LARAMIE, WY

Case Study
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The Other Rectangular State
Where’s Laramie?
Laramie’s Twilight Zone
Confusing ETJs

- Within 5 miles (as the crow flies) enforcement of health or quarantine ordinances and regulations (repealed July 1, 2013)

- In all matters excepting taxation within 3 one-half (1/2) mile of the corporate limits of the city. (modified July 1, 2013)

- County subdivision review within one-mile of a City (survived legislation to repeal 2017 session)

- Master Planning. If the plan involves territory outside the city or town, action shall be taken with the concurrence of the board of county commissioners or county planning commission, or other municipal legislative body concerned.
Early Application (pre-2013 Laramie)

5-mile jurisdiction

- Original intent guard communities against infectious diseases
- Most recent application – Regulate fireworks stands, use of fireworks
- Urban Renewal Ability
- Repealed in 2013
Early Application (pre-2013 Laramie)

\(\frac{1}{2}\)-mile jurisdiction

- Original intent (stories vary)
- Most recent application
  - Require refuse disposal at landfill
  - Law enforcement investigation
  - Fire protection
  - Medical response
- Weakened in 2013
Early Application (pre-2013 Laramie)

Extraterritorial Subdivision Review

- Original intent (stories vary)
- Most recent application
  - Review County subdivisions
- Limited Scope:
  - Right-of-way dedication
  - Conformance with Major Street Plan
  - Pave major roads
  - Review Street naming
  - Utility Easements
- Threatened in 2017
Early Application (pre-2013 Laramie)

Master Planning

- Original intent (stories vary)
- Most recent application
  - Major Street Plan
  - 2007 Comprehensive Plan
  - 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
City / County Conflict

- Development Pressures
  - Large Lot Development
  - Water Quality Concerns
  - Private Property Concerns
Aquifer Protection
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- Casper Aquifer
  - Shallow aquifer
  - Provides City 60% of its water
  - Provides County residents in the area 100% of their water

- Conflicting development expectations and requirements

- Legislative changes in authority 2013
Municipal jurisdiction-extraterritorial authority.
Sponsored by: Representative(s) Moniz, Baker, Burkhart, Davison, Greer, Paxton and Senelek and Senator(s) Case, Ochs and Hicks

A BILL
for
AN ACT relating to municipalities; repealing five (5) mile extraterritorial jurisdiction for enforcement of health or quarantine ordinances and regulations; subjecting one-half (1/2) mile extraterritorial jurisdiction asserted by municipal ordinance to county commissioner resolution; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 15-3-202(b)(ii) is amended to read:

15-3-202. Mayoral veto; messages; jurisdiction beyond corporate limits; exception.

(b) The mayor has such jurisdiction as may be vested in him by ordinance:

1 HB0055 2 HB0055
Present Application

5-mile jurisdiction
- Gone
- Repealed 2013

½ mile zoning authority
- County Resolution nullified

Extraterritorial Subdivision Review
- Intact yet undefined
- Survived recent legislation

Master Planning
- Continues in its archaic form
Comprehensive Planning

■ One Mile Jurisdiction
■ Limited Scope
■ Requires Concurrence
15-1-503. Master plan; adoption; concurrent action; contents; amendment.

(a) The commission, after holding public hearings, shall adopt and certify to the governing body a master plan for the physical development of the municipality. If the plan involves territory outside the city or town, action shall be taken with the concurrence of the board of county commissioners or county planning commission, or other municipal legislative body concerned.
Concurrence

- Affects of non-concurrence?
  - Inability to Plan in Urban Growth Area
  - Major Street Plan
  - Land Use Plan

- City-owned County Property
Case Study #1

- Prudential Land Trust vs. City of Laramie
  - County Development
  - Preserve Road network and utility corridors
Case Study #2

- Enforcement of the Major Street Plan
  - Rights-of-way vs. Easements
  - City Involvement = ROW Dedication
Case Study #3

- County Building Permit Review
  - No City review requirement
  - Structure built in future road ROW
  - Alerted at subdivision
Importance of Involvement

- Watershed Protection
- Orderly Growth
- Future Infrastructure Expansion costs
- Future Maintenance Costs
- Compatible Growth
- Quality Control
Next Steps

- Continue Relationship with County Planning
- Statewide Approach to Revised Statutes
- Collaboration with Key Officials
- MOUs and Agreements
  - Zoning
  - Water
  - Sewer
Questions?

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