

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 7**  
**SERIES OF 2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,  
COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR DECLARING A  
STATEWIDE EMERGENCY, DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER  
EMERGENCY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL'S POLICE POWER.

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (“City” or “Rifle”) is a home-rule municipality organized under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Rifle Home Rule Charter (the “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the 2019 Novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 disease (“COVID-19”) a Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread and infected populations at such a rate throughout the United States, the State of Colorado, and the western slope of Colorado that it threatens to overwhelm limited medical facilities with infected individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Colorado has declared a statewide emergency regarding the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic on March 10, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City to have emergency resources available to work to safeguard the health and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the City to support the State and Garfield County in their efforts to respond to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 the City Council or City Manager is authorized to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 31-15-401(b), grants the governing bodies of municipalities the police powers “[t]o do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease”; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that it is in the best interest of public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Rifle to declare a local disaster emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and furthermore authorize the City Manager to exercise the City Council’s police powers to suppress the transmission of disease as directed by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the City of Rifle.

Section 2. The City Council hereby declares pursuant to that there is a local disaster emergency in Rifle, due to the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID-19 requiring emergency action to respond to and protect the life, health and safety of the citizens of Rifle.

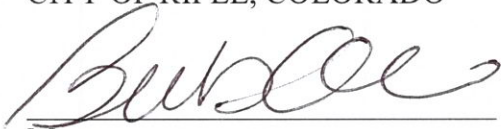
Section 3. The effect of such declaration shall be to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans.

Section 4. Upon direction from a majority of the City Council at a duly noticed meeting, the City Manager is hereby authorized to “[t]o do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease” relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the exercise of the City Council’s police power pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-401(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such declaration shall be effective from the date of the declaration until the City Council determines an emergency no longer exists. Two copies of the declaration will be filed promptly with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Rifle City Council at a regular meeting held this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By   
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

