

April 17, 2007

Dear Restaurant/Business Owner:

In an effort to reduce the number and frequency of bear encounters within Town limits, reduce the amount of scattered trash and reduce the incidents of restaurant grease spills, the Town Council plans to consider a wildlife protection ordinance at the council meeting on May 7, 2007. The ordinance requires the following for commercial trash:

- Any refuse container that receives refuse edible by wildlife must be placed in 1) an approved wildlife resistant polycart, 2) wildlife resistant dumpster, or 3) a refuse container which is stored within a building
- Waste grease must be deposited in a wildlife proof commercial grease container or a container which is stored within a building. Grease containers should be secured and resting on a level surface. Grease may not be placed in the regular trash container.
- Approved polycarts are available by calling Town Hall at 349-5338. The cost is approximately \$200. The Town will be offering a 6 month payment plan.
- To obtain a bear resistant dumpster lid you will need to make arrangements with Waste Management at 349-1032. They have agreed to provide them at cost, approximately \$200.
- A source for complete grease containers is [www.bearsaver.com](http://www.bearsaver.com). Some sources for open drum lids and rings are: [www.newpig.com](http://www.newpig.com), [www.dawginc.com](http://www.dawginc.com), [www.rinenterprises.com](http://www.rinenterprises.com), [www.dandbsafety.com](http://www.dandbsafety.com).

Thank you for your help in cleaning up Crested Butte and reducing the risk of dangerous encounters with bears. If you have any questions, please call Crested Butte Town Hall at 349-5338 or the Crested Butte Marshals office at 349-5231.