



HOUSE BILL [HB25-1060](#): Official City Position

Approved by Westminster City Council on February 13, 2025

REPRESENTATIVES Soper, Clifford; SENATORS (none)
Concerning the use of electronic fence detection systems.

Official City Position: OPPOSE

Status: **Active** – This bill was introduced in the House on January 8, 2025, assigned to the House Transportation, Housing, and Local Government committee.

Description:

The bill defines an electronic fence detection system, which is a security system that is used in conjunction with a fence. An electronic fence detection system includes a detector that, when contacted, causes an alarm system to transmit a signal to the property owner, a monitoring company authorized by the property owner, or law enforcement. The bill allows a local government to impose installation or operational requirements for an electronic fence detection system that are consistent with the installation or operational requirements generally required for other alarm systems. In addition, the bill allows a local government to require a permit for the installation or use of an electronic fence detection system that is not in addition to any permit generally required for the installation or use of any other alarm system. Lastly, the bill allows a local government to inspect an electronic fence detection system.

City Comments: Unless amended, this legislation is in opposition to the following principles as set forth in the City's [2025 Legislative Policy Statement](#):

Home Rule and Local Control

- Opposes legislation that mandates state intervention in matters of local concern, especially when that intervention unnecessarily or adversely affects the City's ability to manage these matters pursuant to its home rule authority.

Land Use, Development, and Revitalization

The City believes that local control of land use planning contributes greatly to the creation of a vibrant, inclusive, and engaged community and the overall quality of life in the City.

Therefore, the City of Westminster:

- Opposes legislation that prescribes comprehensive land use and other community planning efforts at the state level.

If approved as introduced, this legislation may be used to circumvent fence approval requirements including Official Development Plan (ODP), fence permit, and associated design requirements for various fence types. The concern is regarding the language in 9-5.8-102 that governs permitting. This language is written in such a manner that could be interpreted as exempting "electronic fence detection systems" from being defined and regulated as a "fence" and instead being regulated and permitted as an "alarm system" effectively exempting the structures from all regulations that are commonly applied to fence design, location, materials, and extent.