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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

HUMAN SETTLEMENT POLICIES

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has entered a period of rapid population and economic growth without a plan for how that growth can best be accommodated; and

WHEREAS, failure to plan for growth accommodation will result in the continuation of deteriorating air quality, increased energy scarcity, inflationary governmental expenditures, loss of essential and desirable resources, worsened water quality, escalating housing costs, overtaxed transportation systems, consumptive cost-inefficient lifestyles, and generally deteriorating quality of life; and

WHEREAS, state officials have been and are continuing to make decisions and provide advice on matters which affect patterns of growth but which are not being made from an overall framework of policies to guide that growth in the most beneficial manner; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, with the cooperation of other state departments, has developed a set of policies entitled the Human Settlement Policies, including a narrative supplement which aids in interpretation thereof, and has conducted three separate reviews of those policies specifically involving local government, federal officials and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Governor as chief executive officer of the state has the responsibility for formulating and administering the policies of the executive branch of the state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Colorado and under the provisions of C.R.S. 1973, 24-1-104, do hereby order that:

1. The attached Human Settlement Policies are hereby adopted as policies of the State of Colorado for the purpose of guiding the decisions and actions of all boards, commissions, and principal departments of the state government, including the divisions, sections, and units thereof, to the extent that such policies are not prohibited by any law or constitutional provision.

2. Said agencies shall immediately implement the Human Settlement Policies as fully as possible through their program decisions, advisory comments made in review through the A-95 system, program and legislative recommendations, and other advisory opportunities.

3. Boards and commissions shall consider and use the Human Settlement Policies in their decisions and, where necessary and authorized, shall amend regulations to incorporate and conform with applicable provisions of these policies.

4. The executive directors of all principal departments and the heads of all boards and commissions shall submit to the Department of Local Affairs by December 1, 1979, a proposal for implementation of the Human Settlement Policies within their respective jurisdictions, which proposal should specifically identify those plans, policies, legislation, regulations and programs which have the greatest potential for furthering, or pose significant conflict with, the Human Settlement Policies; a process for balancing the Policies and resolving conflicts between proposals being reviewed under the Human Settlement Policies; and a plan for obtaining federal participation in implementation of the Policies from any federal agency with which the board, commission, or department coordinates on a regular basis.

5. The State Clearinghouse in the Division of Planning, Colorado Department of Local Affairs shall submit to me by December 1, 1979, a plan for implementation of the Human Settlement Policies through the A-95 project review and notification system, including specific agency responsibilities for each individual policy, a proposal for how and when policy conflicts between agencies will be resolved, and a list of precise investigatory steps to be followed and data base to be used in each review so that reviews can be consistent, giving full consideration to the limits of manpower and time available for such reviews.

6. The principal departments will assist the State Clearinghouse by submitting, in a form prescribed by the Clearinghouse, a list of precise investigatory steps to be followed and data base to be used in commenting through the A-95 review process on those specific policies for which that department has primary expertise and responsibility.

7. The Office of State Planning and Budgeting shall include, in the formulation, review, analysis, and preparation of the annual executive budget, consideration of the relation of program and budget requests to the Human Settlement Policies and implementation of said policies within established policy and fiscal constraints and through capital investment strategies developed for the state.

8. All State plans, whether prepared due to state or federal requirements, henceforth submitted for the review of the Governor shall be accompanied by an analysis showing how they promote the Human Settlement Policies, and providing justification for any inconsistencies therewith.

9. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs shall distribute this Executive Order to local governments, federal agencies, and other interested groups and individuals throughout the State, and shall make staff available for briefing of State boards, commissions, and other agencies on the content and interpretation of the Human Settlement Policies

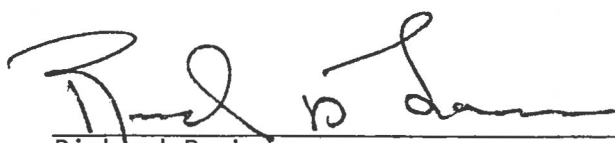
10. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs shall monitor compliance with this Executive Order by receiving from the boards, commissions, and departments on my behalf the proposals for implementation of the Human Settlement Policies and reviewing them for consistency within the intent of the Policies; monitoring the deadlines set forth herein; reviewing any State plans submitted for review of the Governor as requested for consistency with the Human Settlement Policies, and bringing any significant inconsistencies with this Executive Order to the attention of the Planning Coordinating Council or the Human Services Policy Council.

11. Not later than January 1, 1980, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs shall submit to me a report on the compliance with this Executive Order, and shall thereafter, with the assistance of the Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting, submit a similar report by December 1 of each year. The report shall summarize all activities related to this Executive Order, identify any problems being encountered in the implementation of the Policies, suggest possible changes in the Policies, and identify particular successes in implementation of the Policies.

This Order shall take effect upon September 13, 1979,

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado
this 13th day of September, 1979.




Richard D. Lamm
Governor