Colorado Local Retail Marijuana Regulations – A Compilation from 2016

With the passage of Amendment 64, Colorado became the first state to legalize recreational marijuana. Amendment 64 legalized purchasing and private use, and limited possession of recreational marijuana for individuals over age 21. In addition, Amendment 64 put restrictions on personal grows and possession limits based on residency status. Colorado is a local control state allowing counties and municipalities to enforce stricter regulations than state regulations. This dataset explores those local and county level regulations. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting www.lawatlas.org.

General findings:
- There were no observable regulatory trends between localities of similar population sizes.
- Municipal ordinances were more specific and controlled for more aspects of retail marijuana commerce, while county-level ordinances were less specific.
- This project highlights the variability of local control and the data shows that Amendment 64 granted Colorado municipalities and counties wide latitude in exercising local control over regulation of retail marijuana.
- More Colorado localities ban Retail Marijuana than allow.

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**Ban Retail Marijuana**

Twenty-two counties and 42 municipalities prohibit the sale of retail marijuana.

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**Allow Retail Marijuana**

Nineteen counties and 26 municipalities allow for the sale of retail marijuana.