

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 08-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
INCREASING THE RATE OF THE LODGING TAX
AND REVISING THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF
AND OTHER PROVISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A
VOTER APPROVED BALLOT ISSUE**

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, the voters of the Town of Ridgway approved Ballot Issue 2A at the November 7, 2023 election authorizing an increase in the Lodging Tax, which requires an ordinance to implement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and adopted as findings and determinations of the Town Council.

Section 2. Amendment to Chapter 3 – Finance. *Subsection 3-3-1 – Imposition of Tax and Allocation of Proceeds* of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3-3-1 – IMPOSITION OF TAX AND ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS.

- (A) There is hereby levied and charged a Lodging Tax upon the business of furnishing rooms or accommodations for consideration in a hotel, motel, apartment hotel, lodging house, motor hotel, guest house, or other similar lodging businesses in the amount of six percent (6.0%) of the entire amount charged for furnishing the room or accommodations.
- (B) The amounts subject to the tax, shall not include sales and use taxes, telephone, laundry, food and drink services, and other services incidental to the furnishing of the lodging, which are billed separately to the customer.
- (C) Fifty percent (50%) of the net lodging tax revenues received by the Town shall be used for tourism promotion and economic development purposes. Fifty percent (50%) of the net lodging tax revenues shall be used for the development, operation, maintenance of, and any other actions by the Town, or in partnership, to provide workforce support which includes the following:

- (1) affordable and workforce housing;
- (2) childhood care and education;
- (3) fund programs to facilitate homeownership; and
- (4) other actions and programs not inconsistent with these purposes.

(D) No vendor processing fee shall apply to the lodging tax revenues received. The Town shall maintain appropriate accounts therefore.

Section 3. Effective Date. The changes to the rate of the Lodging Tax shall take effect on March 1, 2024.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each provision thereof, even though any one of the provisions might be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. Safety Clause and Authority. The Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town of Ridgway, that it is promulgated for the health, safety and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Town Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be obtained.

Section 6. Publication. The Town Clerk is ordered to publish this Ordinance in accordance with Article 3-9 of the Ridgway Charter.

INTRODUCED before the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado on the 13th day of December, 2023.

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO,
A HOME-RULE MUNICIPALITY**

By _____
John I. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

Approved As to Form:

Bo James Nerlin, Town Attorney

HEARD AND FINALLY ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, this 10th day of January, 2024.

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