



# DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH

## 2007 Determination of County and Municipal Master Plan Adoption Requirements

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Under the Colorado Revised Statutes, counties and municipalities having a certain population and/or growth rate are required to prepare and adopt a master plan. The Department of Local Affairs is required to annually determine, based on the population statistics maintained by the department's Demography Section, which counties and municipalities are subject to these statutory planning requirements. The department is also responsible for notifying those local governments meeting the population/growth rate thresholds of the master plan adoption requirements. C.R.S. 30-28-106(4)(c) and 31-23-206(4)(b)

### **County Population and Growth Thresholds**

**C.R.S. 30-28-106(4)(a)** "Each county that has not already adopted a master plan and that meets one of the following descriptions shall adopt a master plan within two years after the effective date of this subsection:

- (I) Each county or city and county that has a population equal to or greater than ten thousand **and** the population of which has demonstrated an increase of either:
  - (A) Ten percent or more during the calendar years 1994 to 1999; or
  - (B) Ten percent or more during any five-year period ending in 2000 or any subsequent year;
- (II) Each county or city and county that has a population of one hundred thousand or more.

(b) To the extent the county does not meet a description specified in subparagraph (I) or (II) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4), the counties of Clear Creek, Gilpin, Morgan, and Pitkin shall adopt a master plan within two years after the effective date of this subsection (4)."

The following counties are currently subject to the statutory master plan adoption requirement:

Adams  
Arapahoe  
Archuleta  
Boulder  
Broomfield  
Chaffee  
Clear Creek  
Delta  
Denver  
Douglas  
Eagle

El Paso  
Elbert  
Fremont  
Garfield  
Gilpin  
Grand  
Gunnison  
Jefferson  
La Plata  
Larimer  
Logan

Mesa  
Montrose  
Morgan  
Park  
Pitkin  
Pueblo  
Routt  
Summit  
Teller  
Weld

### **Municipality Population and Growth Thresholds**

**31-23-206(4)(a)** “Each municipality that has a population of two thousand persons or more and that is wholly or partially located in a county that is subject to the requirements of section 30-28-106 (4), C.R.S. shall adopt a master plan within two years after the effective date of this subsection (4).”

The following municipalities are subject to the statutory master plan adoption requirement:

**Adams:** Bennett, Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster

**Arapahoe:** Aurora, Centennial, Cherry Hills Village, Englewood, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Littleton and Sheridan

**Archuleta:** No municipalities with population equal to or more than 2,000

**Boulder:** Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville and Superior

**City and County of Broomfield:** For purposes of this memo, Broomfield has been counted as a county

**Chaffee:** Buena Vista and Salida

**Clear Creek:** No municipalities with population equal to or more than 2,000

**Delta:** Cedaredge, Delta and Orchard City

**City and County of Denver:** For purposes of this memo, Denver has been counted as a county

**Douglas:** Castle Rock, Lone Tree and Parker

**Eagle:** Avon, Basalt, Eagle, Gypsum and Vail

**El Paso:** Colorado Springs, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument and Palmer Lake

**Elbert:** No municipalities with population equal to or more than 2,000

**Fremont:** Canon City and Florence

**Garfield:** Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, New Castle, Rifle and Silt

**Gilpin:** No municipalities with population equal to or more than 2,000

**Grand:** No municipalities with population equal to or more than 2,000

**Gunnison:** Gunnison

**Jefferson:** Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood and Wheat Ridge

**La Plata:** Durango

**Larimer:** Berthoud, Estes Park, Fort Collins, Loveland and Wellington

**Logan:** Sterling

**Mesa:** Fruita, Grand Junction and Palisade

**Montrose:** Montrose

**Morgan:** Brush and Fort Morgan

**Park:** No municipalities with population equal to or more than 2,000

**Pitkin:** Aspen and Snowmass Village

**Pueblo:** Pueblo

**Routt:** Steamboat Springs

**Summit:** Breckenridge, Frisco and Silverthorne

**Teller:** Woodland Park

**Weld:** Dacono, Eaton, Erie, Evans, Firestone, Fort Lupton, Frederick, Greeley, Johnstown, Lochbuie, Mead, Milliken, Platteville, Severance, and Windsor

## 2007 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

The 2007 review of county and municipal population estimates and growth rates consisted of the following steps:

**Part 1.** Identify any municipalities that are wholly or partially within a county that is subject to the statutory master plan requirements that had a population under two thousand persons at the time of the 2006 review, but that now have populations in excess of two thousand persons (based on newly released demography section estimates).

<b>Results:</b> No municipalities have reached the population threshold in the 2007 review.
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**Part 2.** Identify those counties that have achieved the thresholds for population and growth rate under C.R.S. 31-23-206(4)(a) (based on newly released demography section estimates).

<b>Results:</b> No counties reached the population/growth rate thresholds in the 2007 review.
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**Part 3.** Identify any municipalities wholly or partially within the boundaries of the newly identified counties that have populations in excess of two thousand persons (based on newly released demography section estimates).

<b>Results:</b> Not applicable (see Results from Part 2 above).
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