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The Comstock Act in the News: *2022 through present*

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## 2022 JULY

**Texas Scorecard (07-15-2022)**

[Southeast New Mexico Braces For Arrival of the Texas Abortion Industry](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

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## AUGUST

**The Texas Tribune (08-10-2022)**

[Texas anti-abortion protesters set sights on New Mexico, where the procedure is still protected](#) *As Texans seek abortions in the only neighboring state to allow them, opponents of the procedure follow them across the border, hoping to create more "sanctuary cities for the unborn."*

By William Melhado

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## OCTOBER

**The Eastern New Mexico News (10-08-2022)**

[Pro-life advocates rally at library](#)

By Grant McGee

**The Eastern New Mexico News (10-11-2022)**

[Activist 'answered a call'](#)

By Grant McGee

**Live Action News (10-15-2022)**

[New Mexico city of Clovis moves toward becoming 'sanctuary city for the unborn'](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Live Action News (10-19-2022)**

[City of Hobbs in New Mexico moves forward with 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' ordinance](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**The Huff Post (10-27-2022)**

[The Architect of Texas' Radical Abortion Law Has His Sights Set On A New State A 30-something self-described virgin has been incredibly effective at convincing dozens of small towns and communities to pass abortion bans.](#)

By Alanna Vagianos

**Reuters (10-28-2022)**

[Insight: New frontline of U.S. abortion battles emerges in New Mexico](#)

By Brad Brooks

## NOVEMBER

**The Eastern New Mexico News (11-01-2022)**

[Focus on abortion: Debate gearing up at Clovis city meeting](#)

By Grant McGee

**The Eastern New Mexico News (11-05-2022)**

[Sanctuary city ordinance tabled](#)

By Grant McGee

**Reuters (11-08-2022)**

[New Mexico city passes ordinance to block abortion clinics from operating](#)

By Brad Brooks

**Jezebel (11-08-2022)**

[A Texas Abortion Clinic Planned to Move to New Mexico. That Town Just Banned Abortion. Too.](#)

By Kylie Cheun

**Live Action News (11-08-2022)**

[City of Hobbs becomes first 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' in New Mexico, 52nd in US](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Live Action News (11-08-2022)**

[Lea County in New Mexico moves forward with 'Sanctuary County for the Unborn' ordinance](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Live Action News (11-23-2022)**

[No state is off limits: Colorado city considers protections for preborn humans](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**The Pueblo Chieftain (11-29-2022)**

[Anti-abortion ordinance passes first reading at Pueblo City Council](#)

By Anna Lynn Winfrey

**Colorado Newsline (11-30-2022)**

[Anti-abortion ordinance introduced in Pueblo city council could test new state protections](#) *Ordinance targeting incoming clinic would rely on long unenforced Comstock Law*

By Sara Wilson

**Live Action News (11-30-2022)**

[Pueblo advances 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' ordinance in Colorado](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

## **DECEMBER**

**Colorado Public Radio News (12-01-2022)**

[Pueblo council considering whether to try to ban abortion providers from the city](#)

By Bente Birkenland

**Colorado Springs Gazette (12-02-2022)**

[Pueblo's proposed anti-abortion ordinance comes with legal questions](#)

By Breeanna Jent

**The Pueblo Chieftain (12-05-2022)**

[National anti-abortion activist helped craft controversial ordinance in Pueblo](#)

By Anna Lynn Winfrey

**Live Action News (12-06-2022)**

[Roosevelt County in New Mexico advances 'Sanctuary County for the Unborn' ordinance](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**The Eastern New Mexico News (12-06-2022)**

[Roosevelt to vote on anti-abortion ordinance](#)

By Steve Hansen

**Live Action News (12-09-2022)**

[Lea County in New Mexico becomes Sanctuary County for the Unborn after final vote](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Colorado Springs Gazette (12-09-2022)**

[Pueblo's proposed abortion law would impede doctors from providing sufficient medical care, OB-GYNs say](#)

By Breeanna Jent

**The Pueblo Chieftain (12-09-2022)**

[National Conservative legal group enters fight for proposed anti-abortion ordinance in Pueblo](#)

By Anna Lynn Winfrey

**The Eastern New Mexico News (12-10-2022)**

[Anti-abortion ordinance would rely on residents](#)

By Grant McGee

**Jezebel (12-12-2022)**

[Activists Are Trying to Ban Abortion Pills in Blue States, Forcing Patients to Face Protesters](#)

By Susan Rinkunas

**The Pueblo Chieftain (12-12-2022)**

[Pueblo City Council indefinitely tables controversial anti-abortion ordinance](#)

By Anna Lynn Winfrey

**Colorado Springs Gazette (12-12-2022)**

[Pueblo City Council indefinitely tables controversial proposed anti-abortion ordinance](#)

By Breeanna Jent

**Live Action News (12-13-2022)**

[City of Pueblo in Colorado rejects Sanctuary City for Unborn ordinance](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Colorado Times Recorder (12-13-2022)**

[Pueblo City Council Rejects Anti-Abortion Ordinance](#)

By Heidi Beedle

**Colorado Newsline (12-13-2022)**

[Pueblo City Council rejects anti-abortion ordinance](#) Council president suggests proponents of a ban should ‘move out of Colorado’

By Sara Wilson

**The Wall Street Journal (12-23-2022)**

[In States Where Abortion Is Legal, Some Cities Look to Restrict Access](#)

*Local measures highlight complexity of abortion access in states after Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.*

By Jennifer Calfas

**Vice (12-26-2022)**

[The Fight Over Abortion Is Far From Over. Here’s What Will Happen in 2023.](#)

By Carter Sherman

## 2023 JANUARY

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-03-2023)**

[Anti-abortion ordinance to be considered for “untabling” again](#)

By Kathleen Stinson and Grant McGee

**Live Action News (01-06-2023)**

[New Mexico city of Clovis becomes 63rd ‘Sanctuary City for the Unborn’ in US](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-07-2023)**

[Clovis city commission passes anti-abortion ordinance](#)

By Grant McGee

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-09-2023)**

[Clovis passes anti-abortion ordinance](#)

By Grant McGee

**Live Action News (01-11-2023)**

[Roosevelt County in New Mexico Becomes 2nd ‘Sanctuary County for the Unborn’ in U.S.](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-14-2023)**

[Reader reaction: Both sides respond to anti-abortion decision](#)

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-14-2023)**

[Group hopes to force vote on anti-abortion ordinance](#)

By Grant McGee

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-14-2023)**

[City attorney: Test of anti-abortion ordinance would require state action](#)

By the Staff of The News

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-14-2023)**

[Roosevelt approves anti-abortion ordinance](#)

By Steve Hansen

**The Pueblo Chieftain (01-16-2023)**

['Like an ambush': Pueblo city councilors detail how failed abortion ordinance came to be](#)

By Josue Perez

**Reuters (01-23-2023)**

[New Mexico asks court to overturn cities' abortion bans](#)

By Andrew Hay

**The Eastern New Mexico News (01-24-2023)**

[New Mexico Attorney General seeks to nullify anti-abortion ordinances](#)

By Grant McGee

**Live Action News (01-24-2023)**

[New Mexico city of Eunice becomes becomes 65th Sanctuary City for the Unborn in the US](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

## **FEBRUARY**

**KUNM (02-06-2023)**

[Top officials challenge local abortion ordinances – but could the strategy backfire?](#)

By Alice Fordham

**Washington Post (02-06-2023)**

[In blue New Mexico, antiabortion activists use small towns to push national ban](#)

By Karin Brullard

**NPR (02-08-2023)**

[A Texas group that wants to ban abortion nationwide is targeting New Mexico](#)

By Alice Fordham

**NBC Montana (02-10-2023)**

[Unexpected guest shows up to support controversial Manhattan ordinance](#)

By Michael Santoscoy

**Bozeman Daily Chronicle (02-10-2023)**

[Proposed abortion ban in Manhattan fails after strong pushback from town](#)

By Alex Miller

**The Washington Times (02-12-2023)**

[Activists keeping watch on judge as federal court takes up abortion pill case](#)

By Valerie Richardson

**Vice News (02-13-2023)**

[“It Could End Abortion in America”: Two Tiny Towns At the Center of the Abortion Wars](#) *New Mexico has emerged as one of the key battlefronts in the U.S. war over abortion.*

By Carer Sherman

**Yellowstone Public Radio (02-15-2023)**

[Manhattan residents show resistance towards becoming a ‘sanctuary for the unborn’](#)

By Olivia Weitz

**The Eastern New Mexico News (02-26-2023)**

[Petition calling for ordinance vote fails](#)

By Grant McGee

**Stateline (02-27-2023)**

[Activists Aim for Supreme Court With Local Abortion Bans in Blue States](#)

By Caitlin Dewey

## **MARCH**

**The Guardian (03-09-2023)**

[How a pastor is trying to revive a 150-year-old US law to ban abortion](#) *Mark Lee Dickson is trying to get the federal anti-obscenity law at the heart of ordinances enforced across the US.*

By Cecilia Nowell

**Reckon News (03-23-2023)**

[Run for the Border: The blueprint for the anti-abortion movement's next fight](#) *The masterminds behind Texas' anti-abortion 'sanctuary city' plan set their sights on New Mexico—and beyond.*

By Becca Andrews

**Life News (03-27-2023)**

[Three small towns are fighting to stop abortion businesses in their communities](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Live Action News (03-29-2023)**

[Illinois residents fight back after Indiana abortion provider buys property in small border city](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

## **APRIL**

**Live Action News (04-01-2023)**

[New Mexico Supreme Court issues 'stay' as 'Sanctuary for the Unborn' battles intensify](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**The Salt-Lake Tribune (04-05-2023)**

[A Texas pastor aims to outlaw abortion in towns bordering Utah](#) *Mark Lee Dickson's 'Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn' is putting forward an ordinance to ban abortion in nearby West Wendover, where a Planned Parenthood clinic proposal remains in limbo.*

By Emily Anderson Stern

**Live Action News (04-07-2023)**

[Edgewood in New Mexico considers first 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' ordinance since passage of HB7](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Slate (04-15-2023)**

[A 150-Year-Old Law Could Ban Abortion Nationwide](#) *The legal zombie may be unconstitutional, but that didn't stop conservative judges from citing it in their recent mifepristone decisions.*

By Dahlia Lithwick

**The Huff Post (04-17-2023)**

[This 150-Year-Old Anti-Vice Law Is Now At The Center Of The Push To Ban Abortion](#) *The Comstock Act and the imminent threat of a national abortion ban looms over the courts and the 2024 presidential election.*

By Paul Blumenthal

**KUNM (04-17-2023)**

[City of Eunice sues governor and attorney general over abortion rule](#)

By Alice Fordham

**Albuquerque Journal (04-17-2023)**

[A small southeastern New Mexico city passed an ordinance restricting abortion access. Now it's suing the Attorney General, Governor](#)

By Elise Kaplan

**Live Action News (04-18-2023)**

[Press conference details lawsuit against New Mexico, emphasizes importance of Comstock Act](#)

By Bettina di Fiore

**AP (04-19-2023)**

[Small New Mexico city challenges state abortion-rights law](#)

By Morgan Lee

**MSNBC (04-19-2023)**

[A top GOP lawyer is laying the groundwork for a Supreme Court abortion ban](#) *A lawsuit out of New Mexico sets up a showdown between the obsolete Comstock Act and the state's abortion protections.*

By Andrea Grimes

**The National Review (04-19-2023)**

[A Local Pro-Life Lawsuit with National Implications](#)

By Michael J. New

**Hobbs News-Sun (04-19-2023)**

[New Mexico Governor, Attorney General sued over abortion ordinances](#)

By Blake Ovard

**The Nation (04-26-2023)**

[The Poison Pill in the Mifepristone Lawsuit That Could Trigger a National Abortion Ban](#) *In their push for a nationwide abortion ban, anti-abortion groups and*

*Republican officials alike seem to be embracing the idea of giving the Comstock Act new life.*

By Amy Littlefield

**Live Action News (04-26-2023)**

[New Mexico city of Edgewood becomes 66th 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' in US](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Live Action News (04-27-2023)**

[City of Danville advances 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' ordinance in Illinois](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Arizona Mirror (04-27-2023)**

[Anti-Abortion legal strategy revives Comstock moral purity laws of late 1800s](#)

By Elisha Brown

**CNN (04-28-2023)**

[Comstock Act: The 150-year-old chastity law that may be the next big fight over abortion](#)

Tierney Sneed

**NPR (04-29-2023)**

[In New Mexico, anti-abortion activists take abortion restrictions local](#)

By Sarah McCammon

## **MAY**

**Associated Press (05-03-2023)**

[Illinois city backs abortion pills ban, defying legal risks](#)

By Kathleen Foody

**Chicago Tribune (05-03-2023)**

[Downstate Danville approves ban on mailing abortion pills. But attorney general, civil liberties experts say ordinance is illegal.](#)

By Angie Leventis Lourgos

**Live Action News (05-03-2023)**

[City of Danville becomes first 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' in Illinois, 67th in US](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**KUNM (05-09-2023)**

[New Mexico Attorney General seeks stay on lawsuit challenging abortion access](#)

By Alice Fordham

**The Conversation (05-12-2023)**

[An obscure 1800s law is shaping up to be the center of the next abortion battle – legal scholars explain what’s behind the Victorian-era Comstock Act](#)

By Sonia Suter and Naomi Cahn

**Live Action News (05-13-2023)**

[Grayson County advances ‘Sanctuary County for the Unborn’ Ordinance in Virginia](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**NBC News (05-21-2023)**

[Small, rural communities are becoming abortion access battlegrounds](#) *After local leaders in rural Nevada reached an impasse over a proposed Planned Parenthood clinic, an anti-abortion activist pitching local abortion bans arrived at their remote city hall.*

By Jazmin Orozco Rodriguez

**The Boston Globe (05-30-2023)**

[Don’t rule out a national abortion ban in 2025](#) *Activists think they have a path to stopping abortions nationwide. It runs not through Congress but through the White House, the Supreme Court, and an arcane 19th-century law.*

By Mary Ziegler

## **JUNE**

**Arizona Republic (06-06-2023)**

[In a state where abortion rights are protected, Gallup council considers new restrictions](#)

By Arlyssa D. Becenti

**Warren County Record (06-15-2023)**

[Ex-mayor wants Wright City to ban abortion as ‘sanctuary city for the unborn’](#)

By Jason Koch

**Warren County Record (06-22-2023)**

[Wright City official won't back local push to ban abortion](#)

By Jason Koch

**The Nation (06-23-2023)**

[Life on the Abortion Borderland](#) *Patients seeking abortions are flooding across state lines–while anti-abortion activists try to shut clinics down.*

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By Amy Littlefield

**Warren County Record (06-29-2023)**

[Wright City unequivocally says no to ex-mayor pushing abortion ban](#)

By Jason Koch

## JULY

**The Texan (07-14-2023)**

[Mitchell County Votes to Become Texas' First 'Sanctuary County for the Unborn'](#)

*"I'm so excited that we get to lead the way for the state of Texas," said Commissioner Jeremy Strain after the unanimous vote.*

By Cameron Abrams

**Mother Jones (07-18-2023)**

[In West Wendover, Nevada, Anything Goes – Except Planned Parenthood](#)

*This purple border town is a microcosm of abortion politics in the West.*

By Stephanie Mencimer

**Abortion, Every Day (07-30-2023)**

[The Comstock Act](#) *The 150 year-old law conservatives are banking on to ban abortion.*

By Grace Haley

## AUGUST

**News 21 (08-02-2023)**

['Abortion-free America': Initiative seeks more 'sanctuary cities for the unborn' across U.S.](#) *Texas pastor Mark Lee Dickson travels the country working to create more "sanctuary cities for the unborn" – with a goal of banishing abortion from America.*

By Jenna Ebbers

**News 21 (08-02-2023)**

['This is a long game': A year after Roe, abortion access fight moves to blue states like New Mexico](#) *As more states pass abortion bans, providers and patients have flocked to New Mexico, a sanctuary for abortion rights. The anti-abortion movement has followed.*

By Jenna Ebbers and Cassidey Kavathas

# OCTOBER

**Muddy River News (10-06-2023)**

[How could sanctuary city ordinance, which requires compliance with federal statutes be illegal?](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Muddy River News (10-10-2023)**

[Pregnancy help center in Springfield supports passage of sanctuary city ordinance in Quincy](#)

By Timothy E. Moore and Suzanne Moss

**Muddy River News (10-10-2023)**

[Negligence of abortion industry tolerated for too long](#)

By Dr. Alveda King

**Muddy River News (10-11-2023)**

[Ordinance requiring compliance with federal abortion laws attracts huge crowd: 3-plus-hour meeting ends with aldermen voting against it](#)

By David Adam

**Live Action News (10-11-2023)**

['Personally pro-life' council members vote to reject 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' ordinance in Illinois](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Muddy River News (10-13-2023)**

['This just causes me to spend more time here': Texas pastor undeterred in quest to pass ordinance prohibiting abortions](#)

By David Adam

**Reproductive Freedom For All (10-20-2023)**

[The Next Frontier of Anti-Abortion Attacks Is Localities](#)

**Ms. Magazine (10-25-2023)**

['Comstocked': How Extremists Are Exploiting a Victorian-Era Law To Deny Abortion Access](#) *The 1873 Comstock law prohibits the conveyance of anything used for "the procuring or producing of abortion." One man believes it's the gateway to a national abortion ban that even the bluest of states will not be able to evade.*

By Shoshanna Ehrlich

# DECEMBER

**The Atlantic (12-06-2023)**

[A Plan to Outlaw Abortion Everywhere](#) *Activists hope a Trump Justice Department would criminalize the procedure, with or without a federal ban.*

By Elaine Godfrey

**Reason (12-11-2023)**

[Abortion 'Sanctuary Cities' Under Scrutiny in New Mexico Supreme Court](#) *Abortion issues come before two other state Supreme Courts—in Arizona and Wyoming—this week as well.*

By Elizabeth Nolan Brown

**The Guardian (12-13-2023)**

[New Mexico supreme court to consider obscure 1873 law used to ban abortion](#) *State is latest in which the Comstock Act is being used to try to ban abortion after the fall of Roe v Wade.*

By Carter Sherman

**The Richmond Times-Dispatch (12-15-2023)**

[A Virginia county considered 19th-century approach to abortion restrictions](#)

By Charlotte Rene Woods

**The Economist (12-16-2023)**

[Conservative towns in liberal American states want to ban abortion](#) *The next battle in the abortion wars is playing out in New Mexico*

**Rolling Stone (12-22-2023)**

[Inside the MAGA Plan to Attack Birth Control, Surveil Women and Ban the Abortion Pill](#) *Republicans' Project 2025 blueprint spells out how they'll leverage virtually every arm, tool and agency of the federal government to attack abortion.*

By Tessa Stuart

# 2024 JANUARY

**NOTUS (01-19-2024)**

[The Conservative Plan to Ban Abortion Without Congress](#) *Anti-abortion advocates hope a Republican president will enforce a series of laws from the 1800s that will "result in the end of abortion in every single state in America."*

By Oriana Gonzalez

## **Pennsylvania Capital-Star**

**(01-22-2024)**

[On Roe anniversary, abortion opponents look to White House to fast-track national ban](#)

By Sofia Resnick

## **The New Republic (01-25-2024)**

[Joe Biden Is Running on Roe. It's Not Enough.](#) *The attacks on reproductive rights that are now in motion won't be stopped by merely "codifying Roe."*

By Melissa Gira Grant

## **The Richmond Times-Dispatch (01-27-2024)**

[As abortion issue heats up, dormant law a vehicle for potential restrictions](#)

By Charlotte Rene Woods

# **FEBRUARY**

## **USA Today (02-09-2024)**

[‘Abolished from coast to coast’: Anti-abortion movement looks to cities as target for bans](#)

By Savannah Kuchar

## **NOTUS (02-16-2024)**

[The Anti-Abortion Movement is Spiraling After Trump's Reported 16-Week Ban Stance](#) *"We need Trump to finish what he started. We need Trump to end abortion in America," an anti-abortion activists told NOTUS.*

By Oriana Gonzalez

## **The New York Times (02-17-2024)**

[Trump Allies Plan New Sweeping Abortion Restrictions](#) *His supporters are seeking to attack abortion rights and abortion access from a variety of angles should he regain the White House, including using a long-dormant law from 1873.*

By Lisa Lerer and Elizabeth Dias

## **The New Republic (02-20-2024)**

[The Zombie Law Trump Wants to Use to Ban Abortion Nationwide](#) *Members of the former president's inner circle are worried that he'll blab about their plan to get what remains of our reproductive freedoms.*

By Melissa Gira Grant

# **MARCH**

**The Texas Tribune (03-04-2024)**

[Texas anti-abortion activists pushed abortion restrictions in New Mexico, records show](#) *A handful of cities and counties in New Mexico have passed restrictions – with help from Texans Mark Lee Dickson and attorney Jonathan Mitchell.*

By Austin Fisher

**The Washington Post (03-26-2024)**

[Alito and Thomas kept bringing up Comstock. That scared abortion rights supporters.](#)

By Dan Diamond

**Vanity Fair (03-27-2024)**

[Experts Fear Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito Are Laying the Groundwork for a Nationwide Ban on Medication Abortions — And Maybe Even All Abortions](#) *Their questions about the Comstock Act did not go unnoticed.*

By Bes Levin

**Huff Post (03-27-2024)**

[A Potential National Abortion Ban Rears Its Head At The Supreme Court](#) *The court's two most conservative justices signaled their belief that abortion could be effectively banned across the country via the 1873 Comstock Act.*

By Paul Blumenthal

## APRIL

**Ms. Magazine (04-01-2024)**

[The Comstock Act Is a Backdoor Approach to a National Abortion Ban—And Justices Alito and Thomas Are Interested](#) *The long dormant Comstock Act is moving out from the shadows into the light—in no small part due to the combined efforts of anti-abortion activists Mark Lee Dickson and Jonathan Mitchell, Justices Alito and Thomas, and Project 2025.*

By Shoshanna Ehrlich

## MAY

**John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (05-31-2024)**

[The Threat to Abortion Rights You Haven't Heard Of](#)

By Annalies Winny

## JUNE

**Arizona Mirror (06-05-2024)**

[Picking parts of an 1873 anti-obscenity law to further the anti-abortion agenda](#)

By Elisha Brown

**CNN (06-14-2024)**

[Trump walks fine line on abortion, but allies and activists have big plans for a second term](#)

By Andrew Seger and Phil Mattingly

**The Washington Post (06-20-2024)**

[Democrats seek to repeal Comstock abortion rule, fearing Trump crackdown](#)

*The Comstock Act, an 1873 law that bans abortion-related materials from being sent through the mail, could be used by the GOP to restrict abortion nationwide.*

By Dan Diamond and Caroline Kitchner

## AUGUST

**Latino USA (08-18-2024)**

[The Spillover: How the Texas Abortion Ban Shook Up Eastern New Mexico](#)

By Martina Martinez

## SEPTEMBER

**Colorado Times Recorder (09-18-2024)**

[Pueblo City Council to Revisit Abortion Fight](#)

By Heidi Beedle

## OCTOBER

**The American Prospect (10-09-2024)**

[Red-State Abortion Tactics Push Into Deep-Blue Illinois](#) *How pro-choice advocates in two cities moved to take on anti-abortion lawmakers.*

By Emma Janssen

**The New Yorker (10-30-2024)**

[The Conservative Strategy to Ban Abortion Nationwide](#) *A local referendum in Texas is part of a long-term effort to block abortions through the courts.*

By Rachel Monroe

## NOVEMBER

**Muddy River News (11-04-2024)**

[‘It isn’t as simple as a pro-life vote’: Sanctuary city ordinance struck down by aldermen a year ago](#)

By Aspen Gengenbacher

**Colorado Times Recorder (11-06-2024)**

[Coloradans Pass Abortion Protection Amendment, But Concerns Of Federal Threats Continue](#)

By Heidi Beedle

## 2025 JANUARY

**Missouri Independent (01-07-2025)**

[Missouri town rejects initial anti-abortion push to become 'sanctuary city for the unborn'](#) *Despite voicing opposition to abortion, most members of the Rolla City Council worried the ordinance would do little besides inspire costly litigation*

By Anna Spoerre

**Live Action (01-08-2025)**

[City council in Missouri considers Sanctuary City for the Unborn ordinance](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Live Action (01-10-2025)**

[Why pro-lifers are 'thrilled' by NM Supreme Court's ruling against 'Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn'](#)

By Carole Novielli

**World Magazine (01-14-2025)**

[This 150-year-old law could save babies from abortion](#) *Pro-lifers plan to take a New Mexico case to the Supreme Court.*

By Leah Savas

**Catholic Vote (01-17-2025)**

[Pro-life win: New Mexico Supreme Court invalidates local pro-life ordinances but acknowledges validity of federal Comstock Act](#)

By Susan Berry

**Mother Jones (01-20-2025)**

[How This State Supreme Court Ruling Could Set Up a Battle Over Comstock](#) *New Mexico is an important reproductive health haven, so anti-abortion activists in Texas struck back.*

By Nina Martin

**Live Action (01-28-2025)**

['Sanctuary City for the Unborn' ordinance fails in Missouri, with aid of self-proclaimed 'pro-life' opposition](#)

By Mark Lee Dickson

**Phelps County Focus (01-29-2025)**

[Council puts off sanctuary city legislation 'indefinitely'](#)

By R.D. Hohenfeldt