The Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act (C.R.S. § 29-20-101, et seq.) grants counties and municipalities broad authority to plan for and regulate the use of land.

With this authority Costilla County has enacted a Land Use Code. The current version of the Code was adopted on March 19, 2013.

As the Code is currently written, the following regulations are in effect.

- Article 2, Section 2.10 Nuisance paragraph For the purposes of this Code, any structure, recreational vehicle, or mobile home that is being used as a permanent or temporary residence without a land use permit for such use is hereby defined as a nuisance.
- Article 5, Section 5.30, Paragraph C, Subparagraph 3b Recreational Vehicle Use Restricted. Use of a recreational vehicle for storage purposes, as an accessory structure, or as a dwelling space for any purpose other than temporary dwelling for travel, recreation or vacation use is prohibited.
- Article 5, Section 5.30, Paragraph C, Subparagraph 3c Long-Term Camping in a Recreational Vehicle is Restricted. Use of a recreational vehicle or other camping shelter for longer than a total of 14 days during any consecutive three months on the parcel shall require a Long-Term Camping Permit, which may be obtained from the Planning Department. (The Planning Department has been instructed by the Board of County Commissioners to cease issuing Long-Term Camping Permits as of 7/21/15.)