

**TOWN OF MORRISON, COLORADO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 517**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 2, CHAPTER 5 OF THE MORRISON MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Morrison is a Colorado home rule municipality operating under a Charter approved by the electorate pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and governed by its elected Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has authority pursuant to the Home Rule Charter and C.R.S. §31-16-101, et seq. to adopt and enforce all ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.5 of the home rule charter permits the Board to provide compensation for the Board by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, such compensation may not be increased nor decreased during the term of any such sitting Board member; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2018 the voters of the Town approved an amendment to the home rule charter to establish the first Tuesday in November in even-numbered years as the Town's regular election date; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to amend the Municipal Code to set Board compensation and to conform the Code to reflect the revised election date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrison, Colorado, that:**

**Section 1.** Title 1, Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**1-5-1: ELECTION; TERMS OF OFFICE:**

- A. Elective Officers: The elective officers of the Town shall be a Mayor and six (6) Trustees who shall be elected and hold office in accordance with applicable statutes and this Code.
- B. Terms Of Office: The Mayor shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. Trustees shall each hold office for a term of four (4) years subject to the provisions of subsection C of this section.
- C. ~~Transition Rules~~ STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE:
  - ~~1. At the election scheduled for April 1, 1986, six (6) Trustees shall be elected. The three (3) candidates for Trustee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for four (4) year terms. The remaining three (3) Trustees shall serve two (2) year terms. At the next subsequent EACH regular election, and at each election thereafter, three (3) Trustees shall be elected to serve four (4) year terms. A tie in votes among Trustees,~~

~~which tie affects the initial term to be served, shall be broken by a method of chance agreed upon by the affected candidates, or, if no agreement can be reached, by a method agreed upon by a majority of the incumbent Board of Trustees.~~

2. At the ~~April 1, 1986~~ NOVEMBER \_3, 2026 election, and at the regular election every four (4) years thereafter, a Mayor shall be elected to serve a four (4) year term.

#### **1-5-2: MEETINGS:**

The Board of Trustees of the Town shall hold its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month commencing at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00)** ~~seven thirty o'clock (7:30)~~ P.M. The Board of Trustees may adjourn regular or special meetings to a date certain, from time to time, and may, in its discretion, hold special meetings and study sessions upon proper notice.

#### **1-5-3: VACANCIES:**

The Board of Trustees has the power, by appointment, to fill all vacancies on the Board, including Mayor, or any other office, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next regular election and until a successor is elected and takes the oath of office. The Board also has the power to fill a vacancy on the Board, including Mayor, by ordering an election to fill the vacancy until the next regular election. A special election may not be ordered to fill a vacancy if the vacancy occurs ninety (90) days or less before a regular election AND IN THAT EVENT, THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED AT THE REGULAR ELECTION. If a vacancy on the Board, including Mayor, is not filled by appointment within sixty (60) days of the date of the vacancy, and no regular election is scheduled within ninety (90) days of the date the vacancy occurs, then a special election must be called as soon as practicable to fill the vacancy until the next regular election and until a successor has been elected and qualified. Where a vacancy exists or vacancies exist or where an appointment has been made to fill a vacancy with the result that more than three (3) Trustee positions are subject to election at any regular election, the three (3) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall serve four (4) year terms and the remaining Trustee or Trustees shall serve only until the next regularly scheduled election.

#### **1-5-4: COMPENSATION:**

THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING COMPENSATION, COMMENCING WITH TERMS OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON AND AFTER THE TOWN ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2026:

1. MAYOR: \$750.00 PER MONTH
2. TRUSTEE: \$500.00 PER MONTH

**Section 2. Severability.** If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the standards adopted herein is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision will not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts are declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after adoption and publication as provided by Section 3.14 of the Home Rule Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, by a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.



TOWN OF MORRISON:

Chris Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ariana Neverdahl, Town Clerk