

Ballot Question 1C

To Opt-Out of Senate Bill 152

Ballot Question 1C Reads As Follows:

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN RE-ESTABLISH THE TOWN'S RIGHT TO PROVIDE ALL SERVICES RESTRICTED BY TITLE 29, ARTICLE 27 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, DESCRIBED AS "ADVANCED SERVICES," "TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES" AND "CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES," INCLUDING ANY NEW AND IMPROVED BROADBAND AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES AND FACILITIES BASED ON FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITH PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS, TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, NON-PROFIT ENTITIES AND OTHER USERS OF SUCH SERVICES?

___ YES ___ NO

Explanation:

Senate Bill (SB) 152 limits a local government's authority to provide, or participate in the provision of, advanced services, telecommunication services, cable television services, and/or broadband (high-speed internet) services without first securing voter approval. Ballot Question 1C is posed to the registered voters of the Town of Johnstown to override the restrictions contained in SB 152 and restore local governmental authority to provide such services, either directly or indirectly, with public or private sector partners.

If Ballot Question 1C is PASSED:

The Town would have the ability to explore and have flexibility in expanding, enhancing, or creating new broadband services (faster internet) for community residents and businesses either publicly, or the more preferred option, a public-private partnership, should an opportunity arise.

At this time, there are no plans for this service outside of the private sector. Voter approval of this ballot measure would provide the flexibility for the Town in the case that the services provided by the private sector are inadequate.

If Ballot Question 1C is NOT PASSED:

SB Bill 152 will continue to limit the Town's ability to enhance broadband infrastructure by:

- Prohibiting the use of local government funds to improve broadband infrastructure; and
- Restricting the use of local government facilities for partnerships to provide faster broadband speeds to our community residents and businesses

More information can be found on the Town of Johnstown's website at <https://townofjohnstown.com/240/Election-Information>.

