

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIDGWAY, COLORADO, AMENDING THE POLICY RELATIVE
TO NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (“Town”) is a home rule municipality and political subdivision of the State of Colorado (“State”) organized and existing under a home rule charter (“Charter”) pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Ridgway Town Council adopted *Resolution No. 03-06, Establishing a Policy Relative to Noxious Weed Management*; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 03-06, the Town Council resolved to not use toxic or poisonous, chemical-based herbicides within the Town limits toward the control of noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, after several discussions with Ouray County Vegetation Management and in order to more effectively address and manage noxious weeds on public properties within the Town of Ridgway, the Town Council has agreed to modify the Policy Relative to Noxious Weed Management to allow for chemical-based herbicide application when deemed necessary by Town staff and Ouray County Vegetation Management personnel, and in accordance with the Chemical Application and Protocol Recommendations depicted in the *2011 Town of Ridgway Integrated Weed Management Plan*.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgway Town Council that the Town shall not use toxic or poisonous, chemical-based herbicides within the Town limits toward the control of noxious weeds, and that the use of non-toxic, organic management practices shall be implemented, unless chemical-based herbicide application is deemed necessary by Town staff and Ouray County Vegetation Management personnel, at which point it must be administered in accordance with the Chemical Application and Protocol Recommendations depicted in the 2011 Town of Ridgway Integrated Weed Management Plan.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of January 2022.

John Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk