

# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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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

## **ITEMS**

1. Update on Letter of Intent to Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator Grant Program
2. Update regarding 2024 International Energy Efficiency Code and amendment package, including the model electric and solar ready code, and the outreach and adoption timeline
3. Review of Ordinance No. 04-25 Amending Chapter 15 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning Vehicle Idling Restrictions
4. Review of 2025 work plan items and discussion regarding projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2026 work plan.
5. Approval of minutes from the September 2, 2025 meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## AGENDA ITEM #3

**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 five (5) 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 five (5) 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 #4

## SAB WORK PLAN ITEMS

### FROM TOWN OF RIDGWAY 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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<b>1</b>	Advise the Town to adopt a resolution formally establishing a net-zero goal to be achieved by 2030. Once in place, explore initiatives to promote within the community.	Terry
<b>2</b>	Establish a “road map” to net zero.	David/Dave
<b>3</b>	Provide quarterly progress updates to the Town Council.	Terry
<b>4</b>	Draft and recommend adoption of idle-free (i.e., no idling) regulations.	Dana
<b>5</b>	Organize and hold two educational outreach meetings/public engagement events in 2025 to promote SAB educational campaigns.	Dave/Terry
<b>6</b>	Participate on the Sneffels Energy Board Energy Code Cohort by working with EcoAction Partners, Lotus Engineering & Sustainability and NORESCO to align our region on an approach and code package for 2024 International Energy Conservation Code adoption (this includes the model electric and solar ready code).	Dave
<b>7</b>	Evaluate establishment of a goal/date for all new construction projects to be all-electric.	Dave
<b>8</b>	Work to decrease festival and event waste by encouraging local management contracts and event organizers to provide for composting, recycling, etc. at Ridgway events.	Joyce/Sheridan
<b>9</b>	Evaluate and recommend options for instituting incentives/rebates for residential and commercial participation in local composting programs.	Joyce/Sheridan
<b>10</b>	Increase local organic/natural food production and consumption.	Joyce/Sheridan
<b>11</b>	Evaluate and recommend options for instituting a turf replacement program that could include rebates or incentives.	Terry
<b>12</b>	Explore identifying where wildlife corridors are and possibilities for mitigating speeding on US 550 and SH 62. Explore deployment of additional signage.	Dana



## AGENDA ITEM #5



# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## September 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 David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, and Terry Schuyler. Dana Ivers and Dave Jones were absent. Preston Neill, Kendra Held, Kim Wheels and Dylan Howell were also present.

### 2. Discussion regarding 2024 International Energy Efficiency Code and amendment package, including the model electric and solar ready code, and the outreach and adoption timeline

Kendra and Kim presented an overview of the Code Cohorts work and solicited thoughts and recommendations from the SAB on various amendments being proposed. They also covered next steps in the process.

### 3. Discussion and detail finalization for ribbon cutting event for the Ridgway Space to Create Resilience Hub Microgrid Project on September 5<sup>th</sup>

SAB members reviewed all the event details in final preparation for the event. The schedule/itinerary for the event was discussed and agreed upon. Dave and Sheridan showcased the materials that have been printed and distributed around the community to garner more attendance at the event.

### 4. Discussion and direction re idle-free regulations

The group discussed the various examples of vehicle idling regulations that had been provided. Members honed in on regulations to recommend and which regulations to exclude from a proposed ordinance for Ridgway. Preston volunteered to draft an ordinance for review and consideration by the SAB at their next meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. Review and consideration of SAB Member Term Policy

David presented the SAB Member Term Policy that he drafted. He reviewed all provisions with the group and the group was bought in and in agreement with everything that was presented.

### 6. Discussion and preparation for update to the Ridgway Town Council on September 10, 2025

The group briefly discussed how to approach the upcoming quarterly presentation to the Town Council on September 10<sup>th</sup>. David agreed to prepare a PowerPoint and spearhead the presentation on behalf of the SAB.

### 7. Review of 2025 work plan items and discussion regarding projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2026 work plan

Members held a brief discussion about work planning and decided that the majority of the next meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> would be devoted to pinpointing projects and initiatives to recommend to the Town Council for inclusion in the 2026 work plan.

### 8. Minutes from the August 5, 2025 meeting

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2025 meeting. David seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

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### 9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:01 p.m.