



**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL,
#1 CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.**

**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
5:30 PM**

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Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATIONS

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| A. LOBBYIST WRAP UP REPORT | 5:30 PM |
| Gil Romero - Capitol Success Group
30 minute presentation | |
| B. HEALTHY BEVERAGES FOR ALL | 6:10 PM |
| Gabby Stapleton - Health Promotion Specialist
Jessica Apodaca - Program Manager
15 minute presentation | |
| C. GRACE RIDE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION | 6:35 PM |
| Frasier Gobina - Owner & CEO of Grace Ride Medical Transportation
Jason Wilson - Partner & CEO of Colorado Secure Transportation
15 minute presentation | |

ADJOURNMENT

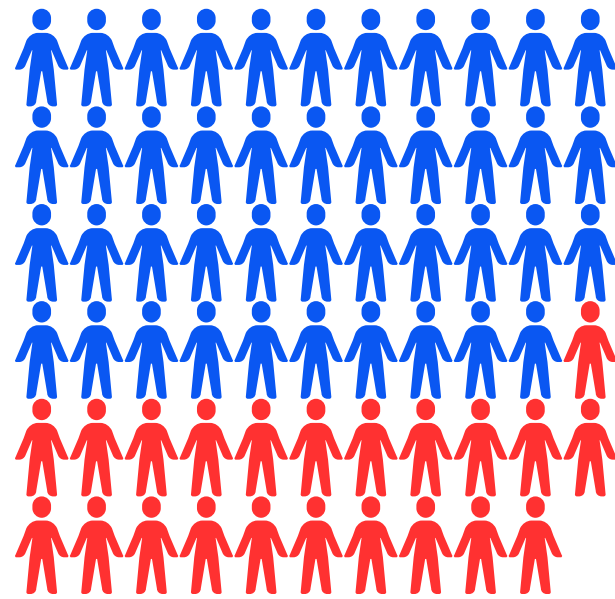
City of Pueblo Legislative Report

2025



COLORADO LEGISLATURE

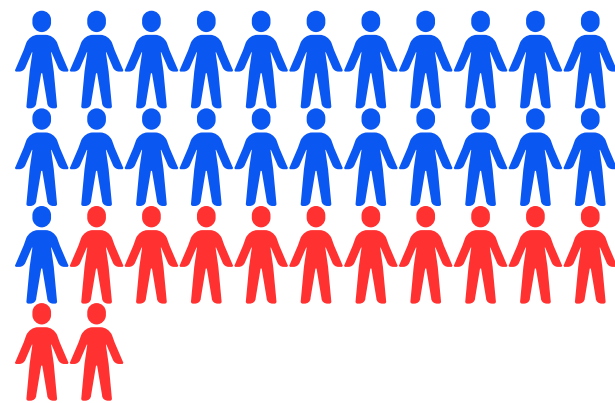
75th General Assembly | 1st Regular Session



HOUSE

46-19 Majority for Democrats

- Speaker Julie McCluskie



SENATE

23-12 Majority for Democrats

- President James Coleman

Total Bills




Passed



State Budget FY2025-26

- Total Budget: **\$46.52 billion**
- Budget writers faced a \$1.2 billion shortfall
- **K-12 Funding**
 - \$412 more in per-pupil funding
 - Implementation of new school funding formula
 - \$500m more over the next 7 years
- ➖ Alternate Defense Counsel Grant Program
- ➖ Retail Marijuana State Sales Tax share back to local governments
 - Permanent reduction of the share back reduced from 10% to 3.5%

Key Takeaways

- Budget is larger than the 2024-25 budget with substantial increases to Medicaid
- State revenues increasing  TABOR spending limits + rising fixed costs like Medicaid = **Structural Deficit**
- JBC members used temporary mechanisms to minimize the impact of the \$1 billion shortfall
- Cuts may be more difficult next year

Municipal Court Legislation

HB25-1147 Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court

- **Not Signed.** Standardizes municipal sentencing and court practices with state law by:
- Capping jail sentences for municipal offenses to match comparable state offenses
 - Clarifies that municipal court defendants have a right to counsel and that municipal defense counsel have the same notice, case information, and opportunity to meet with their clients as do state-level defense counsel.
 - Mandating real-time remote access to all open court proceedings, including for in-custody defendants
 - Domestic violence sentencing reforms delayed until April 1, 2026 to allow municipal ordinance updates
 - Limits Home Rule Authority regarding public safety

June 6th deadline to sign or veto, or let it become law without signature

SB25-062 Failure to Appear Charges in Municipal Court

- **Signed by the Governor.** Prohibits municipal courts from filing criminal charges solely for a person's failure to appear; judges may still issue bench warrants and consider missed appearances during bond hearings.

Effective Date: April 17th, 2025



Legislative Highlights

→ SB25-310 Prop 130 Implementation

- Creates a statewide fund of **up to \$35 million annually** (starting at \$15M in FY 2026-27) to support law enforcement training, hiring, and retention, with funding distributed by the Department of Public Safety using a formula of \$15,000 per agency plus a per-officer amount based on statewide staffing. The bill also establishes a \$1 million death benefit for peace officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel killed in the line of duty or from occupational illness. **Effective Date: Peace Officer Support Fund begins July 1, 2026. DPS disbursement December 31st. Death Benefit retroactive to November 5th, 2024**

→ SB25-004 Regulating Child Care Center Fees

- Requires child care programs to refund application, deposit, and waitlist fees if a family is not enrolled within 6 months, minus a small admin fee, and mandates clear disclosure of fee schedules and refund policies to both prospective and enrolled families. **Effective Date: January 1st, 2026**

→ HB25-1062 Penalty for Theft of Firearms

- Creates a new Class 6 felony for theft of a firearm – regardless of the firearm's value
- Previously, firearm theft was charged based on value; low-value guns could result in misdemeanor charges. **Effective immediately upon signature**

Legislation Postponed Indefinitely

- HB25-1206 Extreme Indifference Offenses Not Causing Death
- HB25-1286 Protecting Workers from Extreme Temperatures
- HB25-1174 Reimbursement Requirements for Health Insurers
- HB25-1169 Housing Developments on Faith & Educational Land

Looking Forward

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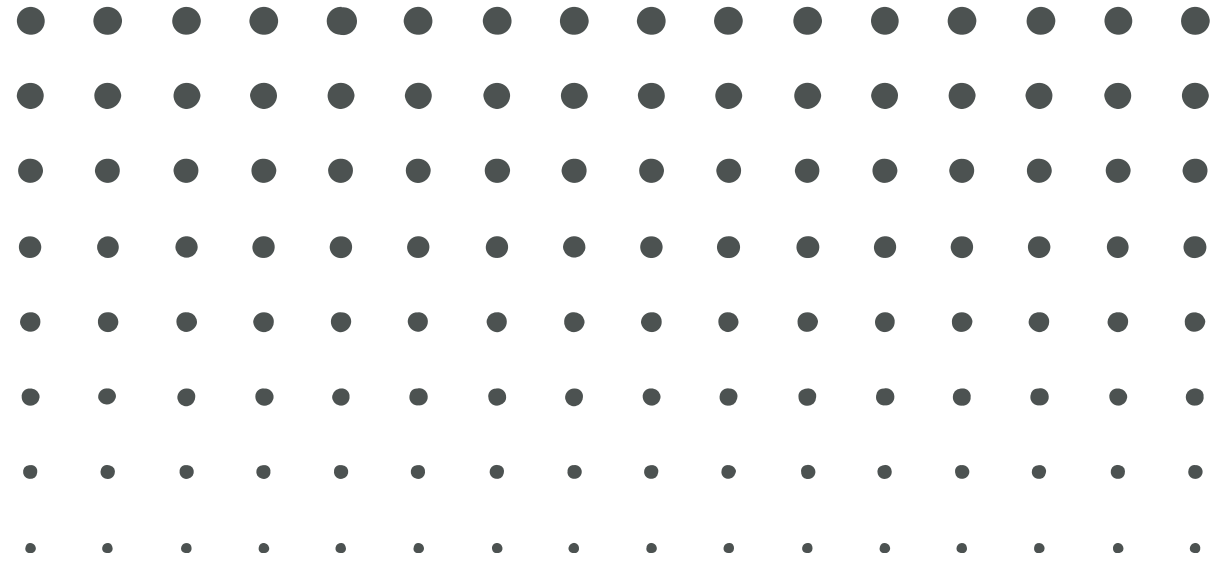
Special Session? AI law revision; Potential federal cuts to Medicaid



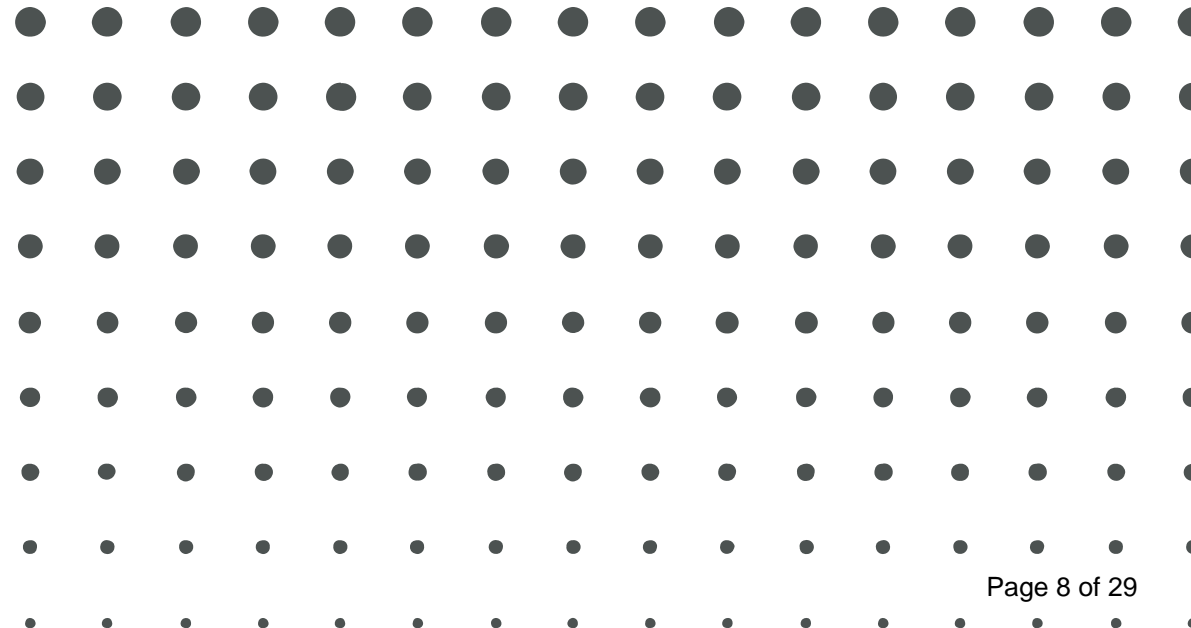
City of Pueblo Initiated Legislation?



Quarterly Economic Forecast |
Next forecast in June



Thank You



Healthy Beverages for All (HB4A)

Gabby Stapleton and Jessica Apodaca | May 12, 2025

Program Overview

- This is a grant program funded by the Cancer, Cardiovascular, Pulmonary Disease Grants program (CCPD).
- Current Grant Cycle 2023-2026, with a potential two-year extension
- It is focused on decreasing excessive consumption of sugary drinks through municipal-level policy, to prevent chronic diseases and address health inequities in Colorado, specifically in Pueblo County.

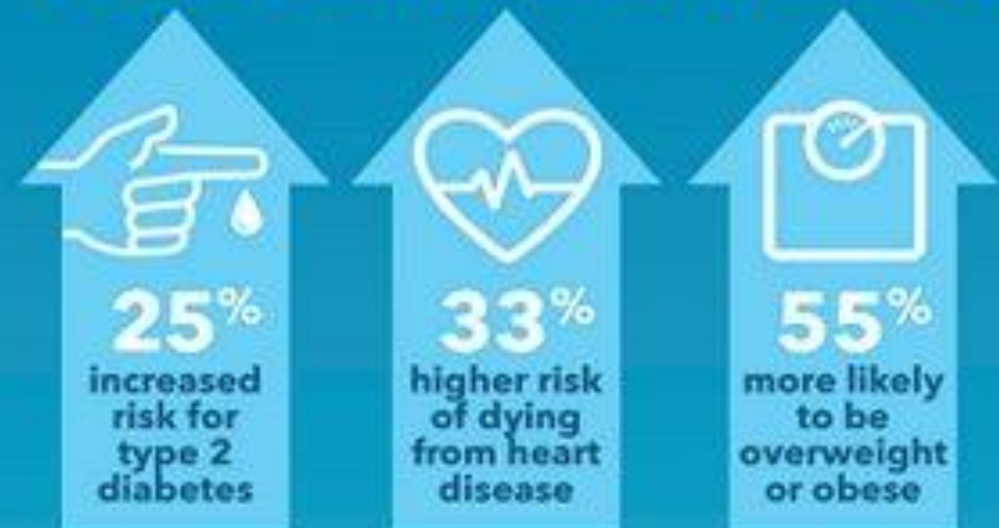
Sugary drinks are one of the leading causes of obesity, type II diabetes, heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, and tooth decay.

SUGARY DRINKS CAN HURT YOUR HEALTH

Too much sugar can lead to:



1 sugary drink per day leads to:



**SAME
SUGAR.**

**DIFFERENT
PACKAGE.**

Soda
(20 fl oz)



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Fruit Punch
(10 fl oz)



=



Sports Drink
(20 fl oz)



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Juice Drink
(20 fl oz)

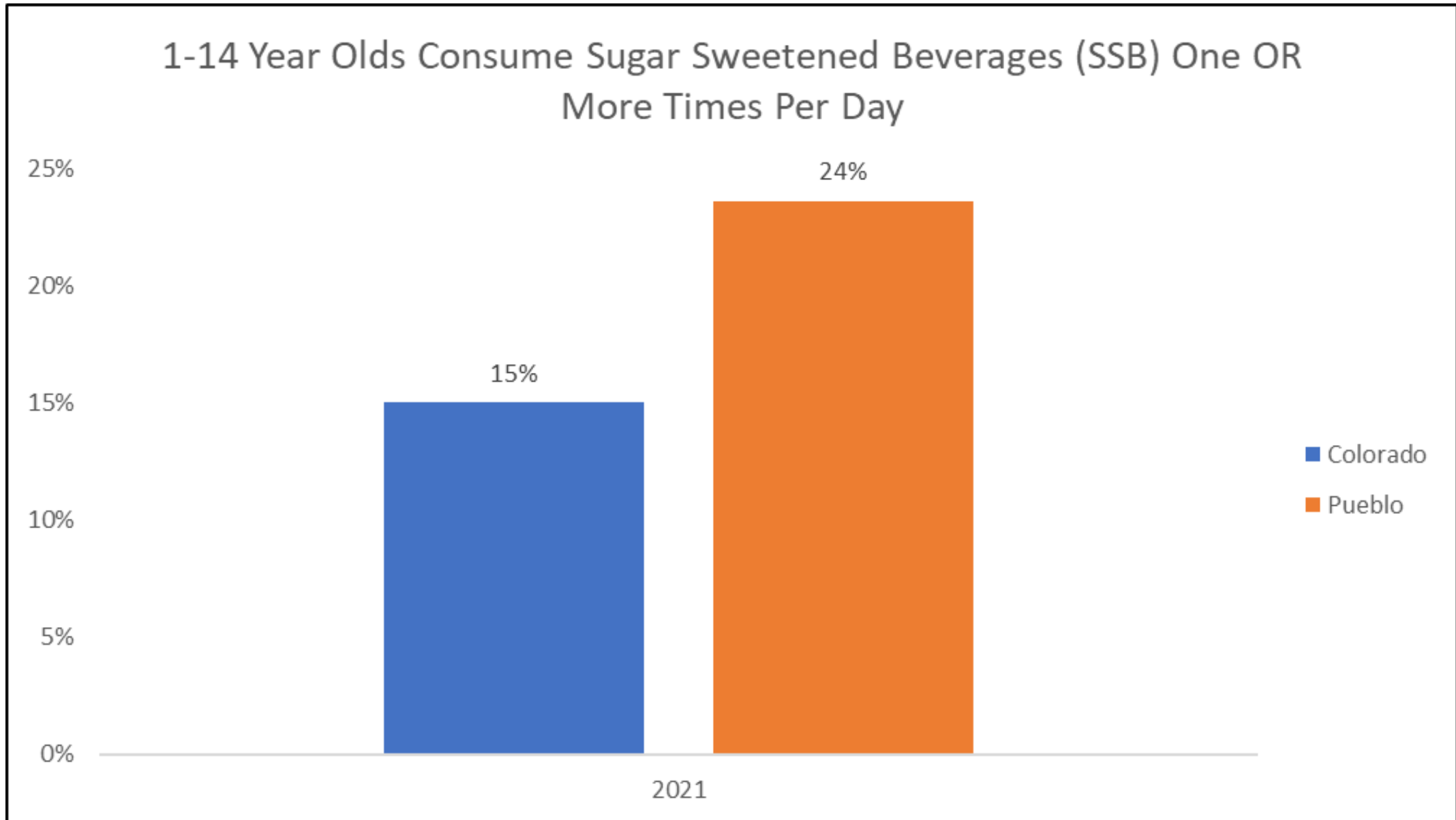


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Pueblo County Data

Community Health Assessment conducted in 2021...



Healthy Drinks in Kids' Meals (HDKM) Passed Policies

- Lafayette– HDKM passed 2017.
- Longmont– HDKM passed 2021.
- Golden– HDKM passed June 2022.
- Denver– HDKM passed March 2024.
- Louisville– HDKM passed September 2024.
- Carbondale, Adams County, and Pueblo are working toward HDKM currently.

HDKM Policy: Does and Does Not

<p>DOES</p>	<p>Create a new standard for drinks offered by all food establishments in the City that have a bundled children’s meal (a kids’ meal with a drink included in the price of the meal). Water (still or sparkling) with no added natural or artificial sweeteners Dairy milk or milk substitutes (almond, oat, soy, etc.) with no added or artificial sweetener</p>
<p>DOES</p>	<p>Have the potential to prevent short- and long-term health consequences of children in Pueblo and addresses healthy inequities by removing targeted marketing.</p>
<p>DOES NOT</p>	<p>Take away choice - a parent or child can order any beverage they want regardless of what is presented on the menu. <i>Nothing in the section prohibits a food establishment or any employee of the food establishment to sell, or the customer’s ability to purchase, any other beverage that is available per request outside the default beverage.</i></p>
<p>DOES NOT</p>	<p>Impact all restaurants in Pueblo – only restaurants that offer bundled kids’ meals would be affected by the policy.</p>

EXAMPLE A: CURRENT KIDS MENU

A **KID'S MENU** CLASSIC & HEALTHIER CHOICES



*Milk, Juice or Fountain drinks are included with kids entrées. Available for Kids 12 & under.

*BREAKFAST 3.99

Add Egg or Eggbeaters for .99

● Eggbeaters

300 calories, oval vegetable loaf.
Cal. 200, Fat 4.5g, Sat. Fat 0.5g, Chol. 10mg, Fiber 4g

One Egg

Hard-fried and broiled.
Additional egg - .50

French Toast

With maple sugar.

Ⓞ Gluten-Free or Belgian Waffle

With maple sugar.

Silver Dollar Buttermilk Pancakes

Add chocolate chips or blueberries - .50

*KIDS CLASSICS 4.99

♥ NEW! Buja Fish Taco - add .99

Grilled flounder, sautéed ranch, cabbage, scallions, salsa, lime slaw, tomato sour cream, with Summer Citrus Sauce.
• Cal. 293, Fat 34g, Sat. Fat 2g, Chol. 35mg, Fiber 10g
● Request less potato (1 TBSP) and no dressing.

● Teriyaki Salmon

Reduced sodium with brown rice and mixed veggies.
• Cal. 410, Fat 22g, Sat. Fat 4g, Chol. 65mg, Fiber 4g

♥ Teriyaki Grilled Chicken Breast

Reduced sodium with brown rice and mixed veggies.
• Cal. 329, Fat 18g, Sat. Fat 3g, Chol. 50mg, Fiber 4g

♥ Spaghetti

100% whole grain wheat or egg-free pasta with tomato or tomato sauce.
• Cal. 375, Fat 10g, Sat. Fat 2g, Chol. 0mg, Fiber 9g
With tomato sauce, without parmesan (Fat 14g with parmesan)

All-Natural Chicken Tenders

Available with ketchup free.
Served with your choice of strawberries or veggie.

Macaroni & Cheese

• Add a Nitrate-Free All Beef Hot Dog - .50

Turkey with Mashed Potatoes

Fresh veggies, cranberry orange ginger sauce.



*SLIDERS & SANDWICHES 4.79

NEW! Slider with Strawberries or Veggie

Four slices of beef, black bean veggie, turkey or black topped with American cheese.

• For a heartier appetite add an extra slider - .50

● Turkey

Cal. 220, Fat 10g, Sat. Fat 2g, Chol. 40mg, Fiber 2g

● Bison - add .50 for each slider

Cal. 200, Fat 8g, Sat. Fat 1.5g, Chol. 35mg, Fiber 2g

♥ Black Bean Veggie

Cal. 372, Fat 7g, Sat. Fat 0.7g, Chol. 3.4mg, Fiber 5.4g

Grilled Nitrate-Free All Beef Hot Dog

Strawberries or veggie.

Grilled Cheese

On whole bread with strawberries or veggie.

Add meat - .45



AWESOME SIDES 1.09

FRUITS

♥ Fresh Strawberries

♥ NEW! Organic Apple Sauce

VEGGIES

♥ Mixed Veggies

♥ Steamed Edamame

Sweet Buttered Corn

Vegan Coleslaw

♥ Garden Salad

Summer Citrus Salad - add .50

OTHER SIDES

♥ Brown Rice

Mashed Potatoes

Honey Fries

French Fries

Sweet Potato Fries - add .50

NEW! Nitrate-Free Bacon

Turkey Bacon

Chicken Maple Sausage

Local Gluten-Free Pork Sausage

Healthier Options!

- Kids LiveWell Approved
- ♥ Lower in Fat & Cholesterol
- Ⓞ Gluten Free

JOIN US FOR KID'S NIGHT

Every Tuesday, 5-8pm
Fun Themes, Games,
Entertainment & More!



Silver Diner is proud to be an inaugural leader of the Kids LiveWell program. Learn more at HealthyDiningFinder.com



MORE FUN & GAMES ON THE OTHER SIDE!

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EXAMPLE B: UPDATED KIDS MENU



KID'S MENU

COMPLETE MEALS & HEALTHIER CHOICES

ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH 1% MILK OR WATER

B

Our KID APPROVED menu is based on comments from parents and taste tests with kids.

50% of Meals are Healthier

- Kids LiveWell/Under 600 calories
- Lower in Fat and Calories
- Gluten-Free
- Vegetarian
- Hormone and Antibiotic-Free Meats
- Nitrate-Free Bacon

60% of Meals are Local

- Farm-Fresh Eggs
- Local Bison
- Sustainable Turkey






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BREAKFAST

Champion Breakfast 4.99
One egg, strawberries and multigrain toast.
• Cal. 400, Fat 10g, Sat. Fat 2.5g, Cholesterol 195mg, Fiber 4g

Berry Good Cakes & Egg 4.99
One egg and strawberries.
• Cal 320, Fat 13g, Sat. Fat 2.5g, Cholesterol 180mg, Fiber 2g

Challah French Toast 4.99
With maple syrup, one egg and strawberries.

Gluten-Free or Belgian Waffle 4.99
With maple syrup, one egg and strawberries.

SLIDERS & SANDWICHES

Slider with American Cheese 4.79 (Bison Slider 5.79)
With mixed veggies.
• For a heartier appetite add an extra slider - \$1.00

- **Beef - Grass Fed, Antibiotic-Free**
• Cal 460, Fat 18g, Sat. Fat 6g, Cholesterol 55mg, Fiber 4g
- **Turkey**
• Cal 430, Fat 14g, Sat. Fat 3g, Cholesterol 50mg, Fiber 4g
- **Bison - From Gunpowder Farms (MD)**
• Cal 490, Fat 19g, Sat. Fat 2.5g, Cholesterol 55mg, Fiber 4g
- **Black Bean Veggie**
• Cal 440, Fat 13g, Sat. Fat 2.5g, Cholesterol 10mg, Fiber 6g

Grilled Nitrate-Free All Beef Hot Dog 4.79
With strawberries or eggs.

Grilled Cheese 4.79
Choose of white or multigrain bread with strawberries or eggs.
Add Ham - .49

- **Chicken Pizza Quesadilla 5.99**
Multigrain tortilla, chicken, marinated, low fat cheddar, mixed peppers, tomatoes, and pesto with olive oil.
• Cal 360, Fat 16g, Sat. Fat 2.5g, Cholesterol 30mg, Fiber 6g

KIDS CLASSICS

- **Toriyaki Salmon 5.99**
Reduced sodium with brown rice, mixed veggies.
• Cal 580, Fat 23g, Sat. Fat 4g, Cholesterol 65mg, Fiber 4g
- **Toriyaki Grilled Chicken Breast 4.99**
Reduced sodium with brown rice and mixed veggies.
• Cal 420, Fat 12g, Sat. Fat 2.5g, Cholesterol 55mg, Fiber 4g
- **Spaghetti with Mixed Veggies 4.99**
100% whole grain wheat or gluten free pasta with sauce or tomato sauce.
• Cal 460, Fat 2.5g, Sat. Fat 6g, Cholesterol 5mg, Fiber 12g

Chicken Tenders 4.99
Antibiotic and hormone-free, served with strawberries or eggs.

Macaroni & Cheese 4.99
With a side salad.

Turkey-rific Diner - Koch's Farm (PA) 5.99
Sustainable turkey with grapes, cranberry orange ginger sauce, mashed potatoes and mixed veggies.

AWESOME EXTRAS

Substitute any of these as a side for no charge or add as an extra for \$1.09

FRUITS

- Fresh Strawberries
- Organic Apple Sauce

VEGGIES

- Mixed Veggies
- Steamed Edamame
- Garden Salad

OTHER SIDES

- ♥ Brown Rice
- ♥ Mashed Potatoes
- ♥ Nitrate-Free Bacon
- ♥ Turkey Bacon
- ♥ Chicken Maple Sausage
- Ⓞ Gluten-Free Local Pork Sausage

Sweet Buttermilk Corn

DYNAMITE DRINKS

Milk, Soy Milk or Juice is included with kids entrees. Refills - .99

All Natural Milk from Kreider's Farm (PA)

- Steam or Whole, Chocolate Milk
- Soy Milk
- 100% Juice

All Natural Simply Orange Juice, Apple Juice, or Grape Juice

SHAKES & DESSERTS

- ♥ **Whey Berry Yogurt Shake 2.59**
Dreyer's 1% low fat cream, whole girth, strawberry sauce, strawberries, raspberry sauce.
• Cal 180, Fat 1g, Sat. Fat 1g, Cholesterol 0mg, Fiber 4g
- ♥ **Pomegranate Shake 2.59**
Pomegranate juice, banana, yogurt, whole girth.
• Cal 251, Fat 0g, Sat. Fat 0g, Cholesterol 0mg, Fiber 4g
- ♥ **Health Shake 2.59**
Dreyer's 1% low fat vanilla ice cream, banana, strawberries, milk, milk, honey, whole girth.
• Cal 290, Fat 2g, Sat. Fat 0g, Cholesterol 0mg, Fiber 1g
- Ⓞ **Gluten Free Brownie Sundae 2.59**
Hormo made brownie topped with all natural Dreyer's 1% low fat vanilla topped with chocolate sauce, whipped cream.
- ♥ **Single Scoop of Ice Cream 1.49**
Choose from vanilla, chocolate or strawberry Dreyer's ice cream or Dreyer's fat-free vanilla ice cream.
- ♥ **Low Fat Strawberry Angel Cake 2.59**
Fat free vanilla ice cream, agave sweetened strawberry sauce.
• Cal 242, Fat 1g, Sat. Fat 0g, Cholesterol 0mg, Fiber 4g

Healthier Options

- Kids LiveWell Approved (KLW)
- ♥ Lower in Fat & Cholesterol
- Ⓞ Gluten Free

Kids LiveWell Guidelines available upon request

Community Engagement

- Drink to Grow Survey- 81% of respondents in support of HDKM
- Attended community events where we have received 72 Pledge Cards in support of HDKM
- Coordinated a Toddler Storytime with Library Branches: Rawlings, Pueblo West, and Giodone.
- Outreach to restaurants to identify potential HDKM champions.



Restaurant Outreach

Total restaurants in the City of Pueblo with bundled kids' meals that would be affected by this policy = 96

34 local

62 chains



Currently in the process of visiting each restaurant in person

Endorsements & Support



Southwest Grill

Thank you to Southwest Grill, our first voluntary restaurant of HDKM!



Pledge Cards Support by Zip Code

- **81001** - 12 cards
 - "We love healthy options!"
 - "Kids having the healthiest choice is best for our kids and their futures."
- **81002** - 1 card
- **81003** - 7 cards
 - "It would be beneficial that we ensure kids have water, instead of caffeine or sugar and support this."
- **81004** - 12 cards
 - "H2O is the way to go!"
 - "Children need healthier meals."
- **81005** - 21 cards
 - "I agree to making the change for the children"
 - Build healthy bodies and healthy kids!"
- **81008** - 3 cards
 - "Water and or milk is the healthy choice!"

Implementation Plan

- Restaurant Education
- Voluntary Compliance Period (six months to one year)
- Support to re-print menus to help offset costs to the restaurants

Enforcement Options

- Complaint-Based Technical Assistance Model
- Business Licensing Model
- Restaurant Inspections

Complaint-Based

- A complaint-based model is where community members will report restaurants that are out of compliance to the Health Promotion Specialist or the coalition.
- A page on the PDPHE website with information on technical assistance and Q&A will be shared with those out of compliance to fulfill the “enforcement” piece.

Business Licensing

- Make this a requirement for businesses to obtain a business license in the City.
- If this ordinance makes this requirement a part of their business license, the city could require a copy of their menu to be uploaded to OpenGov and have it checked at the time of licensing, instead of sending anyone out to the facility to inspect.
- If the facility is not in compliance, the city can issue a fine or hold their business license until they are in compliance.
- In the other areas, it looks like enforcement is limited, so this would not put a large extra burden on the business licensing staff. PDPHE staff would continue to provide education and outreach to the restaurant facilities.

Restaurant Inspections

- This ordinance wouldn't fall under the Colorado Retail Food Establishment Code. Other issues need to be addressed with the facility regarding immediate food safety issues, and adding this to be a part of the food inspection will only complicate the inspection and may worsen the working relationship our staff have with the restaurant operators.
- PDPHE's retail food program is understaffed and currently operates in a funding deficit that is covered by city and county funds. Retail food license fees only cover approximately 40% of the cost of the program. Adding this to restaurant inspections would require increased staffing and funding for inspections and enforcement.
- Environmental Health Inspectors would not be able to provide any education, outreach, or assistance to these facilities, as this is outside of their area of expertise.

Will you help to protect our kids?

- We hope City Council will support the HDKM initiative to improve:
 - Children's Health
 - Access to Healthy Choices
 - Promote healthy behavior change at a young age
 - Prevent chronic diseases from increasing.
- What feedback, comments, or questions do you have?
- Next steps
 - Enforcement/Fines/Effective Date

Thank you!

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