



**AGENDA**  
**for the Board of Trustees**  
**of the Town of Palisade, Colorado**  
**341 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Palisade Civic Center BOARD ROOM)**

**January 13, 2026**

**6:00 pm Regular Meeting**

A live stream of the meeting may be viewed at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3320075780>

- I. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 pm**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **AGENDA ADOPTION**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. **GET INVOLVED WITH OUR COMMUNITY! UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (Palisade Civic Center, 341 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street):**
    1. **Planning Commission** – Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm
    2. **Tourism Advisory Commission** – Wednesday, January 21, at 9:00 am
    3. **Board of Trustees** – Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm
  - B. **PLANNING PALOOZA** Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm & Thursday, January 15, 2026, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Palisade Gymnasium (711 Iowa Avenue). Engage and learn about upcoming projects in Palisade, including the CDOT Roundabout, Peach Bowl Park, Veterans Memorial Community Center, and Riverbend Sewer Lagoons.
  - C. **CONSTRUCTION BEGINS** Monday, January 19, 2026, of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Roundabout project at the intersection of Elberta Avenue and Highway 6.
  - D. **TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
  - E. **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: NOMINATION PETITIONS** - Nomination petitions to run for the Board of Trustees in the April 7, 2026, election are now available! Nomination petitions will be available at Town Hall and can be circulated until the return deadline of January 26, 2026, at 4:30 pm.
- VI. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. **Palisade Bluegrass & Roots Festival 2025 Recap and 2026 Updates**
- VII. **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**
  - A. **Public Works Department 2025 Recap**

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or any Board Member may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

**A. Expenditures**

- Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – November 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025

**B. Minutes**

- Minutes from December 9, 2025, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING I**

**A. ORDINANCE 2025-11 A Text Amendment to the Palisade Land Development Code Amending ADU Standards**

The Board of Trustees will consider ORDINANCE 2025-11, amending the Palisade Land Development Code to adopt updated ADU standards for compliance with HB 24-1152.

1. Staff Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Board Discussion
4. Decision - Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to: Approve or deny ORDINANCE 2025-11 amending the Palisade Land Development Code to adopt updated ADU standards.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE 2026-01 – Adoption of the International Fire Code – FIRST READING and Order to Publish**

The Board of Trustees will set the public hearing date for Ordinance 2026-01, and order the Town Clerk to publish all necessary notifications in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

1. Staff Presentation
2. Board Discussion
3. Decision: Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to: Set the public hearing date for Ordinance 2026-01 for Tuesday, February 10, 2026, and order the Town Clerk to publish all necessary notifications in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

**B. RESOLUTION 2026-01 – Amending the 2026 Special Event and Blackout Dates Calendar**

The Board of Trustees will consider RESOLUTION 2026-01, amending the 2026 Special Event and Blackout Dates Calendar to reflect the approval of the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest.

1. Staff Presentation
2. Board Discussion
3. Decision: Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to: Approve or deny Resolution 2026-01 amending the 2026 special event and blackout dates calendar to reflect the approval of the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest on May 2, 2026.

**C. RESOLUTION 2026-02 – Reducing the fees for the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest**

The Board of Trustees will consider RESOLUTION 2026-02, reducing the fees for the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest by 50%.

1. Staff Presentation
2. Board Discussion
3. Decision: Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to: Approve or deny Resolution 2026-02, reducing the fees for the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest by 50%.

**D. Irrigation Shares Purchase**

The Board of Trustees will consider directing the Town Manager to purchase irrigation shares for Riverbend Park.

1. Staff Presentation
2. Board Discussion
3. Decision - Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to: Approve or deny, directing the Town Manager to purchase six (6) additional irrigation shares for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00.

**E. Xcel Energy Repairs to Downtown Palisade**

The Board of Trustees will consider directing the Town Manager to enter into contract with Xcel Energy for repairs to utilities in the downtown area.

1. Staff Presentation
2. Board Discussion
3. Decision - Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to: Approve or deny, directing the Town Manager to enter into contract with Xcel Energy for repairs to utilities in the downtown area for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

**F. Trustee Vacancy Interviews and Appointment**

In accordance with Resolution 2020-17, the Board of Trustees will interview applicants and appoint one (1) as a Palisade Trustee. The applicant appointed will serve as Trustee until the April 7, 2026, Regular Municipal Election.

Once interviews and time for a brief discussion of the Board of Trustees are complete, all applicants will be invited back into the Boardroom. A silent vote will be held to fill the one (1) position, with the applicant with the most votes filling the term. A single rollcall vote will officially appoint the candidate chosen.

1. Interviews (in alphabetical order):
  - a. Dave Edwards
  - b. Justin Martin
  - c. JoAnn Rasmussen
  - d. Ed Seymour
2. Board Discussion (without applicants present)
3. Silent Ballot Vote (Applicants may re-enter the room at this time)
4. Decision: Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to: Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a Palisade Trustee for a term ending in April 2026.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**All those who wish to speak during public comment must sign up on the sheet provided outside the boardroom doors. Please keep comments to 3 MINUTES OR LESS and state your name and address.** Neither the Board of Trustees nor staff will respond to comments at this time. The Board may direct staff to look into specific comments to bring back as an Agenda item at a future meeting; however, the Board reserves the right to clarify information from comments that are factually incorrect.

All emails sent to the Town Clerk for public comment will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees. Any member of the public who wishes to have a statement or email read to the Board of Trustees is required to appear in person and make said statements to the Board directly.

**XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Town Manager Report Capital Construction Project List Updates 1.13.2025**

Waste-Water Consolidation to Clifton \$24 million

- DOLA Grant – Engineering Waste-Water Consolidation \$1 million
- Phase of Project: Request for Proposals for Construction due February 6, 2026

Pretreatment Wastewater Program Implementation

- The Town is focusing on the pretreatment wastewater program. This has been a multi-year project. Pre-treatment means tanks need to be added to sewer systems to trap waste not wanted in collection pipes or wastewater treatment plants.
- The Town has had pre-treatment requirements that have never been enforced.
- Pre-treatment needs to occur. It must happen for collections in pipes and the lagoons – whether the Town consolidates with Clifton or not. Businesses should have complied over 20 years ago.
- Surveys and letters have been sent. New letters will be sent in February 2026.

Roundabout Highway 6 – CDOT Town: \$500,000 CDOT \$15M

- Project to start January 19, 2026.
- This is a CDOT project – the Town is participating with bike delineators, landscaping, street lighting, and artwork in the roundabout?
- The Town is using dark sky solar lights at the intersection.

TAP Grant Sidewalks – 80% Grant – 20% Town \$1M

- Project completed – 2/2025 – remaining funds being used in CDOT Roundabout
- TAP grant sidewalks from Cresthaven to the High School

Multi-Modal Sidewalk Grant Award for Elberta – 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Wine Cty Rd. \$2 M

- Design/Engineering 75% Complete and in review with CDOT
- Construction scheduled for Fall 2026
- Town will begin easement acquisition in January 2026

Troyer Sewer Lift Station \$346,645

- DOLA grant 80% - Town 20% - total \$346,645.00
- Complete

Land Use Code Update DOLA grant \$20,000 - Town \$20,000 Total \$40,000

- This project is updating various land use codes to meet the Town's needs
- Project Complete; however, continuous work on the Land Use Code continues.

Peach Bowl Park Planning CU Health Planning Grant \$40,000

- The Town awarded a planning grant for upgrades to Peach Bowl Park. This is a 1-year planning project.
- Complete plans will provide options for upgrades.

Riverbend Park Boat Launch Safety Improvements Town \$190,000

- Town Staff is constructing safety improvements, grading and terracing for improved access to the Colorado River.
- Improvements to Harky's Boat Launch and lessening the grade for safer boat launching.

**Town Assets for Future Work:**

Irrigation in Palisade \$?

- Complete mapping – create fund and rates and build out a plan

Veterans Memorial Center \$?

- Building inspections determining the condition of structure complete.
- Determined that the building has structural support beam weakness and other issues; the building has been condemned by authorities for safety reasons.
- Undetermined to remodel the building or remove and build new or something else.

Swimming Pool \$?

- The swimming pool is at the end of its life. Need to reconstruct, add on, or remove.



## PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Staff Report

**Meeting Date:** 1/13/2026  
**Department:** Fire Department  
**Department Director:** Charles K. Balke, Fire Chief

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### Comments from the Fire Chief

2025 was another building year for the Palisade Fire Department.

We had a successful year for the wildland program. This was the second year of the program and the first that we were able to get our crews out on assignments. This was a positive addition to our operational capabilities in both that it provides new opportunities for our members to gain experience, and it generated a supplemental revenue stream. While it cannot be guaranteed that this will always be the case, it has generated some renewed interest from our current members and from those outside the agency.

I look forward to the continuing progress the agency and our members will make in 2026 and beyond.

### Administrative Update

- I am working with EMS/MC to explore a new ambulance billing company and will bring a proposal to the Town of Palisade Board of Trustees to switch companies in efforts to improve our collection rate.
- We continue working through revisions to the Fire Department SOPs to reflect modernization to the organization and changes in various legislations.
- I am still waiting to hear more concerning the potential solar project off of 39 road with Pivot Energy.
- Palisade Fire has officially transitioned to the new mandated incident reporting system call NIRES. This replaces the previous NIFIRS reporting system.
- I have conducted a second hydrostatic and flow testing for the Cygnus Warehouse at 3691 G. Road

### Personnel Update

- All probationary members successfully completed their proficiency testing and therefore released from probation to regular status.
- The individual placed on administrative leave has returned to work with conditional parameters. Due to legal guidance the members' name and situation are not for public release.
- We currently have 10 applications for volunteers and will be scheduling the testing process.
- In 2026 we will have the addition of two more members advancing to the paramedic level.

### Training Update

- We will have two scheduled Live Fire Trainings for January. These are for the D51 High School Academy but will have personnel from both PFD and MCFA attending.
- We are sending three people to the Winter Colorado Wildfire Academy this month.
- We are sending 6 people to wildland classes in Hotchkiss over the next two months.

## Apparatus/Equipment Update

- Nothing to report

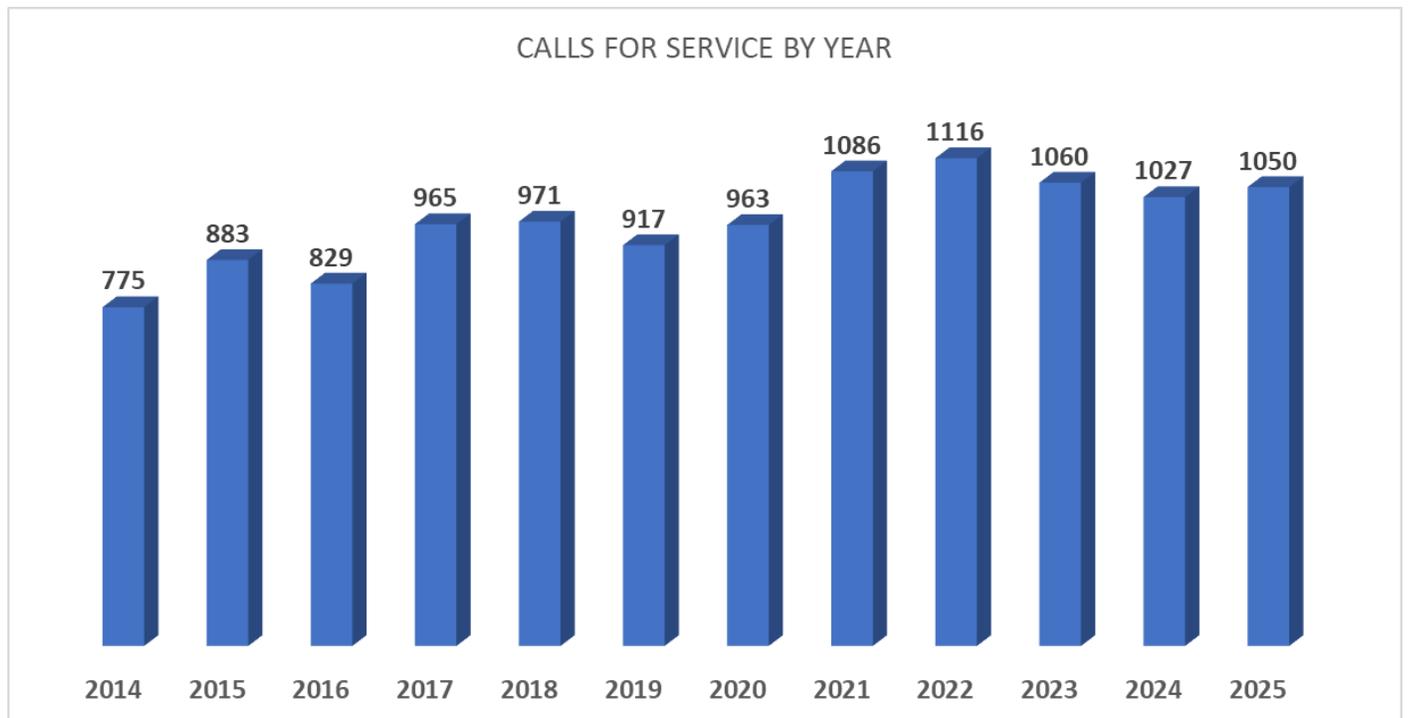
## Mesa County Fire Authority Update

- We have four current applications for membership. Entry testing is being scheduled.
- MCFA has transitioned over to NERIS reporting system
- Looking at a joint fire academy with PFD
- Starting the process of updating SOPs based off what was provided via Lexipol

## Operations

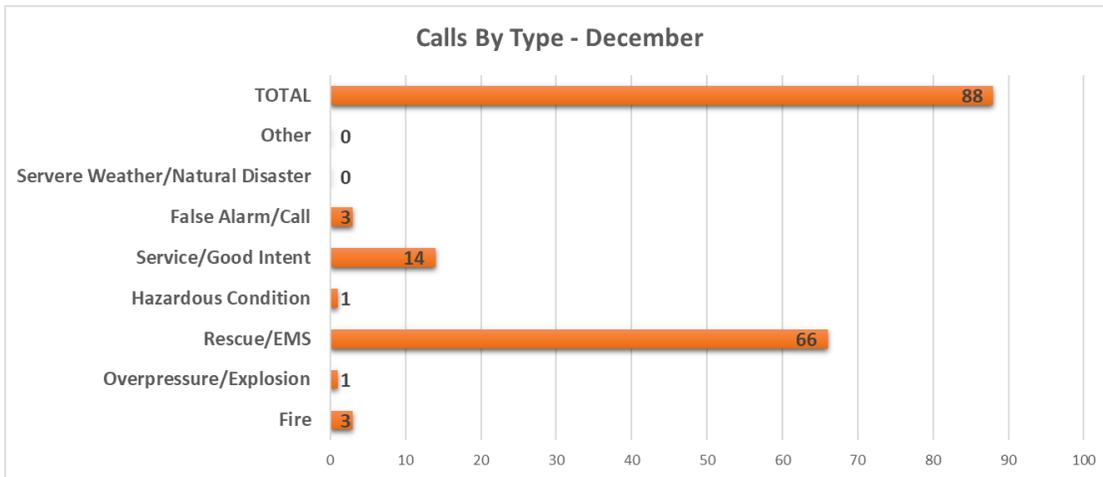
For the month of December 2025, the Palisade Fire Department responded to 88 calls. This is an increase of six calls compared to the same time frame last year. For the year 2025 through the end of December we responded to 1050 calls for service which is an increase of 23 calls from 2024.

## Calls for Service to Date

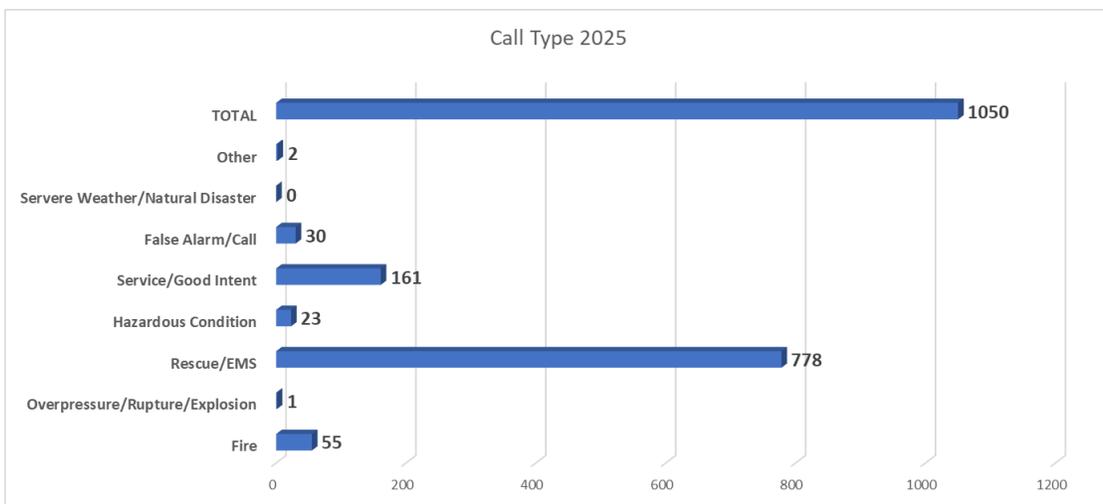


## Call Breakdown

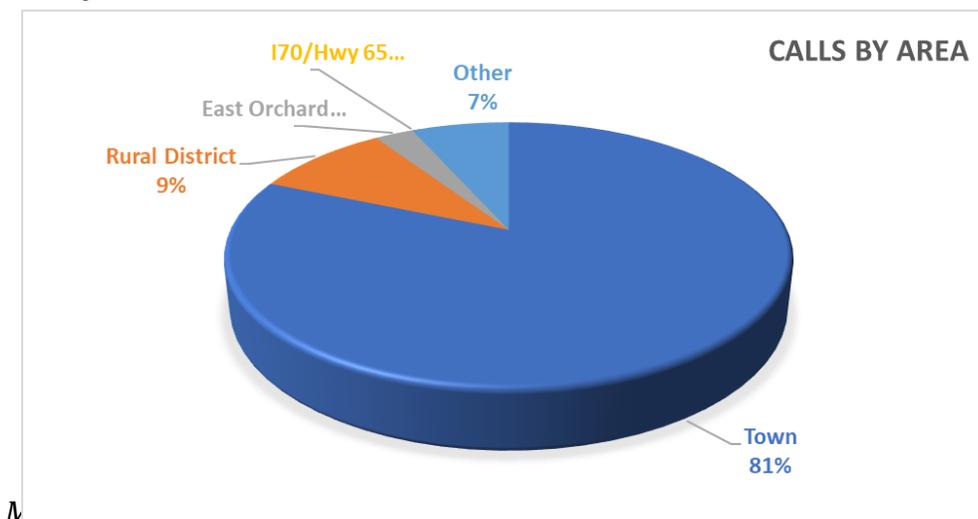
*Monthly Call By Type - December*

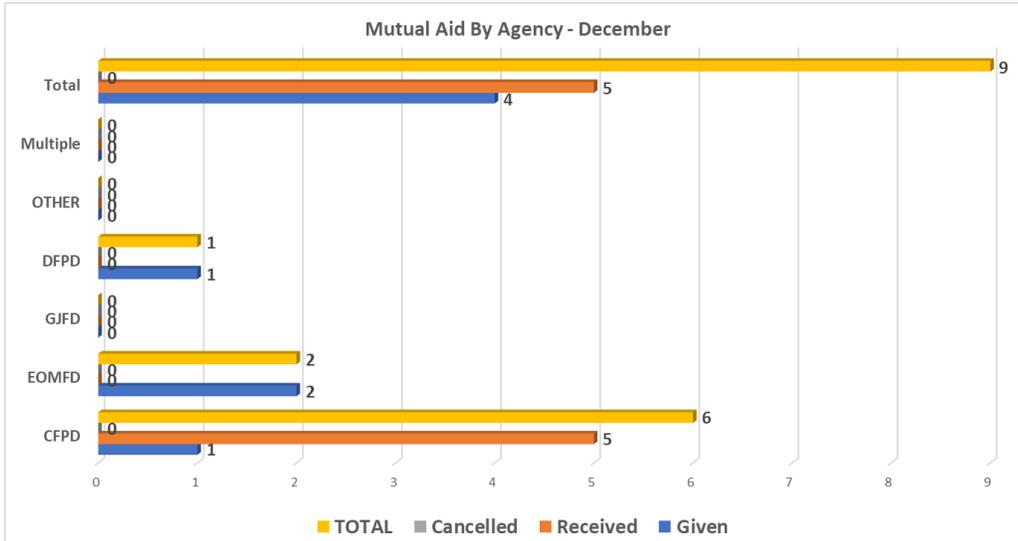


### Annual Calls By Type - 2025



### Call By Area - December





[Wildland Deployment Billing](#)

We have not had any new wildland deployments. We have received payment in 2025 for one of the nine billing requests. Two were sent back the first week of January and have been resubmitted after clarification. Currently we have seven reimbursement requests at stage 4/5 and one is back at 3/5.

[Ambulance Billing through September 2025](#)

The last report received to date from the ambulance billing company is from September of 2025.

Months	9								
Year	Billings	Payments Credits	Contractual Allowances	Refunds	Write-Offs	Outstanding	Balance Forward	Collection Rate	
2017	\$ 631,921.80	\$(213,357.11)	\$(398,116.64)	\$ 256.06	\$(36,017.67)	\$(15,313.56)	\$ 179,237.95	33.76%	
2018	\$ 582,418.60	\$(217,279.97)	\$(362,960.14)	\$ 879.86	\$(39,623.48)	\$(36,565.13)	\$ 148,431.75	37.31%	
2019	\$ 515,174.60	\$(84,477.29)	\$(325,935.08)	\$1,085.73	\$(42,756.21)	\$ 63,091.75	\$ 193,012.69	16.40%	
2020	\$ 568,215.80	\$(91,664.10)	\$(267,219.73)	\$ 541.78	\$(58,461.45)	\$ 151,412.30	\$ 353,530.33	16.13%	
2021	\$ 724,256.60	\$(281,649.57)	\$(413,046.03)	\$ 490.26	\$(50,578.48)	\$(20,527.22)	\$ 343,377.79	38.89%	
2022	\$ 719,057.40	\$(264,960.78)	\$(571,554.07)	\$1,875.96	\$(97,922.41)	\$(213,503.90)	\$ 114,292.26	36.85%	
2023	\$ 729,525.40	\$(281,269.83)	\$(422,446.10)	\$1,992.37	\$(41,511.71)	\$(13,709.87)	\$ 154,211.01	38.56%	
2024	\$ 761,900.00	\$(285,163.96)	\$(424,522.35)	\$ 650.16	\$(46,991.52)	\$ 5,872.33	\$ 127,037.26	37.43%	
2025	\$ 586,785.00	\$(202,425.14)	\$(319,134.68)	\$4,997.60	\$(25,651.55)	\$ 44,571.23	\$ 166,694.24	34.50%	
2-year Average	\$ 745,712.70	\$(283,216.90)	\$(423,484.23)	\$1,321.27	\$(44,251.62)	\$(3,918.77)	\$ 140,624.14	37.98%	
5 year Average	\$ 700,591.04	\$(240,941.65)	\$(419,757.66)	\$1,110.11	\$(59,093.11)	\$(18,091.27)	\$ 218,489.73	34.40%	
Monthly Average	\$ 65,198.33	\$(22,491.68)	\$(35,459.41)	\$ 555.29	\$(2,850.17)	\$ 4,952.36	\$ 18,521.58	34.50%	
Year End Projectior	\$ 782,380.00	\$(269,900.19)	\$(425,512.91)	\$6,663.47	\$(34,202.07)	\$ 59,428.31	\$ 222,258.99	34.50%	



## PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2026

**Re:** Consent Agenda

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The Consent Agenda has been attached as a separate document for ease of reading.

Included in the consent agenda are:

**A. Expenditures**

- Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – November 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025

**B. Minutes**

- Minutes from December 9, 2025, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting



**PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

**Meeting Date:**           **January 13, 2026**

**Presented By:**       **Community Development Director**

**Department:**       **Community Development**

**Re:**                   **Ordinance 2025-11 to comply with Colorado House Bill 24-1152**

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**SUBJECT:**

This ordinance updates standards for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to comply with state law and reduce barriers to development.

**STATE LAW COMPLIANCE**

Colorado House Bill 24-1152 established statewide standards for ADU development. This ordinance brings Palisade into compliance with state law.

**KEY CHANGES**

To comply with state law, we're adding state-required definitions and allowing one ADU per single-family home in most residential zones (except Light Industrial and Commercial Business zones). ADUs can now be as small as 200 square feet or as large as 750 square feet, regardless of your home's size, with a maximum of 900 square feet or 50% of your main house. Design and material requirements for ADUs cannot be stricter than what's required for regular single-family homes. If you already have a driveway, garage, or parking space, you can designate that for your ADU no need to build new parking unless you have no existing parking, you're in a zone requiring parking, and on-street parking is prohibited on your block.

**ALIGNMENT WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

This ordinance implements Comprehensive Plan Action 2.1D4: "Encourage accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in all zone districts and allow ADUs as a use-by-right in all single-family homes." By reducing parking requirements, this change:

- Lowers construction costs for ADUs
- Supports affordable housing opportunities
- Encourages infill development and efficient use of existing infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION**

Planning Commission forwarded a unanimous recommendation of approval to the Board of Trustees during the public hearing held on 01/06/26 for Ordinance No. 2025-11, ensuring compliance with state law and support for affordable housing goals.

**TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7.05 OF THE PALISADE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CONCERNING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS TO COMPLY WITH (HB 24-1152)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 31-23-305, C.R.S., the Board of Trustees may adopt, alter or amend zoning and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palisade Comprehensive Plan establishes Goal 2.1 to "Balance growth with preserving the agricultural heritage to maintain a sense of community"; and

**WHEREAS**, Action 2.1D4 of the Comprehensive Plan specifically directs the Town to "Encourage accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in all zone districts and allow ADUs as a use-by-right in all single-family homes"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado General Assembly enacted House Bill 24-1152, codified at C.R.S. § 29-35-401 et seq., effective August 7, 2024, which establishes statewide standards for accessory dwelling units, including requirements for definitions, objective standards, size minimums, parking limitations, and applicability in planned unit developments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has reviewed the Town's accessory dwelling unit regulations and identified amendments necessary to achieve compliance with C.R.S. § 29-35-403; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees finds that amending accessory dwelling unit regulations to comply with state law will support affordable housing opportunities within the Town by providing clear, objective standards for ADU development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Planning Commission has recommended to the Board of Trustees that the amendments to the Land Development Code contained in this Ordinance be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Sections 3.02 and 4.01 of the Land Development Code, and Section 31-23-306, C.R.S., on December 2, 2025, and January 6, 2026, a public hearing was held before the Planning Commission to consider a recommendation of an amendment of the Land Development Code to the Board of Trustees as set forth herein, following public notice as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Sections 3.02 and 4.01 of the Land Development Code, and Section 31-23-304, C.R.S., on December 9, 2025, and January 13, 2026, a public hearing was held before the Board of Trustees to consider the amendment of the Land Development Code as set forth herein, following public notice as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees finds and determines that the amendments to the Land Development Code, as contained herein, are necessary and designed for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the Town of Palisade and are consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the Town's other goals, policies and plans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

**Section 2.** Land Development Code Section 7.05.E is hereby amended to add the following definitions at the beginning of subsection E, with new additions underlined:

**Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU):** An internal, attached, or detached dwelling unit that: (a) provides complete independent living facilities for one or more individuals; (b) is located on the same lot as a proposed or existing primary residence; and (c) includes facilities for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

**Exempt Parcel:** A parcel that is: (a) not served by a domestic water and sewage treatment system, as defined in C.R.S. § 24-65.1-104(5), or is served by a well with a permit that cannot supply an additional dwelling unit; (b) a historic property, as defined in C.R.S. § 29-35-102(11), that is not within a historic district as defined in C.R.S. § 29-35-102(10); or (c) in a floodway or in a one hundred year floodplain, as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Objective Standard:** A standard that: (a) is a defined benchmark or criterion that allows for determinations of compliance to be consistently decided regardless of the decision maker; and (b) does not require a subjective determination concerning a development proposal, including but not limited to whether the application for the development proposal is consistent with master plans or other development plans, compatible with the land use or development of the surrounding area, or consistent with public welfare, community character, or neighborhood character.

**Single-Unit Detached Dwelling:** A detached building with a single dwelling unit on a single lot.

**Section 3.** Land Development Code Section 7.05.E.1 is hereby amended with new additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~ as follows:

1. ~~One (1) accessory dwelling unit (ADU) shall be permitted as an accessory use to each principal structure in all zones except in the Light Industrial (LI) and Commercial Business (CB)~~ One (1) accessory dwelling unit (ADU) shall be permitted as an accessory use to each single-unit detached dwelling in all zone districts where single-unit detached dwellings are allowed, except in the Light Industrial (LI) and Commercial Business (CB) zone districts, and except on Exempt Parcels. ADUs shall be approved through an administrative approval process based solely on Objective Standards. In any Planned Unit Development (PD) where single-unit detached dwellings are allowed, one ADU shall be permitted regardless of whether the PD is silent on or prohibits ADUs. ADUs are subject to the following requirements:

**Section 4.** Land Development Code Section 7.05.E.1.a is hereby amended with new additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~ as follows:

a. ~~The living area of the ADU shall be no greater than nine hundred (900) square feet or fifty percent (50%) of the heated square footage of the principal structure as described by the Mesa County Assessor's Office, whichever is less.~~ The living area of the ADU shall be no greater than nine hundred (900) square feet or fifty percent (50%) of the heated square footage of the principal structure as described by the Mesa County Assessor's Office, whichever is less; provided, however, that an ADU with a living area of at least seven hundred fifty (750) square feet shall be permitted regardless of the size of the principal structure, unless such ADU would be larger than the principal structure. The minimum living area of an ADU shall be not less than two hundred (200) square feet.

**Section 5.** Land Development Code Section 7.05.E.1.d is hereby amended with new additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~ as follows:

d. ~~The design, exterior treatments and color of an ADU shall be the same as or compatible with, the design and exterior color and treatments of the primary building to which it is accessory.~~ The exterior cladding and roofing materials of an ADU shall consist of materials that are permitted for principal structures in the applicable zone district. No architectural style, building material, or landscaping requirement shall be applied to an ADU that is more restrictive than the requirement that applies to a single-unit detached dwelling in the same zone district.

**Section 6.** Land Development Code Section 7.05.E.1.e is hereby amended with new additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~ as follows:

e. ~~One off-street parking space per unit is required, in addition to the spaces otherwise required.~~ Off-street parking for an accessory dwelling unit shall comply with C.R.S. § 29-35-103(3)(a) and (b) as follows:

1. The designation of an existing off-street parking space for the ADU may be required so long as there is an existing driveway, garage, tandem parking space, or other off-street parking space available for such a designation at the time of the construction or conversion of the accessory dwelling unit.

2. The construction of a new off-street parking space for an ADU shall not be required unless all of the following conditions are met:

i. The lot does not have an existing off-street parking space, including a driveway, garage, or tandem parking space, that could be used for the accessory dwelling unit;

ii. The accessory dwelling unit is in a zoning district that, as of January 1, 2024, requires one or more parking spaces for the primary dwelling unit; and

iii. The accessory dwelling unit is located on a block where on-street parking is prohibited for any reason, including ensuring access for emergency services.

**Section 7.** Except as specifically amended herein, all other provisions of Section 7.05 shall remain in full force and effect without amendment.

**Section 8. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final publication or posting following final passage.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY  
TITLE, at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palisade,  
Colorado, held on January 13, 2025.**

TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Mikolai, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Keli Frasier, CMC  
Town Clerk



**PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

**Meeting Date:**           **January 13, 2026**

**Presented By:**       **Town Clerk**

**Department:**       **Fire**

**Re:**                   **ORDINANCE 2026-01**

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**SUBJECT:**

This is the FIRST READING of Ordinance 2026-01 adopting the 2024 International Fire Code.

**SUMMARY:**

C.R.S. §31-16-201, et seq., governs the adoption of codes by reference and includes specific public notice requirements, introduction of the ordinance by the Board of Trustees, which is occurring on first reading, and then a public hearing, which will occur on second reading on February 10, 2026. Staff as complied with these public notice requirements.

- January 13, 2026       FIRST READING/Order to Publish
- January 24, 2026       First Publication in GJ Sentinel
- January 31, 2026       Second Publication in GJ Sentinel
- February 10, 2026      SECOND READING/Adoption

The First Reading is an administrative statutory requirement, and since any discussion should occur at the public hearing, the Board does not need to pull the ordinance up for debate unless they want any changes for the final adoption of the ordinance. Absent that, the Board should simply move and approve the passing of the ordinance on first reading.

**The public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 2026-01 is set for the regular meeting of the Palisade Board of Trustees on February 10, 2026.**

**BOARD DIRECTION:**

Set the public hearing date for Ordinance 2026-01 for Tuesday, February 10, 2026, and order the Town Clerk to publish all necessary notifications in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

**TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO, ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE LATEST EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PALISADE, IN CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENT HERewith, INCLUDING ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE PALISADE MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PRIMARY CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE CODE ADOPTED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-16-201 et seq., the Palisade Board of Trustees has the power to adopt ordinances which adopt uniform codes by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Palisade Board of Trustees finds that it is important for the safety of the citizens of the Town of Palisade to have a current uniform fire code and that it is necessary to adopt and amend the 2024 International Fire Code to be applied throughout the Town of Palisade providing for administration, enforcement, appeals, penalties for violation of the provisions of this code; and

WHEREAS, the Palisade Board of Trustees finds that adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Palisade.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALISADE, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.**     Legislative Declaration. The Town of Palisade Board of Trustees finds that it is important for the safety of the citizens of Town of Palisade to have established a current uniform fire code. Accordingly, it is necessary to adopt and amend the most recent edition of the International Fire Code.

**Section 2.**     Applicability. This Ordinance shall apply throughout the Town of Palisade, Colorado.

**Section 3.**     Purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance have been made with reasonable consideration of, and in accordance with, the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the public, and the safety, protection, and sanitation of such dwellings, buildings, and structures.

**Section 4.** That Article XI of Chapter 18 of the Palisade Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **International Fire Code**

**Sec. 18-241. Adopted by reference.**

- (a) The International Fire Code, 2024 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., together with amendments set forth below (hereafter “IFC” or “International Fire Code”) is hereby adopted to for regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations for buildings, structures and land within the jurisdiction. At least one copy of the International Fire Code, and the appendices thereto, shall be kept on file at Palisade Town. Copies of the IFC and appendices shall be available for sale to the public at a moderate price, as required by C.R.S. §31-16-206.
  
- (b) The following chapters of the Appendix of the International Fire Code, 2024 Edition, are adopted:
  - (1) Chapter B, Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings
  - (2) Chapter C, Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution
  - (3) Chapter D, Fire Apparatus Access Roads
  - (4) Chapter F, Hazard Ranking
  - (5) Chapter H, Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS) Instructions
  - (6) Chapter I, Fire Protection Systems – Noncompliant Conditions
  - (7) No other appendices of the IFC are adopted

**Sec. 18-242. Amendments.**

The International Fire Code is hereby amended and changed in the following respects:

**Section 101 Scope and General Requirements.** Section 101 is amended as follows:  
Section 101.1 whenever the word “jurisdiction” is used in the International Fire Code, it shall be held to mean the Palisade Fire Department, Mesa County, Colorado.

**Section 105.1.1 Required operational permits. Section 105.5.16 is amended as follows:**  
Operational permits are valid for three years from the date of issue for Explosives.

Hazardous Materials, HPM Facilities and Storage of scrap tires and tire products permits are required for new and existing operations.

All other permits are valid only for each event or season.

**Operational permits are required for the following:**

<u>Operational Permits:</u>	<u>Code Section</u>
Amusement buildings**	105.5.3
Carnivals and fairs **	105.5.5
Exhibit and trade shows**	105.5.15
Emergency Responder Communication Coverage system	105.6.5
Fireworks retail sales **	105.5.16
Explosives **	105.5.16
Pyrotechnic special effects material**	105.5.16 & 105.5.44
Hazardous Materials**	105.5.22
HPM Facilities**	105.5.23
Open Burning * (combined) **	Mesa County Public Health
Lithium Batteries*	Town of Palisade, Mesa County
Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles	105.5.34
Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts **	105.5.50
Temporary Membrane Structures, Special Events Structures and tents	105.5.51

\* A permit shall be required for the “burn season” as outlined in the Mesa County Open Burning Control Regulations. Lithium Batteries permits will be issued through the appropriate AHJ Building Department.

**Section 105.6.6.** Energy storage systems shall be amended to read. A Construction permit is required to install energy storage system shall be through the proper AHJ Building Department Building Official for permitting and inspections.

**Section 105.6.10** Fuel Cell power Systems shall be amended to read. A Construction permit is required to install stationary fuel cell power systems shall be permitted through and inspected by the proper AHJ Building Department officials.

**Section 105.6.21** Solar photovoltaic power systems shall be amended to read. Construction permits that are required to install or modify solar photovoltaic system, shall be through the proper AHJ Building Department Building Official for permitting and inspections.

**Section 105.5.36 OPEN Burning** the language is DELETED and shall read as follows:

Permits for bonfires and open burning shall be secured through Mesa County Public Health Department. Such permits shall adhere to all applicable fire codes and ordinances and the Colorado Air Quality Control Act, C.R.S. 1973, section 25-7-128 and the Mesa County Open Burning Control Regulation.

Permits for bonfires shall be secured through the Palisade Fire Department's Office of the Fire Chief. Such permits shall adhere to all applicable fire codes and ordinances and the Colorado Air Quality Control Act, C.R.S. 1973, section 25-7-128 and the Mesa County Open Burning Control Regulation.

**Section 105.5.51 Amend Section 105.5.51 to read as follows:**

**Section 105.5.51 Temporary membrane structures, special event structures and tents.**

An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary structure, a temporary special event structure, or a tent having an individual or contiguous area more than 2400 square feet.

**Exception 1.** Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.

**Exception 2.** Funeral tents and curtains, or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.

**Exception 3.** Temporary membrane structures and tents utilized for the purposes of retail fireworks sales, special amusement buildings or outdoor assembly events such as a circus, carnival, tent show, theater, skating rink, dance hall or other similar use shall require an operational permit when the area exceeds 400 square feet.

**Exception 4.** Mobile stages.

**Section 105.6.22. Amend Section 105.6.22 to add exception:**

**Exception:** Mobile stages

**Section 105.6.25. Amend Section 105.6.25 to read as follows:**

**105.6.25 Temporary membrane structures, special event structures and tents.**

A construction permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary stage canopy, or a tent having an individual or contiguous area in excess of 2400 square feet.

**Exception 1:** Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.

**Exception 2:** Funeral tents and curtains, or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.

**Exception 3:** Temporary membrane structures, temporary special event structures and tents utilized for the purposes of retail fireworks sales, special amusement buildings or outdoor assembly events such as a circus, carnival, theater, dance hall or other similar use shall require an operational permit when the area exceeds 400 square feet.

**Exception 4:** Mobile stages

**Section 105.6 Required construction permits. Section 105.6** is amended as follows:

<b><u>Construction Permits:</u></b>	<b><u>Code Section</u></b>
Plan Review Fees**	
Automatic fire-extinguishing systems**	105.6.1
Fire Sprinkler Systems	
Hood extinguishing Systems	
Fire pumps and related equipment **	105.6.8
Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment**	105.6.7
Installation/removal of aboveground storage tanks or underground storage tanks**	105.6.9
Flammable and combustible liquids **	105.6.9
LP gas**	105.6.16
Fuel Cell Power Systems*	105.6.10
Gates and Barricades Across Fire Apparatus Access Roads	105.6.12

\*\*Permit fees and rates shall be as established by separate resolutions by the Board of Directors of the Town of Palisade

\*Fuel Cell Power Systems Permits shall be Permitted through appropriate AHJ Build officials. This will include permitting and inspections.

**Section 112 Appeals** The language is DELETED and shall be replaced as follows;

Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department disapproves an application or refuses to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the Code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the Code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department to the Board of Appeals created by Part 13 of Ordinance #8, adopted by the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners. Such appeal shall be perfected by filing with the Chief of the Fire Department a written appeal along with a fee of \$100 within 30 days from the date of the decision appealed.

**Section 113.4 Violation penalties.** The language of section 113.4 is DELETED and shall read as follows:

**Section 113.4 Violation penalties.**

(a) Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, or punishable pursuant to 32-1-1002 (3) (d), C.R.S., as amended or in the City of Palisade shall be guilty of a Class B Municipal offense under Chapter 15.50 of the Palisade Municipal Code, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both a fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(b) The application of the above penalties shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

**Section 114.4** The language of 111.4 is DELETED and shall read as follows:

**Section 114.4 Failure to Comply:**

(a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this code or ordinances hereby adopted or fails to comply therewith, or "who violates or fails to comply with an order made there under, or who builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved there under, or certificate, or permit issued there under, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who fails to comply with such an order by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severely, for each and every such violation and noncompliance,

respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable pursuant to Section 32-1-1002 (3)(2), C.R.S., as amended. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each day that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

- (b) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.
- (c) Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition shall be subject to the general penalties provided in Chapter 1 Article IV, Sections 1-82 and 1-83 of the Town of Palisade Municipal Code.

**Section 4104.2. Add a new section to read as Follows:**

4104.2. Egress from buildings. Barbecues shall not be used or stored in or near stairwells, corridors or other areas that are intended to be used as a means of egress or considered an interior living space.

**Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles shall follow Section 4106**

**Section 503.1 Address identification** This is AMENDED by adding the following:

All residential house numbers shall be located on the portion of the residence which projects nearest to the street. In cases where a structure is built far enough from the roadway that it is impossible to place numbers that are legible from the roadway, a sign post placed at the intersection of the roadway and driveway denoting the address of the structure may be required by the Fire Chief.

Address and building numbers shall be a minimum of 12 inches high with a minimum stroke width of two inches of a contrasting color from the building for commercial properties as required by the Fire Chief on other buildings and structures, located within the Fire Department boundary, which cannot be readily identified from access roadways or streets.

**Section 503.1.1. Add a new exception to read as follows:**

Exceptions:

1. When all buildings are equipped throughout with approved automatic sprinkler installed in accordance with NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, or NFPA 13D or' IRC P2904 the fire code official is authorized to allow a dead- end fire apparatus road to extend to 300 feet before a turnaround is required.

**Section 901.4.3. Add a new Section 901.4.3 to read as follows:**

**901.4.3 Relocations and additions to fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems in existing facilities.**

Any addition or remodeling to existing commercial fire sprinkler systems that involve 20 sprinkler heads or less, or fire alarm systems that involve 5 devices or less, will not require a permit when approved by the fire code official via a scope of work letter review process. The review letter process shall comply with the guidance document established and provided by the Palisade Fire Department.

**Section 903.2 Where Required.** This is AMENDED by adding the following sentence:

All buildings located in the Town of Palisade area which exceed 2,000 square feet shall be provided throughout with an automatic fire sprinkler system unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief and/or the Fire Code Official.

**Section 903.3.1.3 NFPA 13D sprinkler systems** This is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:

Where domestic water is provided by a public water system, any required 13D system must be supplied by the public water system. The water tap must be adequate to supply the hydraulic demand of the fire sprinkler system.

Automatic sprinkler systems installed in one- and two-family dwellings shall be installed throughout in accordance with NFPA 13D. Where NFPA 13D systems are installed, they shall be designed and operate in the following manner:

(A) All water flow activations shall be capable of sounding an interior audible alarm notifying all occupants simultaneously.

(B) All water flow activations shall be capable of activating an exterior audible/visual alarm. This alarm shall be located so as to be visible from the nearest fire department access road.

(C) The light used shall be a strobe light producing at least 110-185 candela.

(D) Where public water service cannot provide required flows for NFPA 13D systems the following design criteria shall be used:

(1) Water supply storage capacity shall be the minimum required by NFPA 13D plus an additional amount based upon the expected response time of the fire department, not to exceed a 20-minute response time.

**Section 903.3.7 Fire department connections.** Section 903.3.7 is amended by the addition of the following:

Fire department connections must be located within 150 feet of the nearest fire hydrant unless waived by the Fire Chief.

**Section 907.1.2 Fire alarm shop drawings.** The following shall be added

907.1.2 System designers shall have a NICET Level III certification or equivalent.

907.1.3 New systems shall be designed with addressable devices.  
Exception: systems which monitor and transmit alarms from automatic fire sprinkler systems only.

**Section 907.8.4.1 False Alarms: Alarm system malfunctions or malicious false alarms.**

A new section to be ADDED as follows:

**Section 907.8.4.1**

Whenever the activation of any fire alarm is due to a malfunction of the system and that system has had another malfunction within the same quarter of a calendar year, or more than six during any calendar year, the owner and/or operator of the system may have violation penalties imposed in accordance with the Town of Palisade's Fee Schedule and Section 110.4..

**Section 907.8.4.1**

It is the responsibility of the owner or operator of an alarm system to police the improper use of the system, such as the intentional activating of a false alarm or the intentional activation of a smoke or heat detector to produce a false alarm. After three such activations within the same quarter of a calendar year from the same fire alarm system, or more than six during any calendar year violation penalties may be imposed in accordance with Section 110.4.

**Section 907.8.4.2**

Whenever the Fire Chief cannot determine how a false alarm was activated and three such unexplained alarms occur within the same calendar year quarter effective with the fourth and subsequent alarms, or alarms exceeding six during any calendar year, penalties shall become effective with the seventh and subsequent alarms in accordance with Section 110.4.

**Section 907.8.4.3**

A new fire alarm system shall be allowed 30 days to become stabilized before this false alarm section will be applied.

**Section 1006. Number of Exits and Exit Access doorways:** Section 1006 is amended by adding the following:

**Section 1006.2.2.7 Outdoor Patios within the Town limits of Palisade, Colorado.**

All Group A-2 Assembly and other occupancies that have a fenced or enclosed outdoor patio shall have an alarmed second exit equipped with panic hardware directly to the exterior.

**Section 1101.1. Amend Section 1101.1 to read as follows:**

**1101.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply to existing buildings constructed prior to this code and the fire code official is authorized to initiate its use when buildings are undergoing an addition or alteration utilizing the Alterations – Level 3 Method (Chapter 13) of the International Existing Building Code (2024 Edition). This chapter’s use is authorized for Prescriptive and Performance Compliance Methods when work equivalent to an Alterations- Level 3 Method have been achieved.

The fire code official is authorized to apply this chapter when any building or portion of a building is undergoing a change of occupancy in accordance with the International Building Code (2024 Edition) or International Existing Building Code (2024 Edition)

Official acceptance and interpretation of the above methods as it relates to the applicability of Chapter 11 shall be determined by the fire code official.

**Exception 1:** This chapter does not apply to detached one-and-two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) governed by the International Residential Code.

**Exception 2:** The fire code official is authorized when executive approval from the Fire Chief is granted to require existing buildings to be in compliance with Section 1103.2 [Emergency Responder Radio Coverage] at any time if deemed a distinct hazard without the structure engaging in an addition, alteration or change of use.

**Appendix B  
Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings**

**Section B103.4. Add New Section B103.4 to read as follows:**

B103.4 Alternative Methods. In areas which are mostly developed where not more than two buildable lots are created (at the same time) after the effective date hereof, and the existing water lines and fire flow are inadequate in the area, the Fire Chief may allow a residential structure to be built if equipped with an approved fire sprinkler system and if he determined that water upgrades would be impractical. In such event, the Fire Chief shall record a memorandum indicating the fire protection measures used and the facts concerning the inadequate water lines.

## **Appendix C Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution**

**Section C103.4.** The following shall be ADDED to existing wording of this section:

“In all subdivisions, commercial areas, industrial parks and where required by the Fire Chief fire hydrants shall be located on the corner of a street intersection, either between the curb and sidewalk or behind the sidewalk where it is adjacent to the street curbs.

**The following new section is added to Appendix C**

### **Section C 103.5 Fire Hydrants.**

“Fire hydrant pumper connections shall be equipped with a five-inch non-threaded sexless connection (commonly referred to as Storz) and metal cap which can be removed by a standard pentagon nut hydrant wrench. Pumper connections shall face the street or as directed by the Fire Chief.”

**Section 5.** **Repeal.** Any ordinance of the Town of Palisade, or part thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with this ordinance, including but limited to, Article XI of Chapter 18 of the Palisade Municipal Code is hereby repealed. Provided, however, this ordinance shall not affect the construction of buildings for which permits were issued prior to the effective date of this ordinance. All buildings now under construction pursuant to existing permits shall be constructed in conformance with the fire code applicable at the time of issuance of such permit. Provided further however, no construction authorized by an existing permit shall be altered without complying with the newly adopted fire code. The adoption of this ordinance shall not in any way prevent the prosecution of violations of any previous ordinance adopting previous fire code which occurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance. Where this ordinance and the code adopted by reference herein are in conflict with other resolutions or ordinances of the Town of Palisade, Colorado, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

**Section 6.** **Severability.** Each section of this ordinance is an independent section and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or part thereof.

**Section 7.** **Public Notice.** Pursuant to Section 31-16-203, C.R.S., as amended, a public notice shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, once at least fifteen (15) days preceding a public hearing, and once at least eight (8) days preceding the public hearing. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing, shall state that copies of the primary code to be considered for adoption are on file with the Town Clerk and are open to public inspection, shall contain a description deemed sufficient to give notice to interested persons of the

purpose of the primary code, the subject matters of said code and the name and address of the agency by which it has been enacted. The public hearing on the adoption of this ordinance is hereby set for February 10, 2026.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following adoption and approval by the Board of Trustees and thirty (30) days following the publication of the within ordinance.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED PUBLISHED, at a regular meeting of the Palisade Board of Trustees, on January 13, 2026.

Public Notice Publication Dates:

January 24, 2026  
January 31, 2026

INTRODUCED A SECOND TIME at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palisade, Colorado, at a public hearing held on February 10, 2026, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO LAW.

TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Mikolai, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keli Frasier, CMC  
Town Clerk



**PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

**Meeting Date:**           **January 13, 2026**

**Presented By:**       **Parks, Recreation, & Events Director**

**Department:**       **Parks, Recreation, & Events**

**Re:**                   **RESOLUTION 2026-01 – Amended 2026 Special Events Calendar and Blackout Dates**

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**SUBJECT:**

Update to the Palisade Events Calendar and Blackout Dates for 2026

**SUMMARY:**

At the December 9, 2025, regular Board of Trustees meeting, the Board of Trustees reached consensus to approve a new Event, Palisade Farm Fest, to be held in the Palisade Veterans' Memorial Park and downtown Palisade on May 2, 2026.

The attached Resolution and calendar reflect that change to the Palisade Events Calendar and Blackout Dates for 2026.

**DIRECTION:**

Approve Resolution 2026-01 adopting the amended 2026 special event calendar and festival blackout dates.

**TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF PALISADE,  
COLORADO, APPROVING THE AMENDED 2026 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR AND  
FESTIVAL BLACKOUT DATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the importance of special events and festivals in Palisade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town also recognizes the toll special events and festivals take on staff and citizens alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is desirous of not oversaturating certain times of the year with special events; and

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit “A” takes into account existing special events, festivals, and blackout dates for 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the importance of event safety for staff, citizens, and festival goers alike; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palisade, Colorado, that;

The calendar attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is adopted as the 2026 Special Event Calendar with blackout dates for the Town of Palisade, Colorado, effective January 13, 2026.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**TOWN OF PALISADE**

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Greg Mikolai, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Keli Frasier, CMC  
Town Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

# Palisade Events Calendar and Blackout Dates

# 2026

General Events
  Town Run Events
  Multiple Events
  Holidays/Blackout Days

January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

\* All dates subject to Administrative and Event Coordinator Changes

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZER</u>
<i>* All dates subject to Administrative and Event Coordinator Changes</i>			
January 1, 2026	HOLIDAY - New Years Day		
January 19, 2026	HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
February 16, 2026	HOLIDAY - Presidents' Day		
February TBD	Palisade Ice Bowl	Riverbend Park	Grand Valley Disc Golf Club
March TBD	Palisade Awakening Disc Golf	Riverbend Park	Grand Valley Disc Golf Club
March TBD	Palisade Awakening Disc Golf	Riverbend Park	Grand Valley Disc Golf Club
March TBD	Palisade Lion's Club Yard Sale	Community Center	Palisade Lion's Club
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April 4, 2026	Edesia Wine & Food Festival	Wine Country Inn	Wine Country Inn
April 5, 2026	Edesia Wine & Food Festival	Wine Country Inn	Wine Country Inn
<del>April 11, 2026</del>	<del>DATE ON HOLD FOR POTENTIAL NEW SPRING EVENT</del>		
April 16, 2026	Blugrass Bash	Various	4th Street Music
April 17, 2026	Blugrass Bash	Various	4th Street Music
April 18, 2026	Blugrass Bash	Various	4th Street Music
April 19, 2026	Blugrass Bash	Various	4th Street Music
April 25, 2026	Outdoor Heritage Day	Riverbend Park	Colorado Parks & Wildlife
<b>May 2, 2026</b>	<b>Palisade Farm Fest</b>	<b>Memorial Park, Downtown/Plaza</b>	<b>Talbott's &amp; Son's LLC DBA Talbott's Cider Company, and Milky Way LLC</b>
May 16, 2026	Town Clean-Up Day	Riverbend Park	Town of Palisade
May 25, 2026	HOLIDAY - Memorial Day		
June 4, 2026	Palisade Bluegrass Festival	Riverbend Park	Mountain Groove Productions
June 5, 2026	Palisade Bluegrass Festival	Riverbend Park	Mountain Groove Productions
June 6, 2026	Palisade Bluegrass Festival	Riverbend Park	Mountain Groove Productions
June 7, 2026	Palisade Bluegrass Festival	Riverbend Park	Mountain Groove Productions
June 7, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
June 14, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
June 19, 2026	HOLIDAY - Juneteenth		
June 21, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
June 27, 2026	Lavender Festival	Riverbend Park	Lavender Association of Colorado
June 28, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
July 3, 2026	HOLIDAY - Independence Day Observed		
July 4, 2026	Fourth of July Games in the Park	Memorial Park	Town of Palisade
July 4, 2026	Fourth of July <b>Parade</b>	Downtown/Plaza	Palisade Chamber of Commerce
July 5, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
July 12, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZER</u>
July 19, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
July 26, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
August 2, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
August 9, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
August 13, 2026	Ice Cream Social	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
August 15, 2026	Peach Festival <b>Parade</b>	Downtown/Plaza	Palisade Chamber of Commerce
August 15, 2026	Peachy 5K Run	Downtown/Plaza	Grand Junction Sports Commission
August 16, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
August 21, 2026	Palisade Peach Festival	Riverbend Park	Palisade Chamber of Commerce
August 22, 2026	Palisade Peach Festival	Riverbend Park	Palisade Chamber of Commerce
August 23, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
August 30, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
September 6, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
September 7, 2026	HOLIDAY - Labor Day		
September 13, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
September 19, 2026	Colorado Mountain Wine Festival	Riverbend Park	CAVE
September 19, 2026	Tour De Vineyards	Downtown/Plaza	The Ride Collective
September 20, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
September 26, 2026	Palisade Art Festival	Memorial Park	Mountain Art Festival
September 26, 2026	PAV Sculpture Unveiling	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
September 27, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
September 27, 2026	Palisade Art Festival	Memorial Park	Mountain Art Festival
October 2, 2026	Palisade High School Homecoming <b>Parade</b>	Downtown/Plaza	Palisade High School
October 4, 2026	Sunday Farmers Market	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
October 17, 2026	Town Clean-Up Day	Riverbend Park	Town of Palisade
October 31, 2026	Trick-or-Treat Street	Downtown/Plaza	Town of Palisade
November 11, 2026	HOLIDAY - Veterans Day		
November 26, 2026	HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving Day		
November 27, 2026	HOLIDAY - Day After Thanksgiving		
December 4, 2026	Olde Fashioned Christmas <b>Parade</b>	Downtown/Plaza	Palisade Chamber of Commerce
December 5, 2026	Olde Fashioned Christmas	Downtown/Plaza	Palisade Chamber of Commerce
December 24, 2026	HOLIDAY - Day Before Christmas		
December 25, 2026	HOLIDAY - Christmas Day		



**PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2026

**Presented By:** Parks, Recreation, & Events Director

**Department:** Parks, Recreation, & Events

**Re:** RESOLUTION 2026-01 – Amended 2026 Special Events Calendar and Blackout Dates

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**SUBJECT:**

Fee Reduction for the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest

**SUMMARY:**

At the December 9, 2025, regular Board of Trustees meeting, the Board of Trustees reached consensus to reduce fees by 50% for the first year of the Palisade Farm Fest, to be held in the Palisade Veterans' Memorial Park and downtown Palisade on May 2, 2026.

The attached Resolution reflects and approves the reduced fees for the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest.

**DIRECTION:**

Approve Resolution 2026-02, reducing the fees for the 2026 Palisade Farm Fest.

**TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF PALISADE,  
COLORADO, REDUCING THE FEES FOR THE 2026 PALISADE FARM FEST BY 50%**

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the importance of special events and festivals in Palisade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town also recognizes the financial toll new special events and festivals take on organizers, specifically in the first year when starting out;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palisade, Colorado, that;

The fees for the first year of the Palisade Farm Fest will be reduced by 50% and will total the following:

<u>Park/Facility</u>	<u>Town Fee - Regular</u>	<u>50% Reduced Fee</u>
Memorial Park	\$1,000.00 per Day	\$500.00 per Day
Memorial Park Deposit	\$200.00 per Day	\$100.00 per Day
Downtown Plaza	\$500.00 per Day	\$250.00 per Day
Downtown Plaza Deposit	\$100.00 per Day	\$50.00 per Day
Downtown Road Closures	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,800.00</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**TOWN OF PALISADE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Mikolai, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keli Frasier, CMC  
Town Clerk



## PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Agenda Item Cover Sheet

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2026

**Department:** Capital Improvement Projects / Parks

**Re:** Purchase of additional GVIC irrigation water shares

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### **SUMMARY:**

The Town was approached by a local resident wishing to sell 6 Grand Valley Irrigation Company (GVIC) irrigation shares for use at Riverbend Park. With the future wastewater consolidation and revitalization of the sewer lagoon area, additional irrigation shares will be needed. The proposed price per share is \$2,800 per share plus the Assessment fee. Each share will cost \$2,818.03, with the total for all 6 shares being \$16,908.18.

### **BOARD DIRECTION:**

Direct the Town Manager to purchase 6 additional irrigation shares for Grand Valley Irrigation Company water for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00, which includes possible contingencies.



**PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

**Meeting Date:**           **January 13, 2026**

**Presented By:**           **Administration**

**Re:**                       **Xcel Electric Repair Downtown Main & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

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**SUBJECT:**

Roughly 15-20 years ago, the electrical lines/conduit between the street lights and the street outlets became co-mingled, spliced together. This has caused problems with electric bill charges to the Town, the function of the downtown streetlights, and the function of electric outlets.

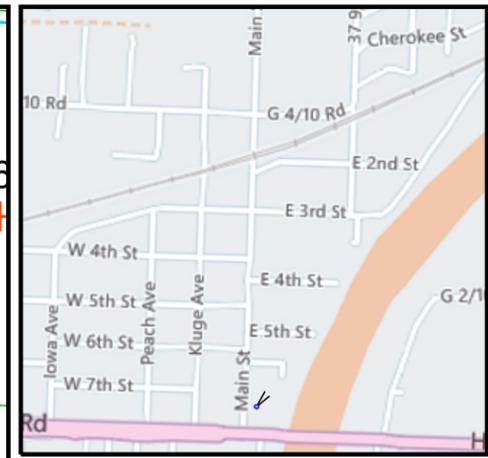
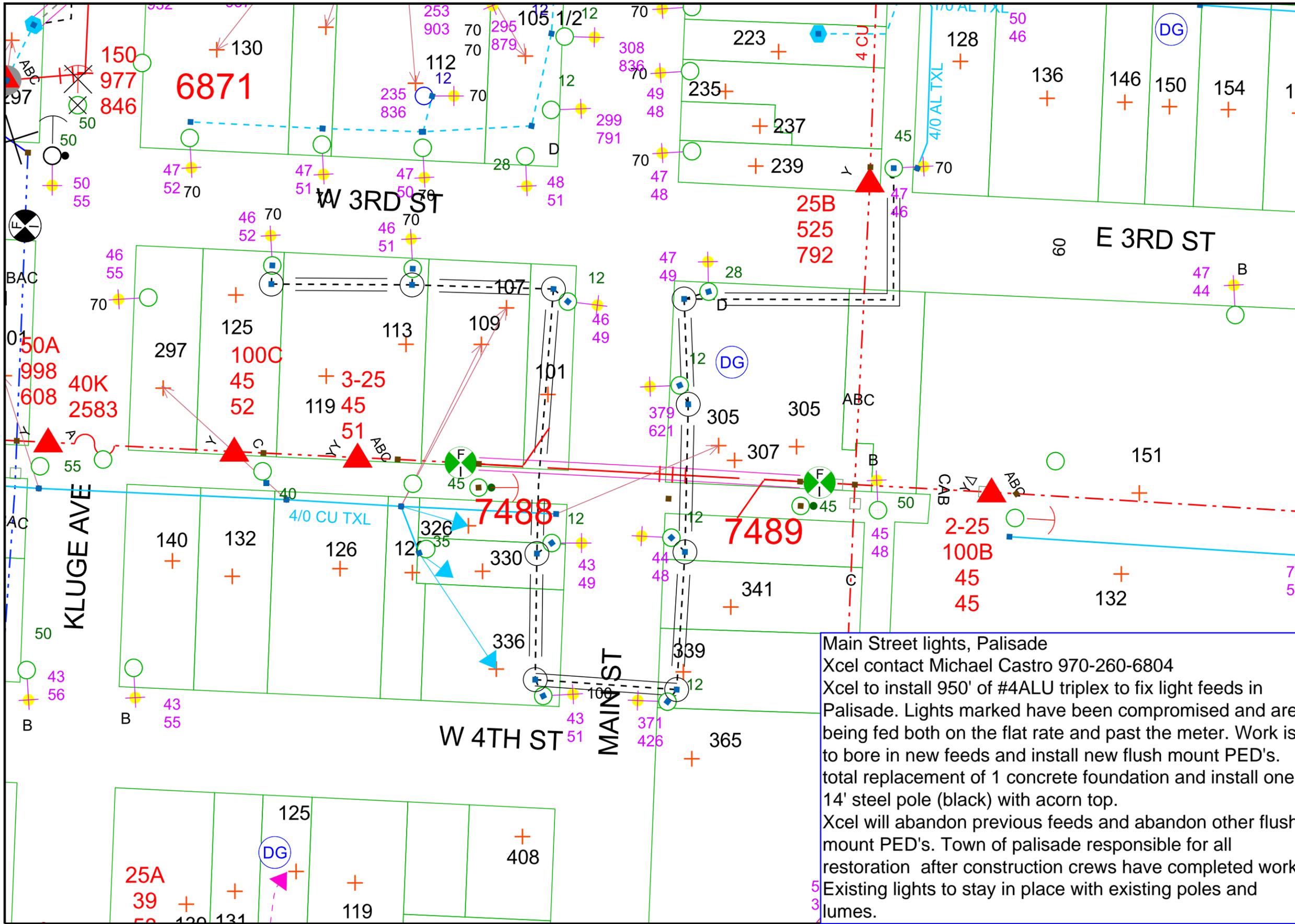
This bid is submitted by Xcel to repair this problem. Because it is Xcel infrastructure, it does not go out to competitive bidding, but the cost to repair by the company. The Town is responsible for the repair costs.

See diagram – the bid requires boring and pot holing through downtown to lay new electric conduit and lines to light poles and power boxes.

The Town is responsible for additional costs to repair the concrete sidewalks, which include boring holes and replacing sections.

**Direction:**

Give Direction to the Town Manager to sign the Xcel Project contract of \$60,163.30 to begin the project this winter for completion by spring. Direction includes additional funding from the general fund to repair sidewalk replacement and patching at an additional cost to the project. Not to exceed \$20,000 for sidewalk repair.



Work Order Information	
Service Request #	: 000014745099
Design Number	: 000001183870
Designer/Planner ID	: CSTM15
Designer/Planner Name	:
Designer/Planner Ph #	: (000) 000-0000
Manager Approval	:

Joint Utility	
E:	G:
T:	C:

Design Location	
Division	: WESTERN REGION
County	: Mesa
City	: PALISADE
Address	:
T: 11S	R: 98W S: 9
Map #	: 1191476 02 Permit :

Electric	
Feeder:	Voltage:
Phase:	Bkup Dev ID:

Gas	
System	: Pressure :
Size	: Material :
Dead End	:

Work Order #	:
Date	: 12/16/2025
Sketch: # Of # Sketch Data	:
Scale	: 1" equals 59'

**Main Street lights, Palisade**  
 Xcel contact Michael Castro 970-260-6804  
 Xcel to install 950' of #4ALU triplex to fix light feeds in Palisade. Lights marked have been compromised and are being fed both on the flat rate and past the meter. Work is to bore in new feeds and install new flush mount PED's, total replacement of 1 concrete foundation and install one 14' steel pole (black) with acorn top.  
 Xcel will abandon previous feeds and abandon other flush mount PED's. Town of palisade responsible for all restoration after construction crews have completed work.  
 Existing lights to stay in place with existing poles and lumes.

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NO CHANGES (BUILT AS DESIGNED)

CHANGES MADE AS INDICATED (ALL URD MUST HAVE ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS FROM THE FIELD SITE)

RFO \_\_\_\_\_

FOREMAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM LEADER \_\_\_\_\_



**PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

**Meeting Date:**           **January 13, 2026**

**Presented By:**           **Town Clerk**

**Re:**                       **Trustee Vacancy**

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**SUBJECT:**  
Trustee Vacancy

**SUMMARY:**  
**Background**

On November 14, 2025, Trustee Nicole Maxwell submitted a letter of resignation to the Palisade Board of Trustees, creating a vacancy on the Board.

On July 28, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 2020-17, which establishes the procedure for filling vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

**Vacancy Process**

At the December 9, 2025, regular meeting, the Board of Trustees directed staff to publish notice of the vacancy for a minimum of fourteen (14) days, in accordance with Resolution 2020-17, and to conduct interviews during the January 13, 2026, regular Board meeting.

Notice of the vacancy was published as directed. Letters of interest are being accepted through January 12, 2026, to ensure compliance with the full fourteen-day publication requirement.

**Applicants**

As of January 9, 2026, four (4) letters of interest have been received and are included in this packet:

- Dave Edwards
- Justin Martin
- JoAnn Rasmussen
- Ed Seymour

Any additional letters of interest received after publication of this packet and prior to the January 12, 2026, deadline will be provided to the Board by the Town Clerk and included in the interview process.

**Interview and Selection Procedure**

Interviews will be conducted during the January 13, 2026, Board meeting in alphabetical order.

Following the completion of all interviews, the Board will proceed with the following steps:

1. Board discussion (applicants not present)
2. Silent ballot vote
3. Formal action: Motion, second, and roll call vote to appoint one (1) applicant to fill the vacancy

All applicants will be invited back into the Boardroom prior to the silent ballot vote.

The applicant receiving the highest number of votes during the silent ballot will be recommended for appointment. A single roll call vote will then be conducted to officially appoint the selected candidate.

**DIRECTION:**

Move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a Palisade Trustee for a term ending April 2026.

**To: Trustees, Town of Palisade**

**January 2, 2026**

**From: Dave Edwards**

**Re: Letter of Interest: Town of Palisade Trustee**

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving as a Trustee for the Town of Palisade.

I am eager to return to the Board of Trustees to provide experienced, fiscally responsible leadership for the people of Palisade.

Having previously served eight years as a Trustee and Mayor Pro Tem for our community, I have a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing Palisade.

My goal is to leverage my extensive background in finance, law, and municipal governance to ensure the continued prosperity and stability of Palisade.

I have remained deeply invested in the leadership of the Grand Valley. My service includes:

- **Municipal Leadership:** Served as Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Colorado Municipal League; and three years with the 5-2-1 Stormwater Authority as President.
- **Infrastructure & Utilities:** Four years as President of Palisade Irrigation Pipes & Laterals.
- **Community Advocacy:** Ten years as a board member and volunteer for Grand Valley Catholic Outreach and four years as President of the Grand Valley Interfaith Network. I also served four years as President of the Friends of the Mesa County Library.

My professional qualifications provide a foundation for municipal oversight. I hold a JD and an LLM (cum laude) from Mitchell Hamline School of Law and am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA).

My career includes serving as CFO for major healthcare organizations and working as an auditor at a top regional firm. This financial expertise allows me to

approach town budgeting, infrastructure planning, and fiscal policy with rigorous analytical precision.

My academic background is diverse, with an MBA from the University of St. Thomas and an MA in African Studies from Northwestern University. I am a member of the Triple Nine Society.

I possess a global perspective shaped by living in London, Berlin, and Passau, Germany. I have travelled extensively in Europe, Africa and North America. I have previously lived in Evanston, Peoria and Rock Island Illinois, Providence, Rhode Island and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I am qualified to be a SAR, a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) (Captain Eli Edwards, 3<sup>rd</sup> Connecticut Regiment).

I am also a Service Leader (Shaliach Tzibur) within the Jewish community and a lifelong student of languages, including French, German, KiSwahili and Hebrew. I have studied Spanish in non-academic settings.

Thank you for considering my request

Sincerely,

Dave Edwards

3781 Granada Drive Unit 30

Palisade, CO 81526

[DafyddCO@aol.com](mailto:DafyddCO@aol.com)

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**[External]Board of trustee vacancy**

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**From** Justin Martin <j\_mmartin@live.com>

**Date** Fri 2026-01-02 12:51 PM

**To** Keli Frasier <kfrasier@townofpalisade.org>

Dear Members of the Palisade Board of Trustees,

I am writing to formally express my interest in being considered for appointment to the Palisade Board of Trustees. Having grown up in Palisade and graduated from high school here, and now returning to live within the town limits, I bring both a long-standing connection to the community and a renewed commitment to its future.

My perspective is shaped by having seen Palisade evolve over time—its traditions, its challenges, and its unique character. I value the history that makes this town special and believe it is essential that future decisions respect and preserve that identity. At the same time, I am enthusiastic about thoughtfully moving Palisade forward, particularly as tourism and the local wine industry continue to develop and create new opportunities for economic growth.

If appointed, I would prioritize responsible stewardship of town funds, ensuring fiscal decisions are transparent, prudent, and made with long-term sustainability in mind. I am equally committed to the importance of maintaining and updating town infrastructure so that growth does not outpace the services and systems residents rely on. Careful planning, accountability, and community input are values I would bring to every discussion and decision.

I would be honored to serve Palisade in this capacity and to contribute a balanced perspective that respects our past while preparing for a strong and sustainable future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin Martin  
320 w. 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Palisade, Co 81526  
970-433-6576

December 9, 2025

Board of Trustees  
Town of Palisade  
175 E Third Street  
Palisade, CO 81526

Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is JoAnn Rasmussen, and I am interested in applying for the open position on the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade. My husband and I are the owners and caretakers of the 118 year old Historic Crissey House, which is the only private residence in Palisade on the National Register of Historic Places. My husband is a cybersecurity fellow for a defense contractor working remotely from his home office, and our daughter graduated from the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at Palisade High School in 2024. She is currently a student at Colorado Mesa University. When we moved to Palisade almost five years ago, we knew no one and were welcomed with open arms. We are proud to call Palisade our home.

Like many of the original pioneers of Palisade, I was born and raised in Iowa. I received my bachelor's degree from Simpson College. My husband and I moved from the Midwest to Colorado and lived in the Denver Metro for over 20 years prior to moving to Palisade in 2021.

I have always been drawn to serving my community in a volunteer capacity, and I have extensive executive board experience. On the Front Range, in addition to volunteering at our daughter's school for nine years, I served on a school Board of Directors for six years: one year as Secretary and shadow to the President, and five years as President. I was also a volunteer with the Arvada Police Department in their Records Department. When we moved to Palisade, I continued finding ways to help our community. I am a former volunteer Victim Advocate Personnel (VAP) with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, and I also served on the Community Advisory Council at Palisade High School for three years - two years as Vice President, and although I am no longer active in these roles, I made lasting relationships in all of them. I am active with the Palisade Historical Society, serving happily on their board for three years - the last two years as Chair. In 2024, I was appointed to the Tourism Advisory Commission (formerly TAB) for the Town of Palisade. I am also involved with the Mesa County Historical Society; I'm a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, and I am a volunteer instructor for New Dimensions Lifelong Learning Institute in Grand Junction.

I have attended many of the Board of Trustee meetings and appreciate the professionalism and camaraderie I have witnessed in the current board. I have the temperament and skills to be a valuable addition. I understand the importance of having a board that represents differing opinions and can yet come together to reach thoughtful decisions and then speak with one voice. I am well-versed in Colorado Sunshine Laws. I value communication, collaboration, and data-driven decision making. I pride myself in being open-minded. I am familiar with the Comprehensive Plan, and I know there will be a learning curve with this appointment, but I have an eagerness to do my homework and gather information about issues. I am excited about this opportunity.

If appointed, I look forward to serving the Town of Palisade in this capacity.

Sincerely,



JoAnn E. Rasmussen

218 W First Street, Palisade, CO 81526  
JoAnnRasm@gmail.com - 303-949-7144 (texts welcome)

Ed Seymour  
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Palisade, Colorado 81526  
[ed-seymour@outlook.com](mailto:ed-seymour@outlook.com)  
970.852.9819

December 23, 2025

Attn: Town Trustees  
Town of Palisade  
175 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 128  
Palisade, Colorado 81526

Re: Letter of Interest  
Trustee Vacancy

Dear Trustees,

Since moving to Palisade, my family and I have truly put down roots and made this community our home. We have worked hard to be involved, to build relationships with our neighbors, and to contribute in meaningful ways. Through opening two downtown businesses with my wife, Kristen, and serving on the Palisade Planning Commission, I have developed a deep appreciation for the importance of a strong, vibrant municipality; one that serves its residents and thoughtfully plans for the future.

I believe my experiences here, combined with the perspective I have gained from living and serving in other communities, have prepared me well to help the town navigate both the opportunities ahead and the challenges that inevitably come with growth and change.

Throughout my life, I have been guided by the values of community, progress, and heritage; values that are clearly reflected here in Palisade. I bring broad experience in business, small government, and nonprofit organizations, along with a practical understanding of budgeting, planning, collaboration, and compromise. More importantly, I bring a genuine desire to see Palisade continue to thrive while remaining true to what makes it such a special place to live.

I respectfully request your consideration for appointment to the current trustee vacancy. It would be an honor to serve the Town of Palisade in such a meaningful way.

Sincerely,



Ed Seymour

Enclosure: Relevant Civic & Volunteer Experience

## **Relevant Civic & Volunteer Experience**

### **Palisade, Colorado**

Town of Palisade, Planning Commissioner

### **Houston, Texas**

Browning Elementary Junior Achievement Program, Instructor

### **Cody, Wyoming**

Park County District 6 School Board, Board Member

Park County Meals on Wheels Program, Volunteer

### **Gunnison, Colorado**

City of Gunnison, City Councilor & Mayor Pro Tem

Gunnison County Library District, Vice President

Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Transportation Authority, Board Member

City of Gunnison, Planning Commissioner

Gunnison County Housing Authority, Vice President

Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association, Adviser

## **Education**

### **Western State Colorado University**

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration  
Professional Land and Resource Management

### **State University of New York, Plattsburgh**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science