

# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

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**5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, Terry Schuyler

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 04-2025 Amending Chapter 15 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning Vehicle Idling Restrictions
2. Update on Application to Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator Grant Program
3. Discussion regarding proposals for advancing 2026 work plan items
4. Discussion and preparation for update to the Ridgway Town Council on January 14, 2026
5. Discussion regarding SAB membership vacancy
6. Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2025 meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## AGENDA ITEM #1

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE RIDGWAY MUNICIPAL CODE  
CONCERNING VEHICLE IDLING RESTRICTIONS**

**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 Town Council finds that it would be in the best interest of public safety and welfare to enact restrictions on idling motor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to more comprehensively regulate vehicle idling to ensure that any nuisance associated with idling is mitigated to the maximum extent practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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. 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 of Subsection 15-1-12 - Traffic Infractions.** Subsection 15-1-12 - *Traffic Infractions* of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby changed to Subsection 15-1-13 - *Traffic Infractions*.

**Section 3. Amendment of Subsection 15-1-13 - Penalties.** Subsection 15-1-13 - *Penalties* of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby changed to Subsection 15-1-14 - *Penalties*.

**Section 4. Addition of Subsection 15-1-12.** Chapter 15 of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby amended with the addition of a new Subsection 15-1-12, to read as set forth in ***Exhibit A***.

**Section 5. Codification of Amendments.** The Town Clerk, as the codifier of the Town’s Municipal Code, is hereby authorized to make such numerical and formatting changes as may be necessary to incorporate the provisions of this Ordinance within the Ridgway Municipal Code. The Town Clerk is authorized to correct, or approve the correction by the codifier, of any typographical error in the enacted regulations, provided that such correction shall not substantively change any provision of the regulations adopted in this Ordinance. Such corrections may include spelling, reference, citation, enumeration, and grammatical errors.

**Section 6. 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. As used in this Section, the term “provision” means and includes any part, division, subdivision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase; the term “application” means and includes an application of an ordinance or any part thereof, whether considered or construed alone or together with another ordinance or ordinances, or part thereof, of the Town.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of final passage in accordance with Article 3-7 of the Ridgway Charter.

**Section 8. Safety Clause.** 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 9. No Existing Violation Affected.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, liability or right or affect any audit, suit, or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing which may have been incurred or obtained under any ordinance or provision hereby repealed or amended by this Ordinance. Any such ordinance or provision thereof so amended, repealed, or superseded by this Ordinance shall be treated and held as remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings and prosecutions, for the enforcement of such penalty, liability, or right, and for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits or proceedings, or prosecutions imposing, inflicting, or declaring such penalty or liability or enforcing such right, and shall be treated and held as remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proceedings, actions, hearings, and appeals pending before any court or administrative tribunal.

**Section 10. Publication.** The Town Clerk is ordered to publish this Ordinance in accordance with Article 3-7 of the Ridgway Charter.

**INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEARING** on November 12, 2025, and set for public hearing on December 10, 2025, at Ridgway Town Hall, located at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

BY:

ATTEST:

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John I. Clark, Mayor

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Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

**ADOPTED** on December 10, 2025.

BY:

ATTEST:

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John I. Clark, Mayor

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Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Bo James Nerlin, Town Attorney

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **15-1-12 – VEHICLE IDLING.**

- (A) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to idle or permit the idling of the motor of any stationary motor vehicle for a prolonged or unreasonable period of time determined herein to be two (2) minutes or more within any one (1) hour period of time.
- (B) This Section shall not apply to the following:
- (1) When an engine must be operated in the idle mode for safety reasons including, but not limited to, the operation of cranes and forklifts used in the construction industry.
  - (2) The idling of any motor when necessary to power the vehicle during the time required to perform a function for which the vehicle is designed: e.g., emptying solid waste containers, mixing cement and providing emergency medical services.
  - (3) Emergency vehicles.
  - (4) Vehicles engaged in traffic operations.
  - (5) Vehicles which are being serviced.
  - (6) Vehicles that must idle to operate auxiliary equipment, including but not limited to pumps, compressors or refrigeration units
  - (7) Vehicles en route to a destination that are stopped by traffic congestion.
- (C) The time during which transportation vehicles are actively loading or discharging passengers shall not be included in the computation of the two (2) minutes determined herein to be a prolonged or unreasonable period of time. A transportation vehicle shall be defined for purposes of this Section to mean motor vehicles designed to transport a minimum of sixteen (16) persons.

## AGENDA ITEM #3

## SAB 2026 WORK PLAN

| Work Item                          | Description   | Lead            | Goals  |
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| Net-Zero 2030                      | Assist the Town with evaluating, planning and implementing projects intended to advance the Town's commitment and goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for all municipal operations by 2030. | Dave K          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish fossil fuel inventory</li> <li>• Update roadmap</li> <li>• Complete the following pilot projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replace 2 string trimmers with electric</li> <li>○ Replace 1 riding mower with electric</li> <li>○ Replace 1 Pub Works pickup with EV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Town Council agreed on PHEV and this is included in town budget already</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Replace 1 heating system with Cold Climate Heat Pump</li> <li>○ Replace 1 water heater with Heat Pump Water Heater</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant     | Assist the Town, as needed, with planning and implementing the tasks in the Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant, if awarded.   |                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBD; announcing awards mid-December</li> <li>• Goal of IMPACT grant is Net-Zero 2030, so will cover above first</li> </ul>  |
| Town and Community Electrification | Encourage the Town to adopt a requirement for all new construction to be all-electric and assist with public outreach and education associated with that initiative.                              | Dave J          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research the impacts (positive and negative) of all-electric building codes and develop fact sheet for education and outreach.</li> <li>• Develop fact sheet with economics for all-electric construction to use for education and outreach</li> <li>• Conduct education and outreach for all-electric residential building.</li> <li>• Consider holding a Brats and Kilowatts event with SMPA to encourage town residents sign up for Totally Green</li> </ul>   |
| Event and Festival Waste Reduction | Develop and propose a "zero waste" policy to be adopted by the Town that would apply to all events and festivals, and work with organizers and vendors to ensure that                             | Dave K/<br>Dana | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create <u>zero waste policy</u> and distribute to event organizers and vendors; <b>require vendors to use compostable materials</b></li> <li>• Simplify and improve trash/compost/recycling monitoring and collection at major events.</li> <li>• <b>Eliminate</b> the use of plastics.</li> <li>• Encourage/ <b>require</b> the use of reusable aluminum cups.</li> </ul>  |



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|                                       | they adhere to the requirements and guidelines in said policy to maximize composting and recycling.   |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Investigate the sale of reusable, commemorative cups.</li> <li>● Use the Ridgway Concert Series to pilot these solutions.</li> </ul>   |
| Sustainability Outreach and Education | Sponsor or co-sponsor events to educate the local community on sustainability issues including electrification, composting, and water conservation. | Sheridan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sponsor or co-sponsor a minimum of 3 outreach/education events.</li> <li>● Invest in permanent marketing assets for outreach and education events.</li> <li>● Have a booth at the EV Ride and Drive Event that focuses on electrification.</li> <li>● Sustainability/Electric Home Open House event</li> </ul> |
| Residential Composting                | Encourage residential composting through outreach, education, and community-wide composting solutions.  | Sheridan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Investigate a community-wide free compost pickup solution.</li> <li>● Investigate subsidizing backyard composting equipment.</li> <li>● Include composting equipment/demos in SAB outreach and education events.</li> </ul>  |
| Water Conservation and Soil Health    | Encourage landscape water conservation and work to improve community soil health through outreach and incentives.                                   | Kristina | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Investigate incentives residential and business xeriscape/waterwise incentive programs.</li> <li>● Create a xeriscape demonstration installation.</li> <li>● Investigate residential soil health initiatives.</li> </ul>   |
| Renewable Energy                      | Encourage the Town and community to install innovative solar options that add artistic, inspirational and sculptural accents.                       | Kristina | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Research in 2026</li> </ul>  |

## AGENDA ITEM #6



# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## December 2, 2025

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, and Terry Schuyler. Preston Neill, Leigh Robertson and Lia Salvatierra were also present.

### 2. Update on Application to Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action Accelerator Grant

Preston gave an update on the Town's application to the Colorado Energy Office's Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator Grant Program. He said we should hear if we got funded on or by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be after the Town Council will have adopted the budget. The Colorado Energy Office scheduled a scoping meeting (said they do that with all applicants). Preston will send Terry the info (probably Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>).

### 3. Finalization of projects/initiatives

Preston made some modifications to the Description Column. They match what's in the annual Strategic Plan. It'll go to the Town Council Dec. 3rd.

- SAB doesn't need to do anything related to the budget.
- Dave K: Durable, commemorative cups \$13.50 each if buy 60. Preston: there's money in the budget, so don't worry about the cost. January meeting each SAB member start coming with ideas and proposals and how to go about proceeding for the items you're responsible for. For example,
  - What does zero waste mean?
  - How many cups do we order?
  - Bring plans to the table in January. Would be good to prioritize—Dave K. can work on a schedule.
  - Kristina wants to start working now/soon on a Restore CO grant for soil restoration and pollinator corridors. No matching needed.
    - Preston: what would the Town have to do?
  - SAB could attend TC meeting next week, and just briefly mention the Work Plan; also could do a short presentation at January TC meeting.
- Dana talked to Pam; Town requires compostable products. Vendors have to sign an agreement. Pam ordered aluminum cups years ago. When Sherb took over, they refused to let cups be refilled. The State says it's kosher. Some people bring their own food, so we'll need a recyclables bin; not just trash and compost.
  - Dana has applications from other towns. Some say you have to buy from a specific vendor, e.g., Shamrock Foods or Green Is All We Do.
  - Aluminum cups are recyclable.
- Are there some cups below a floor? Yes, in the crawl space below Town Hall.
- Silicone cups don't keep your drink as cold, and they foam up a lot. More people will probably buy cheaper cups.



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### 4. Other Items

- Idling ordinance (second reading) is scheduled for next week.
- Dana: Post something about Sustainability for Human Rights?
  - Terry: it borders on an ideological, political stance.
  - Dave J: we don't want to alienate people.
- Where are we with the Energy Cohort?
  - Text amendments to Planning Committee in January.
  - To TC in Feb. and March.
- Siobhan at EcoAction Partners is working on a grant for floating solar panels on water reclamation site (reduce evaporation and renewable energy). Sheridan thinks maybe in Norwood.
- SMPA is suffering in trying to make solar work financially without the 30% tax incentives (going away Jan. 1, 2026). Some Solar companies are going out of business.
  - DOLA eliminated solar in ITC grants; Terry wants to work on that.
- 6MW battery coming soon at SMPA in Ridgway. 100KW new solar car ports (in SMPA yard). Similar project in Rico.
- CO PUC is pushing utilities to get rid of natural gas.
- Terry encourages Dave K. to have a separate news article on the MT2030 awards. And more on website, e.g., in carousel. Could also put it on the aluminum cups—Dana can check out.
  - Leigh mentioned new Facebook banner with photo of MT2030 award and some info.

### 5. Minutes from the November 11, 2025 meeting

Sheridan made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2025 meeting. Dave K. seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 5:35 p.m.