



GUIDELINES ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Background

1. La Plata County citizens participated in the development of comprehensive plans that encompass growth for the area of La Plata County. The La Plata County Commissioners and the Durango City Council accepted the principles of those plans. Among other things, these principles incorporate a respect for private property rights and local decision-making and lead to code and regulatory revisions and modifications.

The Chamber Supports:

1. Development of local infrastructure that assists business.
2. Local control and decision-making on issues related to growth.
3. The strengthening of tools that allows local governments and private entities to work together to address regional growth issues.
4. Infill redevelopment efforts, including consistent Intergovernmental Agreements.
5. Use of voluntary incentive-based land conservation tools to maintain La Plata County's high quality-of-life and attractiveness as a business location.
6. Ongoing review of the Comprehensive Land Use Plans and involvement in and review of various other county and city codes, land use codes and policies.
7. Expanding boundaries to accommodate future growth (i.e. North Main Avenue, Business Improvement District, South Durango, and Three Springs).
8. Monitoring of permits and activities to assure timely customer service by both Planning Departments in the City and the County.

Strategies to improve the local development review process by transparent and responsibly priced development including:

- Clear and objective standards (predictability)
- Assuring internal consistency
- Providing quality customer service