

**TOWN OF MORRISON, COLORADO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORDINANCE NO. 543**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE IMPOSING A THREE (3) MONTH MORATORIUM
ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS UNDER TITLE 10 OF THE
MORRISON MUNICIPAL CODE**

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-23-301, the Town's police powers include the power to regulate the location and use of land within the community;

WHEREAS, temporary suspensions and moratoria for land uses are judicially approved as a method or means of enabling local governments to plan for, regulate and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees last adopted comprehensive zoning and subdivision regulations in 1978, codified as Title 10 of the Morrison Municipal Code ("Title 10");

WHEREAS, Title 10 does not reflect the goals and objectives of the Town and is difficult to interpret and apply;

WHEREAS, Title 10 has led to zoning and subdivision approvals that do not promote the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and leave a lasting impact on the Town;

WHEREAS, suspending the Town's acceptance of new applications under Title 10 is determined to be prudent and reasonable as such suspension is temporary in nature and intended only to afford the Town the opportunity to consider and amend its regulations as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to impose a three (3) month moratorium on the Town's acceptance of new applications under Title 10 to provide the Town time to address the issues identified in Title 10.

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

Section 1. Moratorium. A temporary three (3) month moratorium is hereby imposed on the acceptance and processing of new applications under Title 10 in the Town. No new applications shall be accepted by the Town until June 19, 2024.

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

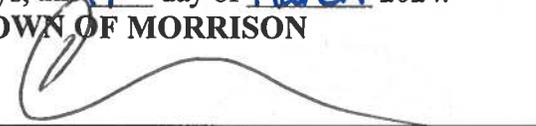
reason such decision will not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts are declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 3. Emergency Declared. This Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, because passage of a regular ordinance with a fifteen (15) day adoption could lead to an increase in the number of Title 10 applications in such period and exacerbate the impacts created on the Town by the current Title 10 for years to come. A delay in the moratorium would allow additional applications for development under archaic rules that harm the public health and safety. Allowing additional applications while revisions to Title 10 are under consideration would harm the community and the Town's neighborhoods and interfere with the Town's goal of better regulating such development to enhance the Town's wellbeing. The moratorium will provide the Town with a reasonable opportunity to complete new legislation that will better address the impacts caused by Title 10 in the Town.

Section 4. Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 3.10 of the Morrison Home Rule Charter, this Ordinance shall take immediate effect upon approval of the Board of Trustees. The ordinance shall be published in full as set forth in Section 3.14 of the Morrison Home Rule Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrison, Colorado by a vote of 6 yes and 0 nays, this 19th day of March 2024.

TOWN OF MORRISON


Chris Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ariana Neverdahl, Town Clerk

