

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
ORDER EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL DISASTER IN AND FOR
THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, et. seq. (the “Act”), provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster emergency may be declared unilaterally by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision; for the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (the “Town”), the principal executive officer is the Town Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager issued an Order Declaring a Local Disaster (the “Order”) on August 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Order was issued pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Manager, and issued with the approval and support of the Mayor for the Town; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, the Town Council extended the Declaration of a Local Disaster to September 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to extend the Declaration of a Local Disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, an “emergency” is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, this Declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local emergency shall not be continued beyond a period of seven (7) days or removed except by action of the governing board of the political subdivision for the Town, the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster “shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder, the [Town] clerk ... and with the office of emergency management”; and

WHEREAS, the Town has suffered from significant moisture, monsoonal events, and other hazards that have caused severe damage to public property and disruption to municipal water supply and utility service, and the Town is suffering and has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town is now in need of assistance from subject matter experts and outside agencies and governments to assess, collect, and report damages that have been incurred by the municipal water system and any other critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town is also in need of assistance for restoration and recovery considerations and operations, and the Town intends to work collaboratively with Ouray County to achieve all objectives, including communicating to stakeholders and members of the public.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED on this 11th day of September 2024, that the disaster emergency that was declared in and for the Town of Ridgway beginning on August 14, 2024, is extended to October 10, 2024, unless further extended or amended by action of the Town Council for the Town of Ridgway.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed immediately with the office of the Ouray County Emergency Manager and a copy filed with the Ouray County Clerk and Recorder, as well as to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.



John I. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pam Kraft, Town Clerk