

Ridgway Town Council Regular Meeting Agenda Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy,
the meeting will be conducted both in person and via a virtual meeting portal. Members of the public may attend in person at the Community Center, located at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado 81432, or virtually using the meeting information below.

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5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL Councilors Kevin Grambley, Polly Kroger, Michelle Montague, Terry Schuyler, Josey Scoville, Mayor Pro Tem Beth Lakin and Mayor John Clark

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine by the Town Council and enacted by one motion. The Council has received and considered reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent calendar designations. Copies of the reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and are available to the public. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is requested, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2025.
2. Minutes of Special Meeting on June 2, 2025.
3. Register of Demands for July 2025.
4. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for Greenwoods.
5. Renewal of restaurant liquor license The Old Firehouse.
6. Renewal of tavern liquor license for the Sherbino Theater.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Established time for the public to address the Council regarding any item not otherwise listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person.

POLICY MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

7. Confirmation or amendment of Stage III Water Restrictions - Town Manager.
8. Update on the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project - Town Engineer.
9. Discussion and direction regarding the setting of a date for a Special Town Council meeting in July - Town Manager.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

10. Presentation regarding tobacco retail licensing - Becca Doll-Tyler, Ouray County Public Health Agency.
11. Request to close public rights-of-ways for the annual Noel Night on Friday, December 5th - Michi Countryman.

POLICY MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

12. Release of Subdivision Improvement Agreement Vista Park Commons - Town Manager.
13. Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Town of Ridgway and Ridgway Chautauqua Society (DBA The Sherbino) concerning the Ridgway Independent Film Festival - Town Manager.
14. Resolution No. 25-07 Supporting Public Lands - Mayor Clark.
15. Discussion and direction regarding a Letter of Intent for the Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator grant opportunity - Town Manager.
16. Confirmation or amendment of Emergency Restrictions, promulgated by the Town Manager, on burning and fires within the Town of Ridgway - Town Manager.

WRITTEN AND VERBAL REPORTS Written reports may be provided for informational purposes prior to the meeting updating Council on various matters that may or may not warrant discussion and action.

17. Proposed schedule for preparation of the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget.
18. Town Manager's Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The Town Council will enter into a closed session for a conference with the Town attorney for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) concerning Vista Park Commons P.U.D.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Informational verbal reports from Councilors pertaining to the following committees, commissions and organizations:

Committees & Commissions:

Ridgway Planning Commission - Councilor Montague and Mayor Clark

Ridgway Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee - Councilor Kroger

Ridgway FUSE - Councilor Grambley

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board - Councilor Schuyler; alternate - Mayor Pro Tem Lakin

Ridgway Scholarship Committee - Mayor Pro Tem Lakin and Mayor Clark

Board Appointments:

Ouray County Weed Board - Mayor Pro Tem Lakin; alternate - Town Manager

Ouray County Joint Planning Board - Councilor Montague, citizens Rod Fitzhugh & Tom McKenney; alternate - Councilor Schuyler
Sneffels Energy Board - Councilor Schuyler and Town Manager; alternate - Mayor Clark
Region 10 Board - Mayor Clark
WestCO Dispatch Board - Town Marshal; alternate - Town Manager
Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager
Ouray County Transit Committee - Town Manager
Ouray County Water Users Association - Mayor Pro Tem Lakin; alternate - Councilor Montague
Water and Land Committee for the Uncompahgre Valley - Councilor Montague; alternate - Town Manager
Colorado Communities for Climate Action – Mayor Pro Tem Lakin; alternate - Town Manager
Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee - Town Manager
Home Trust of Ouray County - Town Manager
EcoAction Partners Board of Directors - Mayor Pro Tem Lakin; alternate - Councilor Kroger
Liaisons:
Chamber of Commerce - Councilmember Scoville
Communities That Care Coalition - Mayor Clark
Ouray County Fairgrounds - Councilor Schuyler

ADJOURNMENT

Deadline for agenda items for next regular meeting, Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., Town Clerk's Office, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

Consent Agenda

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held both in person and via virtual meeting portal Zoom Meeting, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance Councilors Grambley, Kroger, Montague, Scoville, Mayor Pro Tem Lakin and Mayor Clark. Councilor Schuyler was not present for the roll call.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2025.
2. Register of Demands for June 2025.
3. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for El Agave Azul.
4. Renewal of brew pub liquor license for Colorado Boy Brewing.
5. Renewal of fermented malt and wine license for Ridgway Conoco.
6. Renewal of fermented malt and wine license for Ridgway Shell.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Kroger, seconded by Councilor Grambley and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Hebert asked the Council to consider looking into alternatives from the use of magnesium chloride for dust control on dirt roads. He stated he feels the product is detrimental to trees, and noted "there are lots of alternatives".

There were comments by the Council.

Councilor Schuyler entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Paula James questioned the accessory dwelling regulations regarding monthly utility charges, and stated they should be waived to alleviate property owners from passing the charge to the tenants.

There were comments by the Council.

Michelle Montague asked that the Town encourage restaurants to use compostable take out food containers.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

7. Request to close N. Cora for Annual Bennet Forgeworks Block Party

The Town Clerk reported the Town has received an application to close N. Cora Street between Railroad and Roundhouse from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on August 28th, for the annual Bennett Forgeworks Block Party.

ACTION:

Councilor Montague moved to approve the closure of N. Cora between Railroad and Roundhouse on August 28th between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm for the Annual Bennett Forgeworks Block Party. Councilmember Kroger seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. Request to hold Ridgway Rocks music festival in Hartwell Park

The Town Clerk explained an application has been received to hold a new event in Hartwell Park on August 24th. The event called Ridgway Rocks, will be held from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm with free attendance and will feature five local bands.

ACTION:

Councilor Montague moved to approve the request to hold Ridgway Rocks music festival in Hartwell Park on August 24th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, Councilmember Grambley seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Councilor Kroger abstaining.

9. Request to close N. Clinton Street for celebration of new mural on the Space to Create Building

The Town Clerk announced the FUSE committee is holding an event on June 20th to celebrate the new mural on the Space to Create Building. A request to close Clinton Street between Cora and the alley, including the north alleyway, between 4:00 and 7:00 pm has been received.

ACTION:

Councilmember Montague moved, Councilor Scoville seconded, to approve the closure of Clinton Street between Cora and the alley on June 20th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Councilor Kroger abstaining.

10. Proclamation Declaring June as Immigrant Heritage Month

Kaisa Simon with Tri-County Health requested adoption of a proclamation which nationally recognizes Immigrant Heritage Month.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Schuyler, seconded by Councilmember Kroger to adopt the Proclamation Declaring June as Immigrant Heritage Month. With the motion on the floor there was a question from the Council. After a call for the vote the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

11. Proclamation Supporting the Fifth Annual Ouray County Pride Celebration

Kaisa Simon thanked the Council for supporting the annual Ouray County Pride Celebration and asked for adoption of a proclamation.

There were comments and discussion by the Council.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Kroger, seconded by Councilmember Grambley, the motion to approve the Proclamation Supporting the Fifth Annual Ouray County Pride Celebration and acknowledging the month of June as Pride Month carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

12. Request to close Clinton Street for Colorado Boy Community Block Party

The Town Clerk presented a request from Colorado Boy Brewery to close Clinton Street on August 2nd for a community block party. A stage will be placed in the middle of the street for live music, and local artists will be showcased on the sidewalks.

There was discussion by the Council and it was agreed the street closure should be between Cora and the alley, and the time of closure between noon and 10:00 pm.

ACTION:

Councilor Montague moved to approve the request to close Clinton Street for a Community Block Party on August 2nd, with the conditions the stage be placed not further than the west side of the alley and no music past 10:00 pm. Councilor Scoville seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. Application for Tavern Liquor License for The Adobe Inn at 251 Liddell Drive

Staff Report from the Town Clerk dated 6-4-25 presenting an application for a tavern liquor license for The Adobe Inn.

The Town Clerk explained the Town has received an application for a tavern liquor license from OT Hospitality LLC, members: Hunter Orahoad and Seth Tabor, for the premises at 251 Liddell Drive. The trade name of the business is The Adobe Inn. The applicant is leasing the premises and approval would include licensing the patio areas on the east, south and west sides of the building for outdoor consumption of alcohol.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Montague, seconded by Councilmember Kroger to approve the liquor license from OT Hospitality LLC, members Seth Tabor and Hunter Orahoad doing business as The Adobe Inn at 251 Liddell Drive. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

14. Application for Final Plat for RidgSix Townhomes PUD

Staff Report from Planner Angie Kemp dated 6-5-25 presenting submittal of the Subdivision Final Plat for RidgSix Townhome Planned Unit Development.

Planner Kemp explained the RidgSix Townhome development is on Lots 16-20 of Block 28, which contains a single family residence on the southwest corner addressed as 283 N. Cora; owner of the property is North Cora Street LLC. The preliminary plat was approved in August of 2022 and since this time all improvements have been installed. The Master Plan finds these housing types suitable; and the application is being processed under prior sections of the Municipal Code, she noted. At the May 31st meeting the Planning Commission recommended the Town Council approve the Subdivision Final Plat with three conditions.

There were questions from the Council to the applicant.

ACTION:

Councilmember Grambley moved to approve the Final Plat for RidgSix Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development, with the following conditions, finding compliance with the regulations of the Municipal Code and general conformance with the Master Plan: 1) prior to the Town recording the Final Plat with the Ouray County Clerk and Records Office, all remaining excise tax, tap fees, and other fees shall be paid by the developer, as applicable; 2) prior to the Town recording the Final Plat with the Ouray County Clerk and Records Office, all clerical, grammatic, technical and procedural non-material amendments to application materials shall be made as necessary to ensure the ability to enforce and administer the provisions pursuant to the Ridgway Municipal Code standards; 3) the plat shall be modified to include clear language to identify ownership, maintenance and repair of the stormwater system that has been installed on the site, in a format that is acceptable to the Town Engineering Department. Councilor Kroger seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

15. Application for Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plat for Dalwhinnie-Athletic Park Annexation

Staff Report dated 6-5-25 from Planner Kemp presenting the Preliminary Plat for the Dalwhinnie Subdivision.

The Town Planner explained part of The Preserve PUD was annexation of 3.23 acres owned by the Dalwhinnie Group and the Town of Ridgway, three parcels were created and .72 acres consisting of right-of-way on County Road 23. One of the parcels will be used for a sanitary lift station which was required by the Town. The annexation was approved on September 6, 2024 by the Council. She noted the intent of processing a preliminary plat for the annexed portion of the Preserve PUD is to consolidate the conditional preliminary plat approved in 2020. At the May 31st meeting the Planning Commission recommended the Council approve the preliminary plat with three conditions. It was noted the lift station will require approval from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which is a rigorous process for review and approval.

Representing the applicant, Chris Hawkins with Alpine Planning, reported the “second round of civil engineering to upgrade standards has been submitted to the Town Engineer and State”. He stated “the goal is to begin this summer”, but the development “may have to request another extension”.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Montague to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Dalwhinnie Annexation Subdivision finding compliance with the regulations of the Municipal Code and general conformance with the Master Plan and Ridgway Municipal Code criteria. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuyler and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

16. Discussion regarding proposed changes to affordable housing regulations and definitions to define community housing

Staff report dated 6-5-25 from Planner Angie Kemp presenting proposed ordinance changes reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Planner Kemp presented a draft ordinance reviewed by the Planning Commission which establishes a code section in the Municipal Code addressing affordable housing regulations and defining community housing. She stated after numerous public meetings the code changes were developed to provide an inclusionary housing policy to promote mixed income development. For developments over three lots, ten percent of the units or lots are to be designated community housing; also includes incentives to developers that exceed the requirements. She presented a Community Housing Guidelines which will not be codified, but will work with, and complement the new regulations. The guidelines will be updated every year to meet area median income, which changes annually through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

There were comments from the Council and discussion ensued.

Speaking from the audience Jack Young with the Vista Park Commons Development, noted "AMI doesn't work to get any profits" when "you only make three percent on a house".

There were comments from the Council.

It was agreed to continue to research what other communities and housing authorities around the state are establishing for inclusionary housing and affordable housing; and hold community forums during the summer months for public feed back.

17. Request to appoint Council representative to the EcoAction Partners Board of Directors

Manager Neill presented a letter from EcoAction Partners dated 5-27-25 requesting a member of the Council serve on their board of directors.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Schuyler to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Lakin as Town representative to the Eco Action Board of Directors, and Councilor Kroger as the alternate. After a second by Councilor Montague, a call for the vote carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Town Manager presented an overview of the monthly written Managers Report.

Councilor Schuyler addressed the recent Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held both in person and via virtual meeting portal Zoom Meeting, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Grambley, Kroger, Montague, Schuyler, Scoville, Mayor Pro Tem Lakin and Mayor Clark in attendance.

1. Review of existing conditions and alternative analysis for the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project

Memorandum and report dated 5-30-25 from RESPEC Engineering presenting existing conditions and alternative analysis for the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project.

Manager Neill explained RESPEC Engineering has prepared a report outlining conditions and alternatives for the Beaver Creek Diversion project, and is seeking a consensus on which alternative to follow. After preparation of construction documents submittal will be made for state and federal approvals.

Alan Leak, RESPEC Principal Engineer in Charge, presented highlights from the analysis report and stated damage received during the August 2024 high intensity thunderstorm, initiated a one hundred year flood event covering the existing watershed. The incoming flow was heavily laden with debris, including large woody material and coarse sediments including large rocks. The channel banks eroded and widened, hydraulic force and debris rapidly eroded the adjacent bank, and the push-up dam breached under the pressure of the floodwaters. Once breached the full volume of the flood was released down the original main channel. The sudden surge transported a massive load of gravel and cobbles which were deposited across the valley floor burying the main channel under a thick layer of coarse sediment and the diversion structure and sluice channel were completely buried with small boulders and cobbles. The event caused the diversion and ditch to be completely inoperable, he noted.

Engineer Leak explained selecting the most stable site will be critical to restoring the diversion and ditch operations. Replacing the existing diversion would be the less stable option, he noted. Approximately 200 feet upstream of the current diversion, a string of glacial boulders exist which confine the valley and create a terrace above the current channel, and the bank is stable with mature trees. This location offers the most laterally stable location to construct a new diversion. Moving the headgate to this location would not trigger a change in water rights and environmental permitting should be minimal given proximity to the existing structure. 800 feet upstream the Beaver Creek Valley becomes significantly narrower and more confined by steep slopes. This confined section may offer greater channel stability and reduced avulsion risk, but the site revealed several critical limitations that make it unsuitable for a diversion structure, would trigger the need for a change in water rights, and environmental permitting could be difficult.

Design alternatives include replicating the existing diversion structure using a similar configuration of an "in-creek push-up dam" that direct water into a side channel, where it is collected by a grated intake structure that allows surface water to pass through while blocking small diameter cobbles. From the grate water flows through a sluice channel designed to further remove small diameter materials and has a side channel that returns water to the creek. Other dam options considered were a rock weir, concrete weir and sheet piling. All of the weir options would require regular

maintenance to clean out a headgate intake, and can be vulnerable to damage or displacement from landslides or high-flow events. Additional design alternatives include use of a Coanda screen in conjunction with a rock weir, to improve water quality as it provides filtration; or a buried intake/infiltration gallery, which would function by capturing subsurface flows through screened pipes installed horizontally beneath the creek bed to filter through the coarse substrate before entering the intake system. To minimize maintenance trips to the site a measurement vault with measurement equipment and instrumentation to facilitate remote reading. All of the design alternatives require channel restoration and bank stabilization. To reduce construction costs, environmental impact and landowner impact, the recommendation is to maximize the use of onsite materials such as boulders for grade control and bank stabilization and downed trees for floodplain, channel and bank stabilization.

Engineer Leak presented the alternatives: 1) restore the diversion structure at the existing location 2) rock weir with Coanda screen 200 feet upstream 2a) add an infiltration gallery 2b) add telemetry. The company is recommending Alternative 2, a rock weir with a Coanda screen and an optional infiltration gallery upstream of the weir.

Consensus was to use Alternative 2 and consider addition of an infiltration gallery and telemetry if deemed viable and worthwhile by staff and the consultants. The Council also agreed to afford latitude to the staff and consultants to determine the best path forward as they become aware of site conditions and constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft
Town Clerk

Town of Ridgway

Register of Demands

July 2025

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Black Hills Energy-Broadband		Alpine-Operating Account	
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	783PO1 · Broadband Station	-15.10
TOTAL			-15.10
Black Hills Energy-Lift Station		Alpine-Operating Account	
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	942SOO · Utilities	-25.45
TOTAL			-25.45
Black Hills Energy-Town Hall		Alpine-Operating Account	
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	742PO1 · Utilities - comm cntr/town hall	-12.25
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	842GO3 · Utilities	-12.25
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	542GOO · Utilities	-12.24
TOTAL			-36.74
Black Hills Energy-Hartwell Park		Alpine-Operating Account	
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	742POO · Utilities	-37.76
TOTAL			-37.76
Black Hills Energy-PW Office		Alpine-Operating Account	
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	642GO2 · Utilities	-11.90
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	942SOO · Utilities	-11.90
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	942WOO · Utilities	-11.91
TOTAL			-35.71
Black Hills Energy-PW Building		Alpine-Operating Account	
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	742POO · Utilities	-9.69
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	642GO2 · Utilities	-9.70
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	942SOO · Utilities	-9.70
	5/22/25 - 6/21/25	942WOO · Utilities	-9.70
TOTAL			-38.79
Montrose Water Factory, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
		732PO1 · Supplies - c center/town hall	-31.25
		632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	-14.37
		732POO · Supplies & Materials	-14.37
		932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-14.38
		932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-14.38
		632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	-10.00
		732POO · Supplies & Materials	-10.00
		932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-10.00
		932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-10.00
TOTAL			-128.75
Browns Hill Engineering & Con...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	July 2025	914WOO · Consulting & Engineering Ser...	-2,639.00
TOTAL			-2,639.00

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July 2025

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Eagle Appraisal Group		Alpine-Operating Account	
	witness for hearing	572GOO · Property Purchase	-3,803.50
TOTAL			-3,803.50
Murray Dahl Beery & Renaud LLP		Alpine-Operating Account	
	condemnation attorney	572GOO · Property Purchase	-14,908.49
TOTAL			-14,908.49
Artspace Projects Inc.		Alpine-Operating Account	
	mngmnt & cleaning - Apr 2025	778PO1 · Decker Room	-650.00
	mngmnt & cleaning - May 2025	778PO1 · Decker Room	-650.00
TOTAL			-1,300.00
WestCo		Alpine-Operating Account	
	3rd qtr 2025	885GO3 · Dispatch Services	-16,086.31
TOTAL			-16,086.31
UNCC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	May 2025	915WOO · Dues & memberships	-26.41
	May 2025	915SOO · Dues & Memberships	-26.40
TOTAL			-52.81
GovOS, Inc		Alpine-Operating Account	
	July 2025	538GOO · GOV OS Services	-1,699.45
TOTAL			-1,699.45
Marlin Leasing Corporation		Alpine-Operating Account	
	July 2025	948SOO · Office Equipment - Leases	-100.39
	July 2025	948WOO · Office Equipment - Leases	-100.39
TOTAL			-200.78
City of Grand Junction		Alpine-Operating Account	
		918SOO · Testing & Permits - sewer	-658.80
TOTAL			-658.80
Federal Express		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-308.01
TOTAL			-308.01

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Southwestern Systems Inc.		Alpine-Operating Account	
	pump & clean - lift stations @ Redcliff	931SOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-3,305.00
TOTAL			-3,305.00
John Deere Financial		Alpine-Operating Account	
	seat covers - 2025 F150 EV	861GO3 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	-79.98
TOTAL			-79.98
Faery & Fae		Alpine-Operating Account	
	mural celebration - face painting	532GOO · Creative/Main Street Program	-250.00
TOTAL			-250.00
Joan Chismire		Alpine-Operating Account	
	mural celebration - chalk	532GOO · Creative/Main Street Program	-11.52
TOTAL			-11.52
LO-NOTE LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	mural - photos	532GOO · Creative/Main Street Program	-100.00
TOTAL			-100.00
Polly VOX LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	mural celebration - music	532GOO · Creative/Main Street Program	-200.00
TOTAL			-200.00
Brown Chicken Brown Cow		Alpine-Operating Account	
	mural celebration - food	532GOO · Creative/Main Street Program	-400.00
TOTAL			-400.00
Kim's Housekeeping LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Jun 2025	779POO · Janitorial Service - parks	-1,512.00
	Jun 2025	779PO1 · Janitorial Services-c/t hall	-504.00
	Jun 2025	545GOO · Janitorial Services	-504.00
	Jun 2025	778PO1 · Decker Room	-382.50
TOTAL			-2,902.50
Ouray County		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Emergency Network	834GO3 · Program Participation	-6,000.00
TOTAL			-6,000.00

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Western Paper Distributors		Alpine-Operating Account	
	paper products	732POO · Supplies & Materials	-557.50
TOTAL			-557.50
Clear Networx, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	July 2025	778PO1 · Decker Room	-100.00
TOTAL			-100.00
Clear Networx, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	July 2025	543GOO · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2025	643GO2 · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2025	843GO3 · Telephone	-61.00
	July 2025	943WOO · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2025	943SOO · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2025	530GOO · Computer	-50.00
	July 2025	630GO2 · Computer	-50.00
	July 2025	730POO · Computer	-50.00
	July 2025	830GO3 · Computer	-50.00
	July 2025	930WOO · Computer	-50.00
	July 2025	930SOO · Computer	-50.00
	July 2025	843GO3 · Telephone	-40.00
TOTAL			-625.00
True Value		Alpine-Operating Account	
		632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	-219.19
		732POO · Supplies & Materials	-305.43
		732PO1 · Supplies - c center/town hall	-40.28
		932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-230.23
		932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-492.73
		778PO1 · Decker Room	-93.14
		861GO3 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	-170.22
TOTAL			-1,551.22
Community Planning Strategie...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Feb 2025	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-2,683.50
TOTAL			-2,683.50
SGM		Alpine-Operating Account	
	thru 6/14/25	552GOO · GIS Mapping - admin	-86.67
	thru 6/14/25	952WOO · GIS Mapping - water	-86.67
	thru 6/14/25	952SOO · GIS Mapping - sewer	-86.66
TOTAL			-260.00
Points Consulting		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Housing Analysis	535GOO · Affordable Housing	-2,204.50
TOTAL			-2,204.50

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Colorado Analytical		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-24.00
TOTAL			-24.00
CivicPlus LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	codification - annual 7/1/25 - 7/1/26	519GOO · Contractual Services	-1,769.37
TOTAL			-1,769.37
Ouray County		Alpine-Operating Account	
	victim advocate - 2025	834GO3 · Program Participation	-11,475.96
TOTAL			-11,475.96
Ouray County		Alpine-Operating Account	
	victim advocate - 2024	834GO3 · Program Participation	-3,117.91
TOTAL			-3,117.91
CIRSA		Alpine-Operating Account	
		520GOO · Insurance (Property/Casulty)	-4,518.13
		720POO · Insurance (Property/Casulty)	-4,518.12
		920WOO · Insurance (Property/Casualty)	-4,518.12
		920SOO · Insurance (Property/Casulty)	-4,518.12
TOTAL			-18,072.49
Mr. Lock		Alpine-Operating Account	
	rekey	732PO1 · Supplies - c center/town hall	-83.50
TOTAL			-83.50
BearSaver		Alpine-Operating Account	
	trash & recycle recepticals	775POO · Park Improvements	-14,722.00
TOTAL			-14,722.00
DiscountCell LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	cell - 2025 F150 EV	870GO3 · Vehicle Purchase	-921.60
TOTAL			-921.60
Buckhorn Engineering		Alpine-Operating Account	
	engineering - banner poles	514GOO · Consulting Services	-2,312.50
TOTAL			-2,312.50

Town of Ridgway
Register of Demands
July 2025

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Consolidated Electrical Distrib...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	motor - lift station Redcliff	932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-909.07
	motor - lift station Redcliff	932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-508.78
	refund motor - lift station Redcliff	932SOO · Supplies & Materials	491.20
TOTAL			-926.65
VISA - Alpine Bank		Alpine-Operating Account	
		Alpine Bank	-10,921.68
TOTAL			-10,921.68

AGENDA ITEM #7



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: July 2, 2025
Agenda Topic: **Confirmation or amendment of Stage III Water Restrictions, promulgated by the Mayor, restricting the use of Town water**

BACKGROUND:

At the May 14th meeting of the Town Council, Stage I Voluntary Water Restrictions were enacted by the Town Council. On June 19th, with water consumption numbers up, with no rain in the immediate forecast, and with the Town's limited water supply this summer due to the [Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project](#), Mayor Clark promulgated Stage II Mandatory Water Restrictions. Less than a week after that on June 25th, it was clear that demand was continuing to exceed supply and the pre-sedimentation ponds above the Water Treatment Plant were depleting rapidly. At that point, Mayor Clark enacted Stage III Water Restrictions and the non-potable water supply to the Town's parks was turned off. On June 27th, Public Works team members traveled to the Beaver Creek Diversion and successfully constructed a temporary piping solution to get more water into the Ridgway Ditch. It's worth noting that on June 30th, the non-potable water system was charged up and Hartwell Park was irrigated, and the Town received some stints of rain the week of June 30th.

The Stage III Water Restrictions, as can be found below and in the Town's Water Conservation and Management Plan (attached) are now subject to confirmation or amendment by the Town Council.

- Largest outdoor water users significantly curtailed.
- No irrigating between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or when windy, in order to minimize evaporation, and anytime on Mondays.
- Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- Restaurants only serve water upon customer request.

RECOMMENDATION:

With a temporary, yet unstable piping solution now constructed at the Beaver Creek Diversion, and with supply now exceeding demand, staff has re-commenced irrigating the parks in an effort to keep the grass alive. Staff would feel comfortable remaining in Stage III restrictions or reverting to Stage II restrictions. Regardless of what stage Council would like to be in, staff will continue monitoring the situation closely and will continue significant public outreach on drought conditions and water supply outlook.

ATTACHMENT:

Water Conservation and Management Plan

Resolution No. 18-08

**Resolution of the Town Council of Ridgway, Colorado
Amending the Town of Ridgway Water Conservation and Management Plan**

WHEREAS, the water supply for the Town of Ridgway is a precious, valuable and critical resource for the Ridgway community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, State of Colorado and the United States have seen periods of drought that significantly impact the local water supply, threatening the health, safety and welfare of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to be proactive in communicating with the Ridgway community and water users of town-supplied water regarding the water conservation efforts that will be employed and the timing of such water restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to conserve water in times of need to insure effective and safe delivery of water to the Ridgway community during all times, including in times of restricted or limited water supply and drought; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted Resolution 2018-06 on April 11, 2018 establishing six stages of limited water supply and various, graduated mechanisms for curbing water demand during times of drought or water plant limitations; and

WHEREAS, persistent drought in 2018 realized the first time in the history of the Town that mandatory water restrictions were put into place and there is now a need to update and modify the Water Conservation and Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO the Ridgway Water Conservation and Management Plan as defined herein is ratified.

Water Conservation and Management Plan

Stage	Trigger Condition	Goals	Actions
Stage I	Voluntary Restrictions: Statewide Drought Status (Begin May 1)	Good management of limited water supply; Public education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not apply to drip systems and use of hand-watering containers. • No irrigating between the hours of 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, or when windy, in order to minimize evaporation, and anytime on Mondays. • Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. • Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. • Outreach on water use and fixing leaks, limited gardening, etc.
Stage II	Mandatory Restrictions: Demand exceeds system capacity, or water from the town storage reservoir (Lake O) is needed to meet demand)	Effect change in water demand to lower town-wide water use; Significant public outreach on plant limitations and/or drought conditions and water supply outlook.	<u>Maintain all Stage I curtailments plus:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays. • Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays. • Town Parks irrigation limited to the minimum needed to keep grass alive.
Stage III	Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage I and Stage II actions or when Lake O water depth falls 2 feet below peak storage for the year, or Lake O depth falls below 6.5 feet.	Make a significant and real impact on real water use and water demand; Significant public education on serious limitations with plant capacity and/or water supply.	<u>Maintain all Stage II curtailments plus:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Waste Ordinance activated, including emergency rate structure reducing base water use allocation and increasing cost of water (may require more frequent meter readings for use and leak detection). • Largest outdoor water users significantly curtailed. • Restaurants only serve water upon customer request. • Restrictions apply to all outdoor irrigation including drip systems, hoses, hand-watering. • Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Saturdays. Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Sundays.

Stage	Trigger Condition	Goal	Actions
Stage IV	Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage III actions, or when Lake O water depth falls 3 feet below peak storage for the year, or Lake O depth falls below 5 feet.	Significantly reduce water demand as much as possible Significant public outreach and enforcement	Maintain all Stage III curtailments plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No outdoor irrigation, except Town Parks may continue watering at minimum levels to keep grass alive and provide gathering and play space

Additional efforts and restrictions or limitations on water use and management of the Lake O water levels to be maintained may be considered by the Town Council as necessary and appropriate for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare during times of limited water supply. The Council may also consider alternative approaches with parks irrigation

Enforcement

Enforcement of this Water Conservation and Management Plan is per the Ridgway Municipal Code (RMC) and other enforcement provisions for the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to **RMC Section 2-4: Administrative Enforcement of the Ridgway Municipal Code:**

Under the existing Code Section for Administrative Enforcement, the general process, in part, is as follows, and is only provided here to provide notice to the Ridgway Community:

First Violation – Optional Verbal or written notice, or written Notice of Violation

Second Violation – written Notice of Violation

Third Violation – Administrative Citation pursuant to RMC 2-4-13

RMC 2-4-13:

(B) If the responsible party fails to correct the violation cited, commits the same violations again, or fails to correct a violation as specified in accordance with an administrative enforcement order of the AHO, subsequent administrative citations may be issued for violations of the same code section. The penalties assessed for each administrative citation issued for violations of the same code section or sections shall not exceed the following amounts regardless of the number of violations per citation:

(1) First administrative citation: one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150.00).

(2) Second administrative citation: five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(3) Third and each subsequent administrative citation: nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$999.00).

(C) Payment of the penalty shall not excuse the failure to correct the violations nor shall it bar further enforcement action by the Town.

In addition, other remedies may be pursued, including but not limited to: **RMC 9-1-3: Limitations on the Use of the Water and Sewer System**, as follows:

RMC 9-1-3, in part:

(B) The Mayor may promulgate emergency regulations restricting the use of Town water for irrigation or other uses subject to confirmation or amendment by the Town Council.

(C) The Town Council may declare by resolution a moratorium on taps or line extensions for the entire water or sewer systems or any part of them at any time due to limitations on system capacity or other circumstances which require such action.

(D) The Town shall have the right to temporarily interrupt service without notice for the purpose of making repairs, taps, extensions or for other reasons as necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems. If practical, reasonable notice shall be given to the customer.

(E) No customer located outside of the corporate limits of the Town may significantly increase the amount or degree of his use of Town water or sewer service beyond the extent of his use at the effective date of this Section.

(F) The Town Council may set regulations governing the use of water for irrigation and sprinkling by resolution.

Other Ridgway Municipal Code provisions, as added or amended, may apply.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September 2018.

ATTEST

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

Pam Kraft, MMC,
Town Clerk

John Clark,
Mayor

AGENDA ITEM #8



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Joanne Fagan, Town Engineer
Date: July 3, 2025
Agenda Topic: **Update on the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project**

BACKGROUND

For a full background on the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project, please visit <https://townofridgway.colorado.gov/beaver-creek-diversion-restoration-project>.

UPDATE

Work on the design of the restoration project is well underway. Based on the outcome of the Alternatives Analysis, RESPEC is proceeding with the design of diversion improvements at the location they refer to as being 200 feet upstream of the diversion that was washed out.

60% Plans & Cost Estimate

RESPEC provided 60% design drawings to the team on June 24 and NRCS and CCS have provided some initial comments on those drawings. There have since been discussions about how best to measure and monitor flows and about the depths of the infiltration gallery and a few other minor items.

The cost estimate from Meridian for 60% plans came in at \$2,154,000 with 20% contingencies. This is toward the upper end of the estimate in the Alternatives Analysis but there are likely to be changes both up and down as the design is better refined and as Meridian better understands some of the site conditions.

Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)

With contracting for construction being based on the CMAR process, once the design is completed, the Contractor that has been providing preconstruction services related to the design and cost estimating needs to provide a GMP. If the price is acceptable to the Owner, the parties enter into a construction contract. If the Owner does not wish to continue, there is what is referred to as an “off ramp” at this point. We have had a few discussions about whether to do a single GMP or to do multiple GMP’s. In the latter case, there could be a contract for the Contractor to purchase materials and a separate construction contract with separate GMP’s. The Town staff has opted to just have a single contract with a single GMP. We recognize that doing so might add several weeks to the schedule, but staff feels like the single contract better protects the Town’s financial interests.

Temporary Water Line

To compensate for the dwindling raw water supply in Happy Hollow, on June 27th, staff installed a temporary water line in Beaver Creek to bring water into the Ridgway Ditch. The pipe is delivering about one cubic foot per second to the water plant. The pipe staff installed is tied together with a removable spline so it can be reused. This will also us to move it if it is in the way of some construction activities and/or remove for the winter and replace in the spring. We have sufficient material so that if another pipe is needed to provide more water that can be added.



In the process of installing the pipe the crew noticed that below some of the cobbles on the creek bed there are some very saturated soils. We shared that information with our project partners and it will likely result in some increases in the cost estimate for dealing with problematic soils.

Wolf Land Company

The Wolf team has indicated a willingness to allow the Town use their Ranch Road during the construction and they are drafting a license agreement for that use. We are trying to schedule a field visit with all the partners, perhaps on July 17th, to walk the Ranch Road and decide at the granular level what improvements are essential to make the road functional for construction and minimize any damage to the road.

In the longer term, the Wolf Land Company team would like the Town to cease using any of the Ranch Road and to instead access the Ridgway Ditch and the Beaver Creek Diversion using the prescriptive easement along the Ridgway Ditch.

Piping the Ridgway Ditch

Staff had initially looked at piping the Ridgway Ditch from the Beaver Creek Diversion to where the Ditch separates from the Ranch Road, a distance of about 1,100 feet, and intended to include that work with road improvements for access to the diversion site. Based on the Wolf Land Company request to cease using the Ranch Road, staff walked the Ridgway Ditch from the diversion to where it first crosses CR 5. That stretch of ditch has three different underlying land owners. In order to minimize the amount vegetation that would need to be removed and reduce the amount of ditch maintenance going forward, staff is recommending that we pipe most of the ditch along this route which is more than a mile.

Based on the change in scope, staff is exploring whether any piping that is not needed for construction access be a separate project from the diversion restoration. That exploration includes looking for ways to fund the piping, which is not eligible for current NRCS funds. A Colorado Water Plan grant might be an option. We had looked at applying for the July 1st cycle but decided we would be better prepared for the next cycle which is due December 1st. Staff intends to keep looking for ways to help fund ditch piping.

Schedule

The goal was to try to start construction around August 1st. RESPEC is on track to have 90% plans and specs completed by the 3rd week in July and Meridian is planning to have an updated cost estimate at that time. RESPEC is also preparing the basis of design report that is needed by the funding agencies to fully evaluate the design. To start construction, we will need to have funding agency approvals, an agreement in place to use the Ranch Road, and an easement in place for the new diversion location. The August 1st goal may slip a little, but we are optimistic it will get underway in mid-August.

AGENDA ITEM #9

AGENDA ITEM #10

Reducing the Impacts of Tobacco and Nicotine in The Town of Ridgway: Tobacco Retail Licensing



Becca Doll-Tyler, BSN, RN
Public Health Nurse and Health Educator
Ouray County Public Health



Agenda

- Youth Tobacco & Nicotine Use and Access
- Local Statistics
- Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) in Ridgway
- Next Steps

The Problem:

Youth are Using and Have Access to Tobacco/Nicotine Products

- Tobacco products kill half a million Americans each year - and 90% of all regular smokers begin smoking at or before age 18.
- E-cigarettes and disposable vapes are the most used tobacco products among young people
- Nicotine products such as vapes have high amounts of nicotine in them, driving up youth addiction and dependence on these products
- The Tobacco Industry markets products in many kid-friendly flavors such as gummy bear, berry blend, chocolate, peach, cotton candy, strawberry, and even outrageous ones like "unicorn vomit"



Stanford
MEDICINE

REACH Lab

CIGS IN AN E-CIG



1 Pack of Cigarettes
= ~22mg of Nicotine



~20
CIGARETTES



1 JUUL Pod
= ~41.3mg of Nicotine



~37
CIGARETTES



1 Flum Float
= ~400mg of Nicotine



~363
CIGARETTES



1 Elf Bar
= ~650mg of Nicotine



~590
CIGARETTES



BE ON THE LOOKOUT.

ADDICTIVE ORAL NICOTINE PRODUCTS
ARE GAINING POPULARITY AMONG YOUTH

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRODUCTS



Pouches



Tablets & Lozenges



Gums



Toothpicks

DON'T BE FOOLED BY...

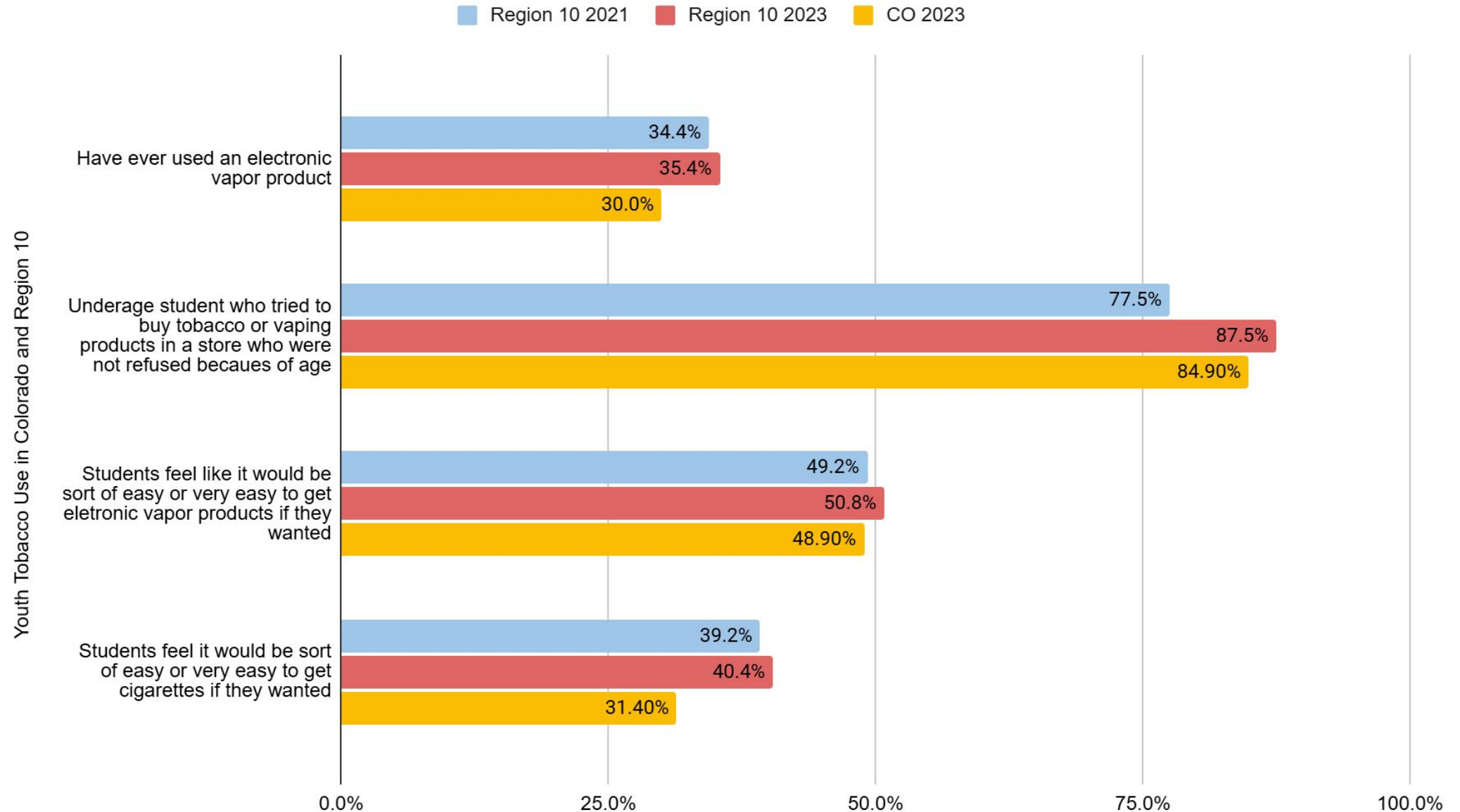


CANDY-LIKE PACKAGING



SOCIAL MEDIA ADS TARGETING KIDS

Youth Access to Tobacco Products in Colorado



87.5%
(7 out of 8)

The number of young people in our area who attempted to buy a tobacco/nicotine product from a store and were NOT refused because of age

So, what can we do?...

Local Tobacco Retail License (TRL)

- Colorado currently has a Statewide TRL program that requires tobacco retailers to obtain a license to sell cigarettes, tobacco, and nicotine products
→ As we saw earlier, the data shows that the State's efforts are not enough and youth are continuing to be able to purchase tobacco products.

Ridgway should consider a local tobacco retail licensing law that builds on the strengths and fills in the gaps of the state law.

- Local, community-level tobacco retail licensing (TRL) is a necessary policy for **identifying and tracking** retail businesses that are selling tobacco, educating retailers about tobacco laws, and ensuring compliance with tobacco laws.

Why a Local TRL for Ridgway?

- **Contributes to Youth Health and Safety:**

- By holding a license, retailers are subject to certain guidelines, including selling only to customers of legal age. This helps to prevent underage tobacco and nicotine use and reduces youth addiction.
- A local TRL ordinance suggests lower rates of cigarette and e-cigarette use among youth and young adults.
- Tobacco/nicotine product use is the leading preventable cause of death, disability, and disease in Colorado.

- **Supports Fair Competition:**

- Licensing creates a level playing field by ensuring that all retailers follow the same rules. This discourages illegal sales and unregulated businesses from undercutting compliant local businesses.

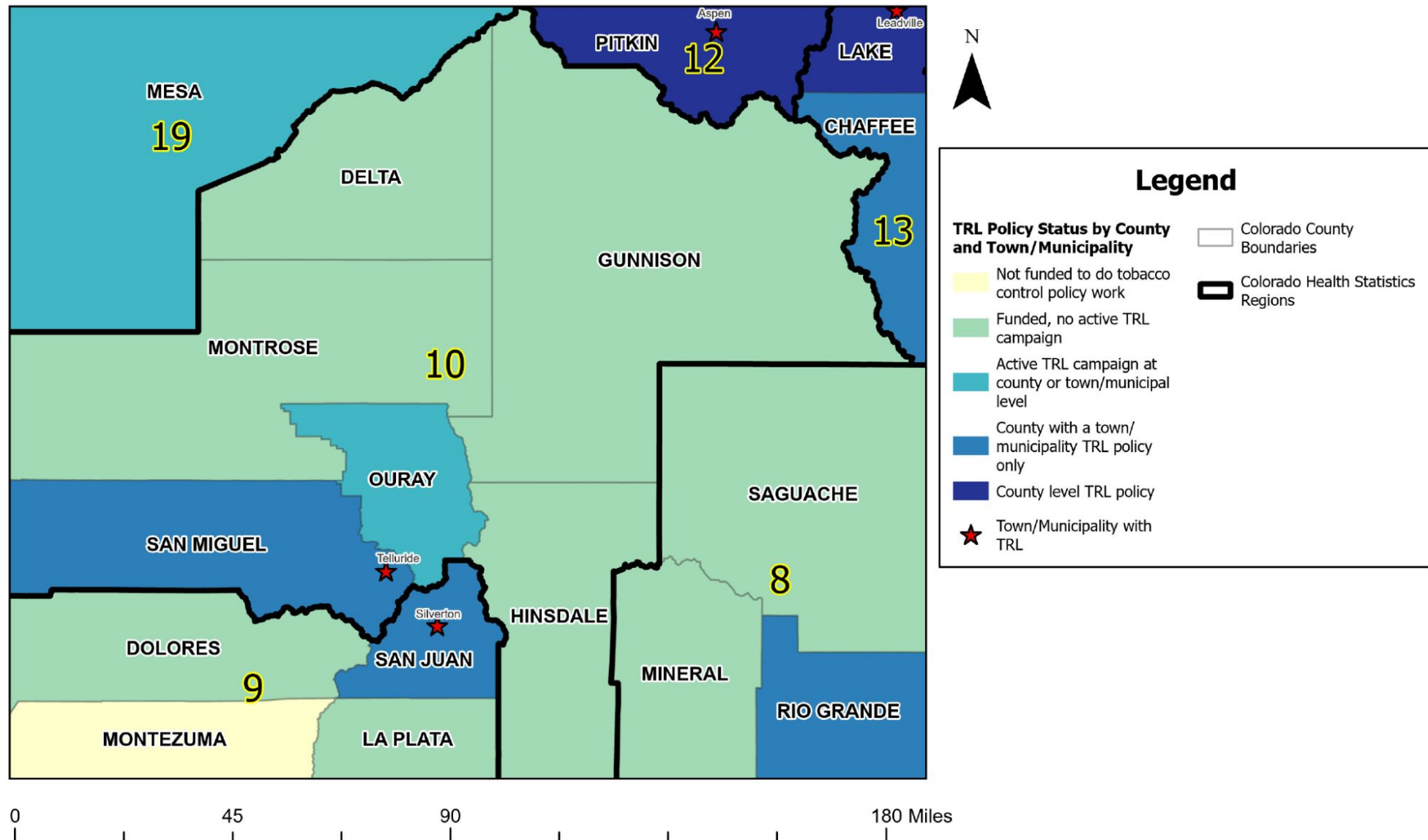
Liquor, Tobacco/Nicotine, & Marijuana License Fee Comparisons

	Marijuana License	Liquor License	Tobacco Retail License
Colorado	\$5,000	\$227.50	\$400
Ridgway	\$3,000	\$22.50	~\$200(estimated)
Total	\$8,000	\$250	~\$600 (estimated)

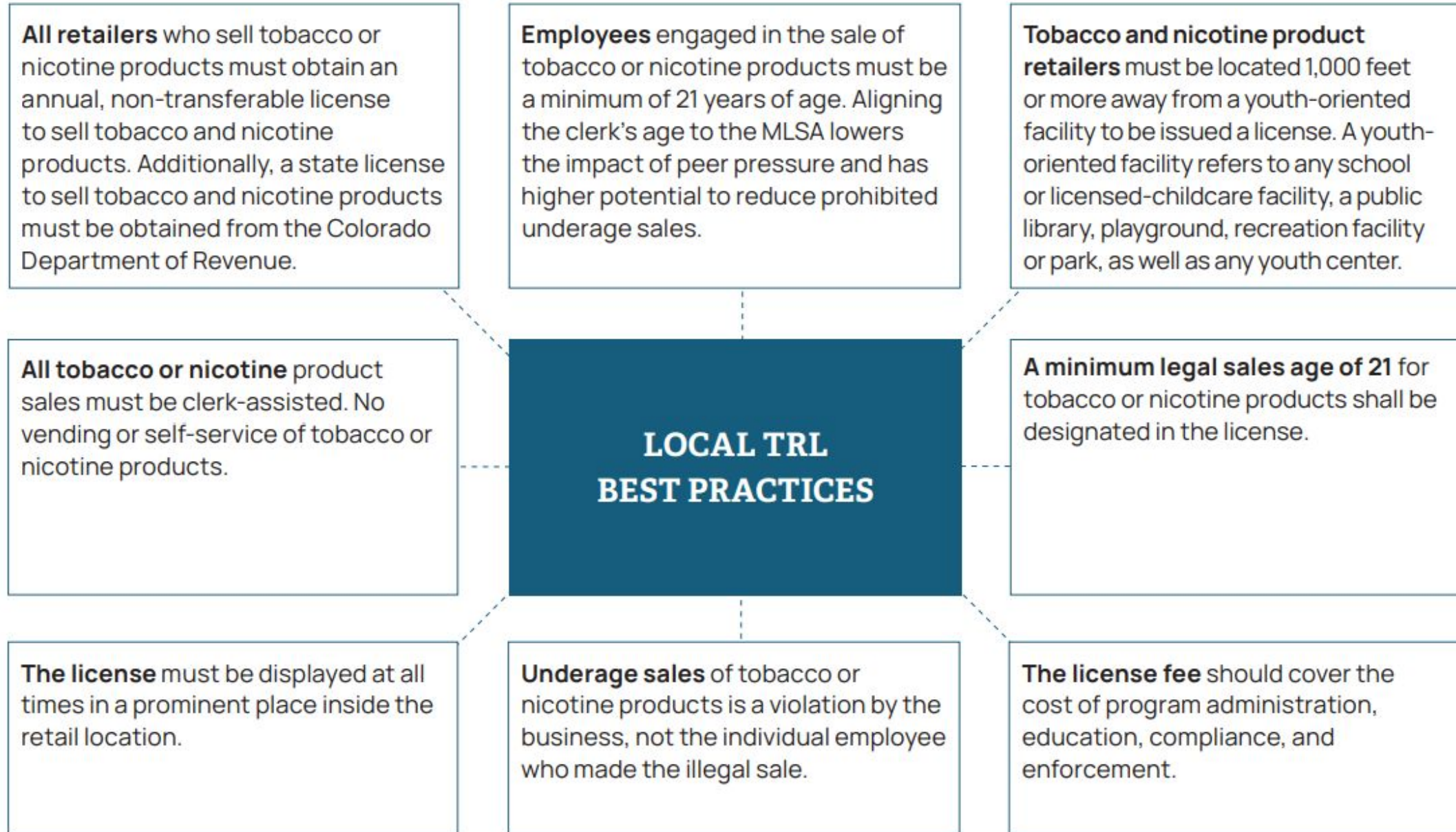
Local tobacco retail licensing would be a self-funded program completely funded by the annual fees, and wouldn't impact town budget.

Tobacco Retail Licensing Cost Calculator				
NOTE: This Tobacco Retail Licensing Cost Calculator is intended to be used in tandem with the Guide for Determining Costs and Setting Tobacco Retail Licensing Fees				
	Number of Staff	Hours spent	Salary rate/hour	Expense
Program Start-Up Costs				
Create license	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Convene meeting(s) of key staff across department to ensure successful collaboration	3	2	\$40.00	\$240.00
Compile a master list of retailers	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Develop protocol for license application and renewal	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Develop/produce/disseminate retailer education materials	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Develop protocols for young adult undercover operatives	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Other miscellaneous costs:	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Program Start-Up Costs				\$220.00
Number of stores in the enforcement area				4
Start up cost per store				\$55
Ongoing Administrative Costs				
Ongoing identification and verification of new and current retailers that are selling tobacco products	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Maintaining electronic database for TRL	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Issuing news licenses and managing renewals	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Regular communications with tobacco retailers	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Updating and disseminating educational materials to support retailer compliance	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Other miscellaneous costs:	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Ongoing Administrative Costs				\$200.00
Number of stores in the enforcement area				4
Ongoing administrative costs per store				\$50.00
Enforcement Costs				
Recruit young adults for undercover operatives	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Young adult undercover operative training	1	2	\$40.00	\$80.00
Operational plan and enforcement packets	1	2	\$40.00	\$80.00
Filing cases	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Violation and congratulation letters	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Reinspections	1	0.5	\$40.00	\$20.00
Travel costs (mileage, gas, etc.)				\$300.00
Evidence handling/storage				\$0.00
Equipment, software, technical support for undercover operatives				\$0.00
Buy money				\$100.00
Food for participants (meals/snacks, water)				\$50.00
Incentives/pay for young adult undercover participants				\$200.00
Other miscellaneous costs:				\$0.00
Total Enforcement Costs				\$950.00
Number of stores in the enforcement area				4
Total enforcement cost per store				\$237.50
Estimated annual licensing fee per store				\$343
Estimated annual licensing cost per year				\$1,370

Tobacco Retail Licensing Policy Status by Colorado County and Town/ Municipality



BEST PRACTICE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:



Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL)

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graph TD; TRL[Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL)] --- AR[Advertising Restrictions]; TRL --- DP[Density/Proximity of Retailers]; TRL --- CA[Clerk Age 21]; TRL --- PP[Product Placement]; TRL --- NPD[No Price Discounts];
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Advertising
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Silverton's TRL

Silverton, Colorado - Municipal Code / CHAPTER 6 - Business Licenses and Regulations / ARTICLE 3 - Tobacco Product Retail License

VERSION: AUG 16, 2024 (CURRENT)

MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SILVERTON COLORADO

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The licensing authority shall receive and process applications pursuant to the requirements herein.

(Ord. No. 2023-04, § 3, 5-22-2023)

Sec. 6-3-40. - Licensing authority.

The Town Clerk or his/her designee is designated to act as the tobacco product retail licensing authority and is hereby authorized and empowered to provide regulations to be promulgated by him or her to ensure compliance with the enforcement of this Article. The Town Clerk may require such records to be kept, or such business practice to be followed, to enable him or her to investigate, check and determine whether the wholesalers and retailers are complying with the terms and provisions hereof. The books and records of all wholesalers and retailers shall at all times be open to the inspection and examination of the Town Clerk and to the law enforcement departments, agents and employees of the Town.

(Ord. No. 2023-04, § 3, 5-22-2023)

Sec. 6-30-50. - Requirements and prohibitions.

(a) *License required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a tobacco product retailer in Silverton without first obtaining and then maintaining a valid tobacco product retail license pursuant to this Article for each retail location where the activity is to occur.

(b) *Other municipal licenses.* A license issued pursuant to this Article does not eliminate the need for the licensee to obtain other required licenses related to the operation of the licensee's business.

(c) *Display of license.* Each tobacco product retail license shall be prominently displayed on the premises of the licensee in a publicly visible location.

(d) *Lawful business operation.* In the course of tobacco product retailing or in the operation of the business or maintenance of the location for which a license issued, it shall be a violation of this Article for a licensee, or any of the licensee's agents or employees, to violate any local, state, or federal law applicable to tobacco product retailing.

(e) *Minimum legal sales age.* Tobacco products shall not be sold to any person under 21 years of age.

(f) *Minimum legal sales age signage requirements.* Signage is required on the licensed premises indicating that tobacco products shall not be sold to any person under 21 years of age. The signage shall be prominently displayed at all entrances on the premises.

(g) *Minimum legal age to sell tobacco products.* No person who is younger than 18 years old shall sell, stock, retrieve or otherwise handle tobacco products during the course of employment.

(h) *Self-service displays prohibited.* Tobacco product retailing by means of a self-service display is prohibited.

(i) *Positive identification required.* No licensee shall sell or transfer a tobacco product(s) to an individual who appears to be under the age of 50 years without first examining the government issued photographic identification of the recipient to confirm that the recipient is at least the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products pursuant to C.R.S. § 44-7-103.

(Ord. No. 2023-04, § 3, 5-22-2023)

Sec. 6-30-60. - Limits on license eligibility.

(a) *Mobile vending.* No License may be issued to authorize tobacco product retailing at a location other than a fixed location.

(b) *Under-age applicant.* An applicant not of the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products is ineligible to obtain a tobacco product retail license.

(c) *Schools and facilities.* Tobacco product retailing is prohibited near schools, public and private and areas with significant youth populations as follows:

1. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Section no new License may be issued, to authorize Tobacco Product Retailing within 1,000 feet of a public or private School or Youth-Oriented Facility as measured by a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the parcel on which the School or Youth-Oriented Facility is located to the nearest point of the property line of the parcel on which the applicant's business is located. For the purposes of this subsection:

a. School means: a private or public kindergarten, elementary, middle, junior high, or high school;

b. Youth-oriented facility:

(i) A playground open to the public;

(ii) A youth center, defined as a facility where children, ages 6 to 17 come together for programs and activities;

(d) *A tobacco product retailer operating lawfully on effective date.* A tobacco product retailer operating lawfully on the effective date of this ordinance who is ineligible to receive or renew a tobacco product retail license for a location pursuant to subsection (c) above and any licensee operating lawfully who becomes ineligible to receive or renew a license due to the creation of a new youth-populated area, may apply for and receive a one-time, non-renewable license for the location pursuant to the standard License application procedure described in [Section 6-3-70](#).

(e) *Maximum number of licenses.* The maximum number of tobacco product retail licenses issued by the Town at any time is limited to three. When the maximum number of tobacco product licenses has been issued, the Town may place persons seeking licensure on a waiting list and allow them to apply on a first-come, first-served basis as licenses are not renewed or are revoked. A new applicant who has purchased a business location holding a valid tobacco product retail license will be entitled to priority, provided the new applicant meets all other application requirements in accordance with this Article.

(Ord. No. 2023-04, § 3, 5-22-2023)

Sec. 6-3-70. - License application.

We All Have A Role To Play

As community members, parents, etc. we all have a goal of:

- Preventing nicotine addiction and helping those who want to quit
- Creating an environment for youth where nicotine use is not the norm

As policy makers, you have the power to pass strong, impactful local policy to protect our youth

You can expect that your public health partners will:

- Work with schools to provide education and cessation programming
- Promote free quitting nicotine programs, including for pregnant women
- Conduct media education campaigns on tobacco use
- Work side by side with you as local government to support implementing and enforcing policies as desired

Summary of Presentation

- Youth are using and have access to tobacco and nicotine products.
 - Increasingly so amongst Region 10 youth in comparison to the entire state
- State's efforts are not enough
- Ridgway should consider a local tobacco retail licensing law
 - contributes to youth health and safety
 - supports fair competition among retailers
 - can include strengthening strategies such as:
 - advertising, promotion, and product placement restrictions if desired, a cap on current retailers and proximity requirements, as well as requiring clerk age 21 to sell tobacco

Call to Action

- Consider a Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) Ordinance for the Town of Ridgway
 - To combat youth tobacco/nicotine use and access
 - To create a level playing field by ensuring that all retailers follow the same rules and are not selling tobacco/nicotine products to those under the age of 21.
- Next Steps:
 - Add “Addressing Youth Tobacco/Nicotine Use” to Town Council priorities for the year
 - Ouray County Public Health (Becca Doll-Tyler) can provide TRL Draft Ordinance Language to town staff
 - 2nd Work Session or 1st Ordinance Reading scheduled

Questions?

Becca Doll-Tyler, Public Health Nurse & Health Educator
Ouray County Public Health
rdolltyler@ourayco.gov



WHY TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING IN RIDGWAY MATTERS



Implementing local regulations on the sale of tobacco products

A local tobacco license helps the town keep track of who is selling tobacco and makes sure they follow the rules. This helps protect kids and teens from the dangers of smoking and using tobacco.

THE PROBLEM

Tobacco and nicotine use is still a big problem for young people. Many teens are being influenced by ads, store displays, and easy access to tobacco and vaping products. These tactics contribute to increased initiation, experimentation, and regular smoking.³



According to our local 2023 HKCS results, **87.5%** of underage students in our area who tried to buy tobacco or vaping products in a store were **not refused**²

that's a **10% increase** from 2021

In 2022, tobacco company spent **\$8.6 BILLION** to advertise and promote their products.⁴

Advertising tactics used by tobacco companies have been linked with **increases in tobacco use among youth**.⁶



THE SOLUTION: License Tobacco Retailers Locally

Licensing requires retailers to obtain a license to sell tobacco products and follow all tobacco control laws or risk fines and losing the ability to sell those product

Right now, Ridgway requires local licenses to sell alcohol, but not tobacco. A local tobacco license would help close this gap and protect youth.



Helps enforce tobacco point-of-sale laws



Provides an accurate list of tobacco retailers for inspection



Funds retailer education, administration of licenses, and enforcement

Local tobacco retail laws with enforcement and retailer education are an effective way to reduce tobacco sales to minors.^{7,8}



strong, local
retailer ordinance
=
youth less likely to
try tobacco¹⁰

licensing
=
less likely to sell
to minors⁹



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AGENDA ITEM #11



TOWN HALL PO Box 10 | 201 N. Railroad Street | Ridgway, Colorado 81432 | 970.626.5308 | www.town.ridgway.co.us

Application for Special Event Permit

Applicant Name: <u>RACC</u>	Contact Person: <u>Ashley Perkins</u>
Applicant Phone: <u>315-440-0937</u>	Contact Phone: <u>315-440-0937</u>
Applicant Email: <u>director@ridgway</u>	Event Date: <u>Friday Dec 5th, 2025</u>
Event Name: <u>Noel Night colorado.com</u>	Event Time: <u>5-7pm</u>
Type of Event: <u>holiday parade/celebration</u>	# Attendees: _____

Specify park, facility and/or public right-of-way for the event (check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Concession Area (Athletic Park)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Gazebo</u>		

For use of Rights-of-Ways (streets, alleys, sidewalks) specify the exact location(s):

Gather parade participants in Library parking lot, go South on Railroad, west on Hwy 62, north on Laura St, east on Clinton St, north on Lena St, then disperse

Describe in detail the proposed use and activity for the park, facility and/or right-of-way:

Hartwell Park: Free lighting, caroling

Right of way: holiday parade

Gazebo: visit with Santa

Event Type (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Music Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Filming/ Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Run/Walk Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show and Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>holiday art + business celebration</u>	



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***Selling of alcoholic beverages** requires an application for a State of Colorado Special Events Liquor License. Application must be made with the Town Clerk, and the license received prior to holding the event.

****All sponsors of events are required to provide proof of insurance** listing the Town of Ridgway, officers and employees as additional insured and indemnifying the Town of Ridgway.

Applicant Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 07/02/25

TOWN STAFF WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES:

Permit Application Fee (\$50): (Due at time of application)	\$	Date Paid:	Check #:
Large Event Fee (\$50 - if more than 100 people):	\$	Date Paid:	
Filming/ Production Fee (\$250 day):	\$	Date Paid:	
Parks Department Assistance (\$25 hour):	\$	Date Paid:	
Hartwell Park Stage Use Fee (\$50):	\$	Date Paid:	
Concession Area Use Fee (\$50):	\$	Date Paid:	
Community Center Fee: (\$25 hour):	\$	Date Paid:	
Electricity Use Fee: (\$15 day):	\$	Date Paid:	
Law Enforcement Fee: (\$30/hr/officer):	\$	Date Paid:	
Refundable Damage Deposit: up to 100 people: \$50 101-500 people: \$100 >500 people: \$200 Community Center: \$100 Hartwell Park Stage: \$500 Concession Area \$150	\$	Date Paid:	
Release of Damage Deposit:	\$	Date Paid:	

Local government & Ouray County special districts
and non-profits can apply for a fee reduction/waiver
for use of the stage and concession area

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Town Council Approval (Date: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance/ Indemnity
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Liquor License
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Vendor License	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sales Tax License(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



Vicinity Map/Site Plan

Attach a vicinity map and site plan. List all parks, trails, open space, facilities, roadways, bridges and other Town property proposed for use with the event. The following questions include items which, if applicable, should be included on the site plan.

Checklist for Vicinity Map/ Site Plan:

- ☒ Event Site (park, trail, open space, facilities, sidewalk, street)
- ☒ Parking Plan and Traffic Flow
- ☐ Locations of security personnel
- ☐ Locations of first aid and emergency services
- ☐ Routes for EMS and fire department
- ☐ Water stations
- ☐ Location and number of sanitation facilities
- ☐ Food service booths
- ☒ Temporary road closures
- ☐ Liquor sales and consumption (must match special event license)
- ☐ Electrical and lighting sources
- ☒ Sound and amplification plan
- ☐ Trash receptacles
- ☒ Signage type and location
- ☐ Proposed locations for staking or any penetration of the ground

Parking/Traffic Flow

Indicate the number of parking spaces, locations, traffic flow, personnel directing traffic, and traffic signage.

Name(s) authorized personnel to direct traffic:

Ridgway Marshalls Office

Are you planning event parking on-site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you planning event parking off-site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How will you be moving people to/from the event site?

Security/Law Enforcement

Describe the emergency communications plan [e.g.: radio channels, cell phones, etc.]:

cell phones



Do you anticipate utilizing uniform deputy services for ground security or traffic direction?

If so, what are the plans to meet these needs?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will a private security company be used?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How will the security personnel be identified? _____

Phone number for security company/or personnel contact: _____

Will event interrupt the normal traffic flow on any street?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will event need authorization to park vehicles on any street?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does event need Police or Sheriff or Fire Department services?

If yes, please list:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Emergency Medical Care

Describe emergency medical services arrangements/plan:

Potable Water

Will the event provide participants/vendors with drinking water?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe water source, estimated amount and methods of distribution:

Sanitation

Events up to 250 attendees do not need to provide portable restrooms

Between 250 - 350 attendees at least 1 portable restroom

Between 350-550 attendees at least 3 portable restrooms must be provided



Will the event use Town restroom facilities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will portable sanitation facilities be supplied?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe portable sanitation plan, including company name and phone number:

Sanitation Drop Off/ Pick Up Dates and Times:

Drop Off: / / est. time
mm / dd / yy

Pick Up: / / est. time
mm / dd / yy

Electricity

Will the Town be providing electricity for the event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe electricity uses and locations:

lighting of evergreen tree near SW-corner of park.
spider box at tree, spider box at Gazebo

Refuse Collection *Events with over 500 attendees with food vendors must provide a dumpster*

Will the event use Town trash receptacles?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the event have dumpsters on site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe refuse removal plan; if dumpsters will be placed provide the company name and contact information:

Refuse Container Drop Off/ Pick Up Dates and Times:

Drop Off: / / est. time
mm / dd / yy

Pick Up: / / est. time
mm / dd / yy



Sound and Amplification

Will sound or amplification be used for the event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe type of amplification system to be used, and where it will be placed:

temporary use for Carolers, approx 30min

Street Closure

Are temporary street closures needed for the event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe which streets would be impacted, proposed signage and the safety plan:

Hwy 62 from Railroad St to Laura St., N Laura to Clinton St to N Lena St.,

Signage

Will temporary signage be needed for event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe the exact location for placement of signage:

Banner @ Hartwell Park

Indicate the date and time the temporary signage will be placed and removed:

Signage Up:

<small>mm</small>	<small>dd</small>	<small>yy</small>
____	____	____
<small>mm</small>	<small>dd</small>	<small>yy</small>

<small>est. time</small>

Signage Down:

<small>mm</small>	<small>dd</small>	<small>yy</small>
____	____	____
<small>mm</small>	<small>dd</small>	<small>yy</small>

<small>est. time</small>



Staking (*ground penetration for tents, signs, fencing, etc.*)

Will ground penetrations be needed for the event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe location of where staking will be needed, and proposed types:

Food Service & Merchandise Vendors

Will food service and/or merchandise vendors be present at the event? ☐ Yes ☒ No

** If yes, an application for a Special Event Vendor License must be submitted to the Town, along with a detailed list of all vendors must be provided 15 days prior to the event. The Town will prepare sales tax remittance forms and it will be the responsibility of the event organizer to collect all sales tax remittances and ensure they are remitted to the Town within 30 days after the event.*

Which types of vendors will be present: _____

What plan will be in place regarding removal of hot coals and grease generated by food vendors:

Alcohol Use

No alcoholic beverages may be possessed, consumed or provided on any public property unless the event organizer has been issued a Town of Ridgway Special Event Liquor License. All provisions of the Colorado Liquor Code and local law related to liquor apply to all public properties. Contact the Town Clerk at 970-626-5308 Ext 211 to obtain a license.

Please list any special requirements or potential impacts of the event:

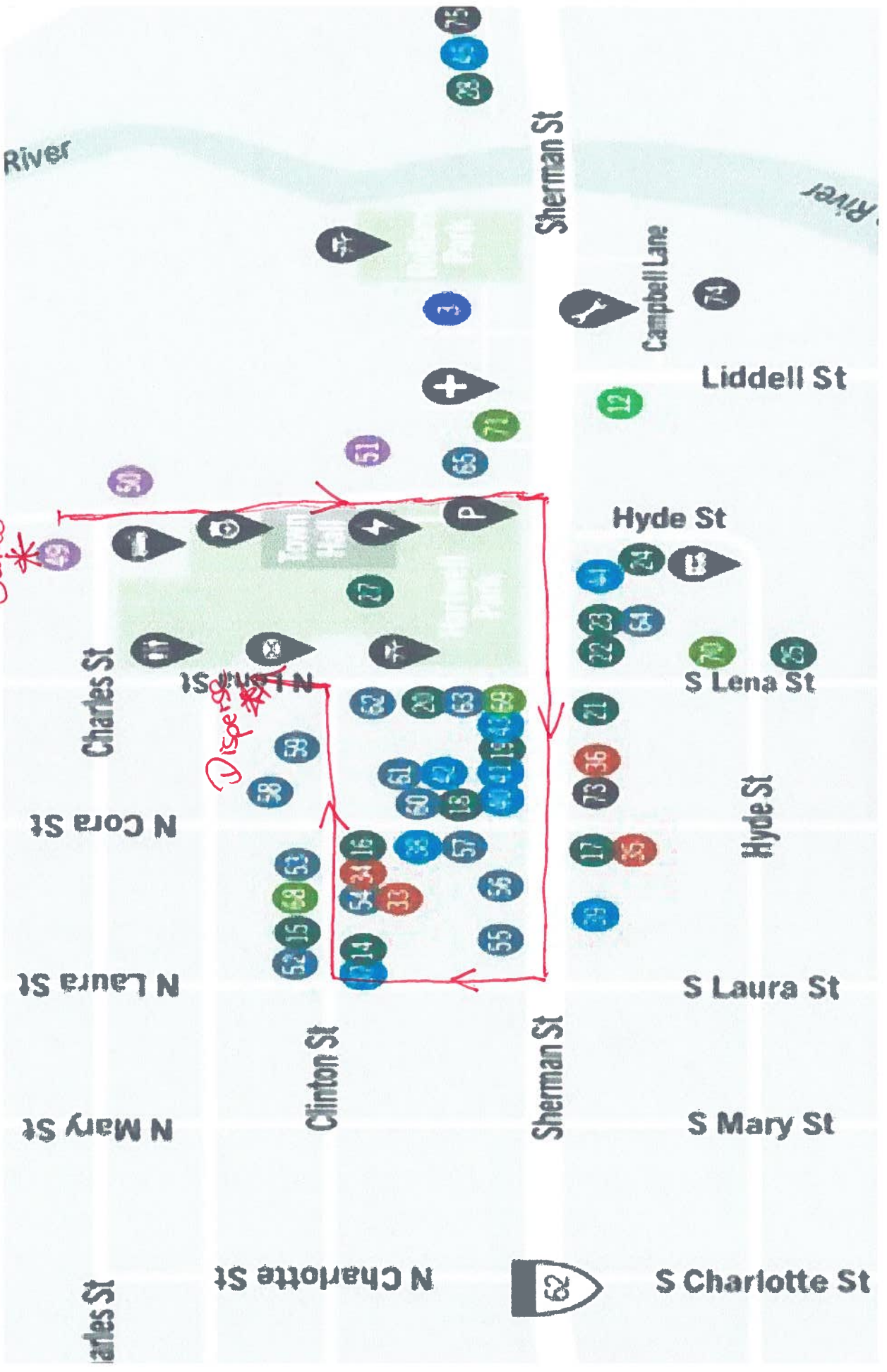
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**** Town equipment and furnishings cannot be removed from Town Hall for use in parks or the stage**

Noel Night Parade Route 2025

Gather

Disperse



AGENDA ITEM #12



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: July 3, 2025
Agenda Topic: **Release of Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Vista Park Commons**

ACTION BEFORE COUNCIL:

Council is asked to consider releasing the Subdivision Improvement Agreement and the associated irrevocable letter of credit for Vista Park Commons.

SUMMARY:

Council entered into a Subdivision Improvement Agreement with the developer of the Vista Park Commons subdivision on February 8, 2023. While the majority of the terms of the Agreement have been met, there are a few things to note:

1. The final CAD files for the record drawings need to be provided to the Town Engineer, as required by the Town's standard specifications.
2. Final invoices for town engineer and/or town attorney services should be paid before the release is finalized.

PROPOSED MOTION:

"I move to release the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Vista Park Commons, and the associated irrevocable letter of credit, as terms of the Agreement have been met, with the conditions that the final CAD files for the record drawings be provided to the Town Engineer and that final invoices are paid before the release is finalized."

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Subdivision Improvement Agreement Vista Park Commons

Attachment 2 – First Amendment Subdivision Improvement Agreement Vista Park Commons

**SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT
VISTA PARK COMMONS**

This Subdivision Improvement Agreement (this "Agreement"), dated as of February 8, 2023 (the "Effective Date") is made by and between TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, a home-rule municipality under the laws of the State of Colorado (the "Town"), and VISTA PARK DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company ("Vista Park"). The Town and Vista Park shall individually be referred to herein as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS Vista Park is the owner of the following real property: Lots 30 – 34 of the final plat of the Ridgway Land Company Subdivision, according to the recorded plat filed October 9, 1990 at Reception No. 147701, Town of Ridgway, Ouray County, Colorado (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Vista Park prepared and submitted a final plat for a planned unit development in accordance with Section 7-4-11 of the Town of Ridgway Municipal Code (the "Municipal Code") on the Property: *VISTA PARK COMMONS – P.U.D. – REPLAT OF LOTS 30-34, RIDGWAY LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION* (the "Final Plat"); and

WHEREAS, Vista Park submitted the Final Plat to the Town on ~~January 11, 2023~~ *September 26, 2022*; and

WHEREAS, Vista Park desires to install certain required? improvements subsequent to the Town's approval of the Final Plat; and

WHEREAS, the Town is willing to allow Vista Park to proceed with the installation of certain require? improvements in accordance with this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows;

1. **Compliance With The Town Approvals and Town Acknowledgement of Approvals.** Vista Park agrees to comply with each of the terms and conditions of the Final Plat and this Agreement and any other site specific approvals for the Project and the applicable provisions of the Municipal Code. This Agreement shall be recorded and run with the Property.

2. **Outstanding Infrastructure Improvements.** Vista Park is required to undertake and complete certain infrastructure improvements in accordance with the Town Code and the Town's Standard Specification and Typical Drawings for Infrastructure Construction ("Town Standards"). The Town is willing to allow Vista Park to complete certain infrastructure improvements subsequent to the Town's approval of the Final Plat, as further detailed on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein. Pursuant to Section 7-4-6(B) of the Town Code, the outstanding improvements shall be complete in two years, or by February 7, 2025.

3. **Irrevocable letter of Credit.** In order to meet certain timeframes and deadlines which have been established by Vista Park, the Town is willing to issue a limited building permit

for the Project, which shall be issued prior to Vista Park completing certain required improvements and conditions under the Town Design Guidelines, Town Standards, Municipal Code, Preliminary Plat and Final Plat. Based on the remaining Infrastructure Improvements, Vista Park shall provide to the Town an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of one and one half times the estimated cost, as provided by the Town to complete the Infrastructure Improvements, which the Parties agree to be in the amount of \$214,500.00. The irrevocable letter of credit shall be released upon the completion of the Infrastructure Improvements and the satisfaction of all terms of this Agreement by Vista Park. Vista Park shall request an agenda item before the Ridgway Town Council in order to receive a release of the irrevocable letter of credit.

4. Representations and Warranties.

i. Town's Representations and Warranties. The Town represents and warrants that:

(a) Organization and Authority. The Town has the full right and has obtained any, and all consents required to authorize the Town to enter into this Agreement, consummate the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, and perform its other obligations under this Agreement.

(b) Authorization and Execution. This Agreement has been authorized and properly executed and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Town, enforceable against the Town in accordance with its terms.

ii. Vista Park Representations and Warranties. Vista Park warrants that:

(a) Organization and Authority. Vista Park has the full right and authority and has obtained any, and all consents required to authorize Vista Park to enter into this Agreement, consummate the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, and perform its other obligations under this Agreement.

(b) Authorization and Execution. This Agreement has been authorized and properly executed and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of Vista Park, enforced against Vista Park in accordance with its terms.

5. Project Completion. When the Project is substantially completed, the Town, the Project Engineer and Vista Park shall conduct an inspection of the Property to ensure compliance with the Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, Town Code, Town Standards, and this Agreement.

6. Notices. All notices, notifications and other communications required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or email (with confirmation of receipt), to the Parties at their respective addresses listed below

7. Dispute Resolution. In the event any dispute between the Parties arises in connection with this Agreement, the Parties agree to submit the matter to non-binding mediation

or other such alternative dispute measure before filing any litigation claim. The Parties further agree that the non-prevailing Party, as determined by the mediator or adjudicator, shall pay to the prevailing Party, in addition to all sums that either Party may be called upon to pay, the prevailing Party's attorneys' fees (including the costs of in-house counsel) and costs related to prosecuting or defending the claim, whether or not an action is filed or prosecuted to judgment.

8. **Modification and Waiver.** No change, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless it is evidenced in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof and signed by both Parties hereto. No waiver of any breach, term or condition of this Agreement by any Party shall constitute a subsequent waiver of the same or any other breach, term or condition.

9. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Colorado, and venue shall lie exclusively in the courts located in Ouray County, Colorado.

10. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other representations, promises, agreements or understandings regarding the subject matter hereof shall be of any force or effect unless in writing, executed by both Parties hereto and dated on or after the date hereof.

11. **Headings.** The headings used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to limit, characterize or in any way affect the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.

12. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained herein for any reason shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement, but this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision or provisions had never been contained herein.

13. **Warranties of Authority.** The Parties expressly warrant and represent to each other that they have the full right, title and authority to enter into this Agreement as provided herein, and that no approvals or consents of any other persons, entities or agencies are necessary to affect the same.

14. **Counterparts Signatures.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one agreement, and any Party may execute this Agreement by signing any such counterpart.

16. **Review.** This Agreement has been carefully read by the Parties, the contents hereof are known and understood by the Parties, and it is signed freely by each Party executing this Agreement.

17. **No Waiver of Governmental Immunity.** No provision of this Agreement shall act or be deemed to be a waiver by the Town or the Town of any provision of the Colorado

Governmental Immunity Act, CRS 24-10-101, et seq.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties each have caused these presents to be executed in its corporate name and with its official seal hereunto affixed and attested by its duly authorized officials; and Vista Park Development, LLC, has caused these presents to be executed by its duly authorized officer, as of the date first above written.

TOWN:

VISTA PARK:

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO,
a Colorado home-rule municipality

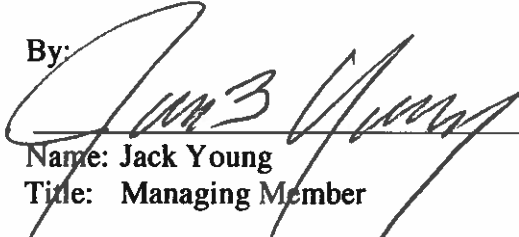
VISTA PARK DEVELOPMENT, LLC
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By:



Name: John Clark
Title: Mayor

By:



Name: Jack Young
Title: Managing Member

ATTACHMENT 1

EXHIBIT A
VISTA PARK COMMONS
SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT
OUTSTANDING ITEMS

1. Moody Ditch
 - a. Joint Sealing & Conc Repairs to be completed the earlier of 4/30/23 or before the Moddy Ditch is in regular use
= \$15,000.00
2. Storm Water System Complete
 - a. Except Sod for Drywell – 4/30/2023
= \$10,000.00
3. Pavement
 - a. Crosswalk Markings – 7/31/2023
= \$5,000.00
4. Common Fencing-
 - a. 75% Complete - To be completed as each home is completed, or before 1/31/2025, and each building fence tied to Certificate of Occupancy ("CO").
= \$12,000.00
5. Permeable Paving for Parking Lot
 - a. To be Completed in Spring/Summer, 2023 or before CO issued
= \$40,000.00
6. Walkway lighting- Underground & bases Complete -(To be Completed in Spring/Summer, 2023 and prior to CO issued)
= \$3,000.00
7. Parking Lot Lighting - Underground Complete - (Install Poles & Lighting in Spring/Summer, 2023 and prior to CO)
= \$20,000.00
8. Common Area Landscaping
 - a. 58 Trees Planted I Grade & Berms Set / Irrigation is Complete - Balance of Landscape to be after Vertical Construction Exteriors and prior to CO
= \$38,000.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING REPAIRS = \$143,000.00

IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT = \$214,500.00

**FIRST AMENDMENT
SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT
VISTA PARK COMMONS**

This First Amendment to the Subdivision Improvement Agreement (this “Amendment”), is entered into this 13th day of November 2024 (the “Effective Date”) is made by and between TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, a home-rule municipality under the laws of the State of Colorado (the “Town”), and VISTA PARK DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company (“Vista Park”). The Town and Vista Park shall individually be referred to herein as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.”

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WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, the Parties entered into a Subdivision Improvement Agreement, granting Vista Park the ability to install certain improvements subsequent to the Town’s approval of the Final Plat (the “Original Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Original Agreement granting Vista Park additional time to complete the improvements, and lowering the amount pledged under the Original Agreement

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ATTACHMENT 2

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3. **Original Agreement.** Unless modified herein, the remaining terms of the Original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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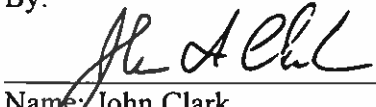
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 5. Walkway lighting- Underground & bases Complete -(To be Completed in Spring/Summer, 2023 and prior to CO issued)
= \$3,000.00
 6. Parking Lot Lighting - Underground Complete - (Install Poles & Lighting in Spring/Summer, 2023 and prior to CO)
= \$20,000.00
 7. Common Area Landscaping
 - a. 58 Trees Planted | Grade & Berms Set / Irrigation is Complete - Balance of Landscape to be after Vertical Construction Exteriors and prior to CO
= \$7,600
- ESTIMATED TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING REPAIRS = \$102,600
- IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT = \$153,900

AGENDA ITEM #13

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and Between
Town of Ridgway and Ridgway Chautauqua Society (DBA The Sherbino)

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into on July ____, 2025 by and between the Town of Ridgway, State of Colorado (the “Town”) and Ridgway Chautauqua Society (DBA The Sherbino (“The Sherbino”). This MOU establishes a collaborative partnership for the management and production of the Ridgway Independent Film Festival ("Festival"). The Festival aims to 1) enhance Ridgway’s cultural vitality, 2) support local and regional filmmakers, and 3) attract visitors to the town in alignment with the Town’s adopted goals and policies, including those outlined in the Ridgway Master Plan. This MOU also sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Festival shall be managed and produced, and under which the Town shall allocate monies to support Festival operations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town and The Sherbino agree to the following terms and conditions.

The Town agrees to :

- **Financial Contribution:** The Town will contribute \$17,000 to support Festival operations.
- **Infrastructure Support:** The Town will share relevant infrastructure, including access to the Film Freeway account and past documents, to ensure continuity and efficiency.
- **Promotional Support:** The Town will leverage promotional channels such as the Colorado Creative Corridor, Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce partnership, and other marketing platforms to enhance the Festival’s reach.
- **Venue Support:** The Town will make the Decker Community Room available as a venue for Festival activities and ensure that an on-site manager is present during the event.
- **Logistical Support:** The Town will help facilitate access to additional municipal resources such as signage and necessary permits to support the Festival’s operations.
- **Grant Writing Assistance:** The Town will assist in grant writing efforts for relevant funders such as the The Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media (COFTM) to secure additional funding for the Festival’s sustainability.
- **Strategic Planning Participation:** The Town will collaborate with Sherbino and other relevant stakeholders in strategic planning efforts to support the long-term success and sustainability of the Festival.

The Sherbino agrees to:

- **Fiscal Sponsorship:** The Sherbino will serve as the fiscal agent for the Festival, maintaining a restricted account to manage Festival finances and ensure financial transparency.
- **Brand Stewardship:** The Sherbino will maintain a unique brand for the Festival, ensuring that it remains distinct and recognizable as a cultural asset of Ridgway.
- **Event Management:** The Sherbino will utilize its expertise in event planning and production to manage all aspects of the Festival, including programming, logistics, sponsorship, contracted services and volunteer coordination.
- **Venue Hosting:** The Sherbino will continue to serve as a venue for Festival screenings, discussions, and associated events, leveraging its established reputation and experience in event production.
- **Fundraising and Sponsorships:** The Sherbino will lead efforts to secure additional funding through sponsorships, grants, and community partnerships to ensure the sustainability of the Festival.
- **Strategic Planning Participation:** The Sherbino will engage with the Town and other relevant stakeholders in strategic planning efforts to support the long-term success and sustainability of the Festival.

- **Festival Reporting:** The Sherbino will provide the Town with a comprehensive report following the conclusion of the Festival, detailing financial performance, attendance metrics, programming highlights, volunteer participation, successes, and lessons learned.

This MOU shall take effect upon signature by both parties and will remain in force through the conclusion of the 2025 Ridgway Independent Film Festival. Any amendments or modifications to this agreement must be mutually agreed upon in writing.

Town of Ridgway

**Ridgway Chautauqua Society (DBA
The Sherbino**

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

AGENDA ITEM #14

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO SUPPORTING PUBLIC LANDS

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

WHEREAS, Ouray County is home to a significant portion of public lands which are integral to the region's economy, environment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, these public lands, managed by federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, provide essential resources, including grazing lands for agricultural operations, habitats for wildlife, and opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town deeply value these public lands for their recreational, economic, cultural, and spiritual significance, recognizing that these lands are accessible to all, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender; and

WHEREAS, public lands contribute significantly to the local economy through activities such as mineral extraction, timber sales, ranching, tourism, and outdoor recreation, which contribute substantially to State of Colorado’s economy; and

WHEREAS, federal management of these public lands ensures that resources are managed for the benefit of all Americans, addressing complex challenges such as wildfire management, watershed protection, and wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with managing these lands are a national responsibility, and federal involvement is crucial for the long-term health and sustainability of these resources; and

WHEREAS, there are ongoing attempts to transfer or sell off public lands, which are inconsistent with the values and interests of the residents of the Town and the broader State community; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Colorado Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) reveals that outdoor recreation in Colorado generated \$65.8 billion in economic output, contributed \$36.5 billion to the State's GDP, supported 404,000 jobs, and generated \$11.2 billion in tax revenue, demonstrating the profound economic significance of public lands and outdoor recreation to the state and to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 SCORP data indicates that 96% of Coloradans engage in outdoor recreation, with 72% participating at least once a week, and that outdoor recreationists spent over \$52.1 billion on trips and equipment, underscoring the widespread and active use of public lands for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the outdoor recreation industry in Colorado contributed over \$17 billion to the State’s economy in 2023, supporting 132,500 jobs, demonstrating the significant economic impact of public lands; and

WHEREAS, the [2024 Conservation in the West Poll](#) found that 85 percent of Westerners support creating new national parks, national monuments, national wildlife refuges and Tribal protected areas to protect historic sites or areas for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, since the Antiquities Act was passed, 18 presidents - nine Democratic and nine Republican - have designated or expanded over 160 [national monuments across the country](#). And, according to a [2023 Conservation in the West Poll](#), 84% of Westerners - including 71% of Republicans - are more likely to support presidents who use their power to protect existing public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly has recognized the importance of public lands through initiatives such as Public Lands Day and the memorialization of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the importance of multiple uses of public lands, including but not limited to, grazing, energy development, and recreation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO that the Town of Ridgway hereby:

1. Expresses its strong support for the continued federal management and stewardship of public lands within Ouray County.
2. Opposes any efforts to sell, transfer, or dispose of these public lands.
3. Encourages the Colorado Congressional Delegation to oppose any legislation that would negatively impact public lands and to support policies that ensure their long-term preservation and sustainable use.
4. Opposes any attempts to change the Antiquities Act or reduce the size of our national monuments.
5. Recognizes the multiple uses of public lands and encourages a balanced approach to land management.
6. Urges federal land management agencies to continue their collaborative efforts with local communities, stakeholders, and other governmental entities to ensure effective and responsible management of public lands.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of July, 2025.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO

John I. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #15

Local IMPACT Accelerator

Calling All Cities and Counties Across Colorado!

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) is launching the Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator. The Accelerator will provide \$50 million to support local government policy adoption in four key sectors: Buildings, Land Use, Transportation, and Waste. Eligible applicants include local governments (cities, counties, and cohorts led by cities/counties) and Colorado's two federally recognized Tribes.

Make an IMPACT in Your Community

The goal of the Accelerator is to support local governments with policy adoption to bolster local resilience, reduce emissions, and advance other state priorities such as improved air quality. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate local buy-in for policy adoption during the application process, such as a letter from City Council, County Commissioners, or a similar elected body.

Two Grant Rounds in 2025 for Work in 2026

There will be two application rounds in 2025. Each begins with a required Letter of Intent (LOI). The LOI provides applicants with an opportunity to receive feedback on a lower effort version of a grant proposal before submitting the full application. Applicants cannot skip the LOI process and must submit in one of the following LOI rounds:

FIRST ROUND

Opens June 16, 2025. Due August 1, 2025.

SECOND ROUND

Opens October 1, 2025. Due November 17, 2025.

CEO will review all LOIs and inform applicants whether or not they are encouraged to submit a full application. Applicants who receive an "encouraged" decision from CEO can submit a full application between October 1, 2025 and November 5, 2025 for Round One and between January 16, 2026 and February 18, 2026 for Round Two.

To learn more about the Accelerator, email russ.sands1@state.co.us.



What types of policy and project funding can you apply for?

The Accelerator was designed to support local governments in adopting new policies that maximize long-term impact. Applicants can apply for policy funding alone or apply for both policy funding and project funding together. Applicants cannot apply for project funding alone. Policy and project funding do not need to be in the same sector. Because contracts will not be finalized until 2026, a sizable amount of the policy work should occur in 2026.

In all cases, policies must go beyond state requirements. Policies that promote early adoption of a forthcoming state mandate or which aim to opt-in to a state directive that is not required may be considered. Additional detail about eligible policies and projects will be available in the Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant Guidance (posted online June 2025). Examples of eligible policy and project funding costs are shown below.

Sector	Accelerator Policy Adoption Areas
Buildings	Policies that promote building energy codes that exceed the forthcoming Model Low Energy and Carbon Code (due statewide by July 2026), energy performance standards, and energy efficiency incentives.
Land Use	Policies that promote compact housing, parking management, EV charging, renewable energy, and discourage greenfield development.
Transportation	Policies that encourage high quality active transportation infrastructure, transit prioritization, transportation demand management, and fee-based vehicle registration incentives.
Waste	Policies that increase waste diversion, promote reuse, and help convert refuse trucks to zero-emission vehicles.
Funding Areas	Eligible Costs for Accelerator Policy and Project Funding
Policy Funding	Efforts that relate to supporting, developing, or adopting one or more sector policies such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder outreach, education, and facilitation• Consultant support for technical analysis or policy development• Studies that inform policy adoption• Small pilot projects*
Project Funding	Projects that implement or advance one or more sector policies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Related equipment purchases, rebate programs, or reduced fee programs• Consultant support for project implementation• Studies that proceed or advance project implementation• Larger pilot projects*• Other incentives or similar efforts to increase policy impact

*Generally, projects that include construction, hiring staff, and long timelines will be less competitive.

AGENDA ITEM #16



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: July 2, 2025
Agenda Topic: **Confirmation or amendment of Emergency Restrictions, promulgated by the Town Manager, on burning and fires within the Town of Ridgway**

SUMMARY:

On July 2nd, the Town of Ridgway followed the lead of Ouray County and other agencies in our region in implementing “Stage 1” fire restrictions. The Town Manager formally promulgated emergency restrictions on burning and fires within the Town via “Finding of the Town Manager of the Town of Ridgway – Enacting a Town Wide Fire Ban”, which is appended to this memo. The implementation of fire restrictions is now subject to “confirmation or amendment by the Town Council”, as described in Section 12-2-1(C) of the Ridgway Municipal Code.

Fire managers based their decision of coming out of fire restrictions on specific moisture measurements in vegetation and other risk factors such as predicted weather and amount of current fire activity.

PROPOSED MOTION:

“I move to confirm the emergency restrictions on burning and fires within the Town of Ridgway.”

ATTACHMENT:

Finding of the Town Manager of the Town of Ridgway – Enacting a Town Wide Fire Ban

FINDING OF THE TOWN MANAGER OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY -
ENACTING A TOWN WIDE FIRE BAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ridgway Municipal Code (RMC) Section 12-2-1(C), in times of significant drought, the Town Manager may promulgate emergency restrictions on burning and fires within the Town of Ridgway; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2025, Ouray County imposed Stage 1 fire restrictions, which prohibits burning and fire in a manner similar to that contemplated herein, and other surrounding counties and federal agencies have also imposed similar and more restrictive restrictions on public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager finds that the conditions are extreme and unpredictable, making individual actions by Council on decisions related to fire restrictions and the uses and operation of the Town property impractical; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted under RMC Section 12-2-1(c), the Town Manager of the Town of Ridgway finds that it is a time of significant drought and the fire danger and fire risk are high.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted to the Ridgway Town Manager, the following activities are banned within the Town of Ridgway:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire except in designated and signed campgrounds or developed recreation sites with provided fire grates
- Open burning of any kind including burning of trash or debris, burning of ditches, open charcoal or wood fires
- Fireworks or the use of explosives;
- Smoking on public property, except in an enclosed vehicle or building;
- Disposal of any cigarette anywhere outdoors;
- Operating any chainsaw, except with a fire extinguisher and shovel kept within immediate reach;
- Welding or use of torch with open flame, unless inside an enclosed structure and as an allowable use in the zoning district.
- Other activities determined to be of high risk in creating a wildfire and potential for loss of life or significant damage to personal property.

These restrictions shall remain in effect, unless or until modified or revoked by further order of the Town Council.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THIS 2nd day of July 2025.



Preston Neill, Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM #17



2026 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation Schedule

Date	Description	Responsible Parties
August 18 – September 12, 2025	Meetings with Town staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Plan• Town-wide initiatives• Levels of service• Fees• Goals and objectives• Personnel requests• Capital Outlay requests• Line-item justifications	Preston, Pam
September 19, 2025	Deadline for 2026 Community Grant Program Applications	
October 8, 2025	Draft 2026 Fiscal Year Budget Submitted to Council	Preston, Pam
October 18, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Budget Retreat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of Draft 2026 Fiscal Year Budget• Introduction of Draft 2026 Strategic Plan Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council direction for revisions• Council direction for Capital Improvement Projects• Council direction for revenue projections• Council requests for additional information, analysis or options	Council, Preston, Pam, Joanne
Late October or early November, 2025	Funding Recommendations for 2026 Community Grant Program Made by Ad Hoc Review Committee	
November 12, 2025	Council Budget Hearing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Presentation of 2026 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget• Presentation of 2026 Strategic Plan• Follow-up on any Council directions or requests• Council discussion and public comment	Council, Preston, Pam
December 3, 2025	Council Budget Workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of 2026 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget• Follow-up on any Council directions or requests• Council discussion and public comment• Review and direction on 2026 Community Grant Program recommendations from Ad Hoc Review Committee	Council, Preston, Pam
December 10, 2025	Council Budget Hearing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of 2026 Fiscal Year Budget, including Capital Projects Plan and 2026 Strategic Plan• Approval of Resolution Certifying Mill Levy	Council, Preston, Pam

AGENDA ITEM #18