

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 11, SERIES 2023

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

WHEREAS, the lack of available grocery services and restaurants, or dining options is threatening the livelihood and character of the Town of Crested Butte, its citizens, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Crested Butte primary grocery store is closing for renovations for four months, beginning August 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the closest grocery store is located in the City of Gunnison 27 miles away from Crested Butte; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, the vacancy rate of restaurants in Town was 18.4.7% (seven of 38); and

WHEREAS, the Town estimates it is losing approximately \$400,000 in sales tax revenues annually due to the restaurant vacancies; and

WHEREAS, five of the seven vacant restaurants are in various stages of development and construction permit review, none will be open before the winter of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the number independently owned properties with operating restaurants has reduced threatening the affordability and market competitiveness for dining options to the residents and visitors of Crested Butte; 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, "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, available grocery services and restaurant, or dining options 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 fees, 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. Note, these changes will not modify, any life, health, safety regulations, or requirements.

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

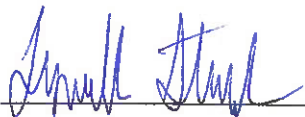
Waive all provisions for competitive bidding and direct the finance director to purchase necessary supplies or properties in the open market with Town Council consent.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED THIS 21st day of August, 2023.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: 
Ian Billick, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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