

RESOLUTION NO. 22-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIDGWAY, COLORADO, ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF
RIDGWAY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

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, the Town Council has determined that it is appropriate to formally establish the Town of Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board and set forth its duties, which shall include consideration of environmental issues and making recommendations with respect to such issues to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Sustainability Advisory Board would help the Town meet GOAL ENV-4 of the Town of Ridgway Master Plan that states, “Advocate for the efficient use of resources and sustainable practices that work to eliminate harmful impacts to the health of the community and natural environment.”

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that establishing a Sustainability Advisory Board to serve as an advisory body to the Town Council, will help to effectuate improvements to the Ridgway Municipal Code, Town operations and Town facilities on matters regarding sustainable practices, resource conservation, renewable energy and waste reduction, and will help advance and encourage environmentally sustainable practices and ideas within the Town.

WHEREAS, Section 5-3 of the Ridgway Charter states that the Town Council may create any commissions and boards as it deems appropriate and specify their duties, terms and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the establishment of a Sustainability Advisory Board will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Ridgway community.

NOW THEREFORE, the Ridgway Town Council hereby **RESOLVES** to establish the Town of Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board as set forth in **Exhibit A: Town of Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Authority and Procedures**, attached hereto.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of May 2022.

ATTEST:

John Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF RIDGWAY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES

1. **Establishment, Purpose and Duties.** There is hereby established the Town of Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (Sustainability Advisory Board). The purposes and duties of the Sustainability Advisory Board are as follows:
 - a. To advance and encourage environmentally sustainable practices and ideas within the Town;
 - b. To advise the Town Council in an effort to effectuate improvements to the Ridgway Municipal Code, Town operations and Town facilities on matters regarding sustainable practices, resource conservation, renewable energy and waste reduction;
 - c. To collaborate with Town staff to continue implementing the goals and objectives in the *Ouray County & San Miguel County Regional Climate Action Plan*;
 - d. To make recommendations to the Town Council concerning the establishment of Town-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and other goals;
 - e. To work in cooperation with other Town boards and committees to promote sustainability policies and programs;
 - f. To promote sustainability awareness and practices at Town events and assist interested individuals or groups in promoting their own sustainability practices;
 - g. Makes recommendations to provide opportunities for young people to broaden their understanding of sustainability practices and the effects they have.
 - h. Performs other tasks related to environmental sustainability as the Town Council may direct.
2. **Membership and Term.** The Sustainability Advisory Board shall be composed of not less than three (3) members, not more than seven (7) members. One (1) member shall be an Ex-Officio Town Council member appointed by the Town Council. The Ridgway Town Council shall appoint members after candidates complete an application and interview with the Town Council.

All Sustainability Advisory Board appointees shall be appointed to terms of three (3) years. In the event a vacancy should occur during the term of any member, their successor shall be appointed in the same manner for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.

3. **Qualification of Members.** Ouray County residents shall be eligible for appointment to the Sustainability Advisory Board.
4. **Removal from Office.** Any member of the Sustainability Advisory Board may be removed for just cause at the pleasure of the Ridgway Town Council by a majority vote of the entire Council in office at the time the vote is taken. Just cause shall include misconduct, conduct unbecoming of a Town official, or more than two (2) unexcused absences within a twelve-month period. Prior to removal, the Ridgway Town Council shall conduct a hearing and shall provide written notice to the Sustainability Advisory Board member stating the grounds for removal at least three (3) days prior to the hearing.
5. **Officers.** The Sustainability Advisory Board shall select its own Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Chair, or, in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, shall be the presiding officer of its meetings. In the absence of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair from a meeting, the members present shall appoint a member to serve as Acting Chair at the meeting.
6. **Meetings.** Sustainability Advisory Board members shall attend regular meetings held once a month at Ridgway Town Hall, or as designated by the Sustainability Advisory Board. Sustainability Advisory Board members may be required to attend other meetings during their terms, including Ridgway Town Council meetings or presentations to local groups or organizations. Meetings of the Sustainability Advisory Board shall be duly noticed and open to the public.
7. **Appropriation Authority.** The Sustainability Advisory Board shall not have authority to appropriate or spend Town of Ridgway funds. The Sustainability Advisory Board may provide recommendations to the Town Manager and/or Ridgway Town Council with regard to any annual budget.
8. **Council Amendments.** The Ridgway Town Council reserves the right to amend, increase, reduce or change any or all of the powers, duties and procedures of the Sustainability Advisory Board.