

**TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
PALISADE, COLORADO DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' POLICE POWER BY THE TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the 2019 Novel Coronavirus/ COVID-19 disease ("COVID-19") a Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread and infected populations at such a rate throughout the United States, the State of Colorado, and the western slope of Colorado that it threatens to overwhelm limited medical facilities with infected individuals; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has declared a National State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Colorado has declared a statewide emergency regarding the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board anticipates that without appropriately responding to the illness, numbers of cases will rise, may result in serious illness or death for certain members of the community, and also may have the effect of interrupting the functioning of the community in terms of work attendance, school attendance, and the like; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the ensuing event is far in excess of the Town's available resources; and

WHEREAS, Colorado law provides for declaring a local disaster emergency to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events, including epidemics; and

WHEREAS, pursuant C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 the Board of Trustees or Town Administrator is authorized to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 31-15-401(b), grants the governing bodies of municipalities the police powers "[t]o do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), "The effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO, THAT:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Palisade

2. Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency. It is hereby determined that the presence of the COVID-19 virus within Mesa County, and is anticipated to impact Palisade, constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilizing of emergency response and the furnishing of aid and assistance by the Town of Palisade. The state of disaster emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Trustees.

3. Powers. The Town Administrator is hereby authorized to "[t]o do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease" relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the exercise of the Board of Trustees' police power pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-401(b). In the event of such exercise by the Town Administrator of the Board of Trustees' police powers, the Board of Trustees shall ratify such actions taken within 14 days. This Resolution specifically grants to the Town Administrator the ability to implement the following measures in addition to such other measures as may be necessary and appropriate:

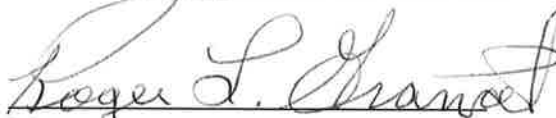
- Altering Town Hall hours, operations, including but not limited to closing Town Hall.
- Providing for phone-in Town Board meetings pursuant to the Emergency Electronic Participation Policy adopted by the Town of Palisade.
- Altering employee work schedules.

4. File Resolution. This Resolution shall be promptly filed with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Palisade Board of Trustees at the Special Meeting held this 20th day of March 2020.

TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO

By



Mayor

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ATTEST:


Town Clerk