

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 04-2023**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 01-2022 AND THE TEMPORARY
MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (“Town”) is a home rule municipality existing pursuant to the laws of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Revised Statutes and the Town’s Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, in Emergency Ordinance No. 01-2022, the Ridgway Town Council by a vote of 7-0 approved a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of the following development applications:

- a. Minor Subdivisions pursuant to 7-4-8 of the Town Code.
- b. Lot Splits pursuant to 7-4-9 of the Town Code.
- c. Replats and Amended Plats pursuant to 7-4-10 of the Town Code.
- d. Multi-Site Developments pursuant to 7-4-11 of the Town Code.
- e. Planned Unit Developments pursuant to 7-3-16 of the Town Code.
- f. Amendments and Additions to the Official Zoning Map and Zoning Regulations pursuant to 7-3-22 of the Town Code.

WHEREAS, the temporary moratorium enacted by Emergency Ordinance No. 01-2022 on August 10, 2022 was scheduled to terminate upon the adoption of an updated Chapter 7 of the Ridgway Municipal Code, or March 31, 2023, unless terminated earlier by the Town Council or extended in its duration by enactment of another ordinance by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2023, the Ridgway Town Council by a vote of 6-0 approved Emergency Ordinance No. 01-2023 extending of the temporary moratorium through July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in response to Town Council direction and approval, Town staff engaged with the Town’s planning consultant, Community Planning Strategies, LLC; and

WHEREAS, throughout the duration of the moratorium, staff and the consultant team carried out an extensive public engagement effort, informing the public and receiving input from stakeholders. A summary of these efforts by staff and the consultant was presented to the Town Council at a work session on April 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in response to Council direction, recommendations from the consultant team, and input from the community, staff drafted a series of proposed amendments to Chapter 7 “Planning and Zoning” in support of the Town Council’s desired outcomes, as identified in Emergency Ordinance No. 01-2022; and

WHEREAS, Town staff and the consultant team provided public engagement opportunities, held a number of discussions with the Ridgway Planning Commission, and received recommendations from the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, these updates to the Town’s zoning and subdivision regulations will clarify the zoning and subdivision review process, remove contradictions and duplication between Ridgway Municipal Code sections, and create a structure that can easily be updated to adapt to changing trends and needs; and

WHEREAS, the restructure to Chapter 7 “Planning and Zoning” delineates and separates the three functions of the Code, which are administration, procedures and standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that Emergency Ordinance No. 01-2022 and the temporary moratorium are no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgway Town Council finds that this ordinance furthers and is necessary to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Ridgway community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO the following:

Section 1. Temporary Moratorium Repealed. Upon the execution of this Ordinance, Emergency Ordinance No. 01-2022 and the temporary moratorium established in said ordinance is hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED AS AN EMERGENCY on July 12, 2023, at Ridgway Town Hall, located at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

BY:

ATTEST:

John Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bo James Nerlin, Town Attorney