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# News Release

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## **8 North's pending oil and gas applications will not be located in Lafayette**

*Public hearing on proposed oil and gas regulations rescheduled for August*

**LAFAYETTE, Colo June 25, 2018** – In a pre-hearing statement submitted to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) on June 21, 8 North LLC voluntarily revealed information indicating well surface sites included in the company's pending spacing and density application will not be located within Lafayette's city limits or designated open space. Exhibits provided with the statement confirm all 20 well sites will be situated in the southeast quarter of Section 36 within the Town of Erie. Prior to this announcement by 8 North LLC, Lafayette and Boulder County co-filed a pre-hearing statement on June 19 citing numerous concerns regarding 8 North LLC's request to drill wells on land owned by the two jurisdictions.

"As a city, we've been clear that industrialized oil and gas operations are not welcome in Lafayette," said Mayor Christine Berg. "With this information we can move forward and continue to address other additionally important city business."

In September 2017, 8 North LLC submitted a spacing and density application to the COGCC requesting authorization to develop a total of 20 wells in Boulder County within sections 35 and 36. The hearing is set to go before the commission on July 30/31, 2018.

### **Public hearing on proposed oil and gas regulations scheduled for August**

On August 7 and 21, the Lafayette City Council will be presented with the first and second readings of updated oil and gas regulations intended to modernize Lafayette's existing land use codes. Modeled after Boulder County's oil and gas regulations, these proposed updates are the most stringent and protective in Colorado, and go as far as possible to regulate development in a manner with the highest level of protection for the environment, and the health, safety and welfare of Lafayette citizens.

"I'm looking forward to placing this additional safeguard in our oil and gas tool belt," said Berg of the proposed regulations. "Lafayette was a historic coal mining community, but we have transitioned into a progressive city that is moving away from fossil fuels. We have not had an oil and gas well drilled in Lafayette for 25 years and our trajectory continues to point towards solar resources and environmental sustainability."

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