

## **RESOLUTION NO 20-10**

### **A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING UTILITY SHUT-OFFS IN THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado, Jared Polis, issued an Executive Order declaring a disaster emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”) issued Public Health Order 20-22, closing bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, and casinos statewide, which order was updated on March 18, 2020 and amended on March 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, CDPHE issued Public Health Order 20-23, prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people, with limited exceptions, which order was updated on March 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order suspending in-person instruction in public schools and charter schools from March 23, 2020 to April 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Baca County Board of County Commissioners declared a local emergency in Baca County due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Lindsey Walker declared a local disaster in the Town of Springfield; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, CDPHE issued an updated notice on Public Health Order 20-22, to, among other things include off-track betting facilities and extend the duration of the Order until April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order which, among other things, directed the Public Utilities Commission to work with all public utilities in the State of Colorado (including municipal utilities) to suspend service disconnections for delayed or

missed payments, and to waive reconnection fees and suspend accrual of late payment fees from residential and small business customers related to the impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, CDPHE issued Public Health Order 20-24, effective March 24, 2020, which requires employers to reduce in-person work that takes place outside a private residence by at least 50 percent, but encourages employers to maintain their workforce at current employment levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak and related Public Health Order and Executive Orders that are intended to control it have had significant economic consequences for businesses, residents, and employees in the Town of Springfield; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13-66(d), Springfield Municipal Code, states, “If any consumer neglects or fails to pay his or her bill on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month in which it becomes delinquent, the electric service shall be terminated and the Town through its Electrical Inspector, shall discontinue and disconnect service until all delinquent amounts are paid in full, together with a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for resumption of service”; and

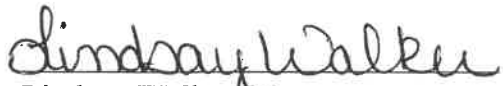
**WHEREAS**, Section 13-47(b), Springfield Municipal Code, states, “In the event such [water and sewer] bills are not paid in full within forty (40) days after the date when rendered, water service shall be discontinued”; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency in the Town of Springfield, and to help implement the Governor’s March 20, 2020 Executive Order, the Board of Trustees orders suspension of the enforcement of Section 13-66(d) and Section 13-47(b), Springfield Municipal Code.


**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority set out in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, the Board of Trustees hereby orders that the enforcement of Section 13-66(d) and Section 13-47(b), Springfield Municipal Code be suspended until April 30, 2020 unless otherwise extended or terminated by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

**ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

Town of Springfield, Colorado

By:   
Lindsay Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
Merna McGinnis, Acting Town  
Manager/Town Clerk