of the Urban Growth Area or Urban Growth Boundary through subregional planning, intergovernmental agreements, comprehensive/master plans or revised Metro Vision policies.*

6. ***Comprehensive/Master Plan Approval.*** *We will develop our comprehensive plan/master plan through an inclusive public participation process including, but not limited to, a public hearing.*

7. ***Comprehensive/Master Plan Implementation.*** *We will use our comprehensive/master plan for updating local zoning and development regulations. Moreover, we will develop and adopt policies, procedures, and/or ordinances to implement and enforce our comprehensive/master plans that are consistent with the provisions of our comprehensive/master plan.*

8. ***Coordination with Other Plans.*** *We will work to coordinate our plans with neighboring and overlapping governmental entities and work to integrate our plans at a sub-regional level.*

9. ***Intergovernmental Agreements.*** *We will enter into additional intergovernmental agreements, when necessary, to address discrepancies and/or inconsistencies at the jurisdictional boundaries or any other planning and coordination matters.*

10. ***Dispute Resolution.*** *Individual communities will pursue dispute resolution processes.*

11. ***Term.*** *We will annually jointly evaluate the effectiveness of the processes set forth herein and to propose any necessary amendments. If any parties consider withdrawing from the agreement, they must notify DRCOG by April 1st with the action to be effective by the following January 1st.*

12. ***Intent of Agreement.*** *This Agreement is intended to describe rights and responsibilities only as between the named parties hereto. It is not intended to and shall not be deemed to confer rights to any persons or entities not named as parties hereto. We, by signing this Agreement, intend to implement its provisions in good faith.*

13. ***Execution in Counterparts.***