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**Commissioners Schedule Work Session on Proposed Land Development Code Changes
Changes Aim at Federal Requirement Compliance for Handicapped and Disabled Living Facilities**

El Paso County, CO, June 18, 2014 – The Board of El Paso County Commissioners (BoCC) will hold a work session on Tuesday, June 24, to receive information and public input on the proposed adoption of amendments to the El Paso County Land Development Code related to group homes.

El Paso County Development Services Department is suggesting changes to certain parts of the El Paso County Land Development Code to provide for group living facilities for handicapped or disabled persons, in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act, as well as other corresponding updates. The changes would bring County code into compliance with federal law.

During an initial presentation on the proposed changes, Commissioners asked for more information and details on the review process for group homes as well as occupancy limits.

The Work Session will start immediately following the regular BoCC meeting in the Centennial Hall Auditorium at 200 South Cascade Avenue in downtown Colorado Springs.

No formal action will be taken by the Board of County Commissioners during this Work Session. The Board is expected give formal consideration to the land development code proposals related to group homes and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 at its regularly scheduled meeting July 1, 2014.

