

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO REGARDING SB-20-217 (ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Springfield, Colorado (the "Town"), is a statutory town and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, duly organized and operating under the constitution and laws of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Springfield, Colorado has a population of approximately 1,500 people and has a small municipal police force to enforce the laws of the State of Colorado and the Municipal Code adopted by the Town of Springfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Springfield has been following the introduction and a process of SB 20-217 titled Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Springfield had significant concerns with the SB 20-217 as introduced, since it would have a significant impact on the effectiveness of the Town of Springfield Police Department both in administration and fiscally; and

**WHEREAS**, significant bipartisan improvements have been made to the bill which are supported by the Town of Springfield, and The Town of Springfield would strongly encourage that these amendments continue in the final bill; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the remaining concerns with SB 20-217 concern the cost of administering the requests as authorized by the bill and the training of law enforcement and staff as to the new standards and requirements as set forth by the bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Springfield wish to go on record to request the Colorado Legislature continue to improve SB 20-217 so that rural law enforcement agencies will have time to both prepare for and to train its officers and staff regarding the new standards set forth in the bill as well as provide for solid financial assistance to help soften the financial impact of purchasing the equipment and training officers and staff in complying with the requirement of SB 20-217.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Springfield Colorado (the "Board"), as follows:

- A. The Board supports the efforts of the Colorado Senate to accept and adopt amendments in an effort to compromise to ensure SB 20-217 is not disparately burdensome to small rural Colorado communities.
- B. The Board supports the efforts to delay the effective date of many of the provisions contained in SB 20-217 to allow small communities to purchase the equipment and to seek training for the officers and staff that will be affected by the bill.
- C. The Board supports and requests efforts to continue to find financing to assist rural communities in defraying the costs of complying with the requirement imposed by SB 20-217.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Springfield, Colorado, on June 11, 2020.

Town of Springfield, Colorado

By:   
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Tyler Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tammy Newman, Town Clerk