

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO  
TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 11, Series 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO DECLARING A LOCAL  
DISASTER EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the lack of available, affordable workforce housing is threatening the livelihood and character of the Town of Crested Butte, its citizens, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2021, the Median Sales Price for Real Estate in the Town of Crested Butte for the previous year (4/30/20-4/30/21) was \$1,150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Crested Butte has a total of 1,237 residential units and, on June 1, 2021, there were only two available rental listings posted in the newspaper, online platforms and other sources in Town for the Town of Crested Butte; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Census Bureau the Town of Crested Butte maintains approximately 900 full and parttime employees and, on June 1, 2021, there were over 100 employment openings listed within the Town, meaning over 10% of the workforce position in town are unfilled; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jared Polis recently signed House Bill 21-1117, which clarifies that local governments have the power to regulate the development or redevelopment of property within their jurisdictions to promote the construction of new affordable housing units under C.R.S. Section 29-20-104; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Crested Butte is planning to begin construction of approximately 80 affordable units in Paradise Park and the Slate River Subdivision in the spring of 2022. They will not be ready for occupancy until 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council anticipates that without appropriately responding to the immediate shortage of affordable, available workforce housing, the number of residents and employees unable to find housing will rise, displacement will continue to occur, and this may have the effect of interrupting the functioning of the community in terms of staffing shortages, Town service shortages, reduced business hours, business closures, and the like; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of fully and promptly responding to and recovering from the impact of the ensuing event is 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; and

WHEREAS, "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." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has the authority to declare a local emergency pursuant to Sec. 2-9-10 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THAT:

**Section 1. Local Disaster Emergency.** It is hereby determined that the lack of affordable, available workforce housing constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilizing of emergency response and the furnishing of aid and assistance by the Town of Crested Butte. The state of disaster emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the Town Council.

**Section 2. Powers.** This Resolution grants to the Town Manager all emergency powers set forth in Article 9 and other sections of the Crested Butte Municipal Code including but not limited to the ability to promulgate regulations or issue orders to accomplish the following measures in addition to such other measures as may be necessary:

Suspend the provisions of the Municipal Code that prescribe procedures and timeframes for conduct of Town business and public hearings, if strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.

Transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of Town departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services.

Waive all provisions for competitive bidding on affordable housing projects and direct the finance director to purchase necessary supplies in the open market.

Make provisions for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing.

**Section 3. Resolution to be Filed with Colorado Office of Emergency Management.** This Resolution shall be promptly filed with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED THIS 7th day of June, 2021.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By:   
James A. Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

