TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 7
SERIES 2020

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

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that originated in China and has since spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30,2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency for the State of Colorado due to COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, there are at least 3 cases of COVID-19 in Gunnison County; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, "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).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council that:

Section 1. Local Disaster Emergency. It is hereby determined that the presence of the COVID-19 virus within Gunnison County 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 the Crested Butte Municipal Code including but not limited to the ability to implement the following measures in addition to such other measures as may be necessary and appropriate:

Suspending review and processing of current Board of Zoning and Architectural Review ("BOZAR") applications until at least April 28th.

Halting the review, processing and issuance of other BOZAR approvals or building permits until at least March 30th.

Providing for phone-in to Council meetings

Allowing the public works director to modify the snow plan as may be needed.

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 ~~16~~ 13th day of March, 2020.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: _____
James A. Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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