

**TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
RELATED TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a State of Disaster Emergency as the number of identified COVID-19 cases in Colorado and in the United States increased and announced numerous emergency measures to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, at least one confirmed case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in at least one county adjoining Custer County, and it appears that the spread of the disease into Custer County is imminent; and

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, there has been one (1) confirmed probable positive case of COVID-19 in Custer County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver Cliff is monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19 and taking steps to help limit the spread of the disease and prepare for impacts to our community; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-2-20 (b) of the Silver Cliff Municipal Code and C.R.S. § 24-33.5- 701, *et seq.* authorize the Mayor of the Town of Silver Cliff to declare an emergency to exist when there is extreme likelihood or danger of destruction of life or property due to unusual conditions; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic may be far in excess of the Town's available resources; and

WHEREAS, declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public's health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety of the Town and its residents to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts, such as economic distress, and to further protect the health and safety of the public by declaring an emergency in the Town of Silver Cliff; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Silver Cliff, as principal executive officer of the Town of Silver Cliff, is authorized to unilaterally declare a local disaster pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 and Section 2-2-20 (b) of the Silver Cliff Municipal Code, to activate the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of the Town and to make certain findings with respect to the operation of Town business during such emergency.

**BE IT NOW THEREFORE, THAT THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF
DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That there hereby exists a state of emergency with respect to the outbreak of COVID-19 and during such time, the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to take such actions as necessary to prevent destruction of life or property. This declaration of local disaster emergency shall be in effect for seven (7) days unless extended by resolution of the Board of Trustees upon a determination that the emergency conditions continue to exist.

2. The effect of this Declaration shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans, and for the Mayor, Town Clerk, and other appropriate Town staff to exercise those functions and be vested with such authority as set forth in Title 2 of the Silver Cliff Municipal Code and C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709.

3. In connection with this declaration of emergency, there are hereby issued the following directives:

a. The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to postpone or cancel any and all Town-sponsored events and meetings.

b. The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to close or limit public access to Town-owned facilities, including Town Hall.

c. The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to cause any or all public meetings of the Board of Trustees, Planning and Zoning Commission and other Town boards and committees to be conducted by telephone or other electronic means. Further, the Town Clerk shall take reasonable and practical measures to ensure that each such meeting is open to the public at all times, and information is provided to enable the public to participate in such meetings by telephone or other electronic means.

d. The Mayor and Town Clerk may take such other actions they deem necessary for the immediate preservation of health and safety during the COVID-19 outbreak, including any actions authorized by the Municipal Code or state law.

4. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 (1), a copy of this Declaration shall be provided to the local media, filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, and with the applicable office(s) of emergency management.

DATED this 18 day of March, 2020.

TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF, COLORADO



Mayor, Town of Silver Cliff

Attest:



Town Clerk, Town of Silver Cliff