



Town of Empire  
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**Office Hours:**

Monday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Tuesday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
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Thursday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Friday Please Call for Appointment  
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Empire Town Hall: Clerk@EmpireColorado.us 303-569-2978  
Empire Mayor: Mayor@EmpireColorado.us 303-994-7682  
Empire Police Chief: Chief@EmpireColorado.us 303-257-1422  
Empire Police Department: 303-569-2281

Website: [www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov](http://www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov)

All Town Facilities are closed to the public during the COVID-19 local disaster emergency.  
All public business shall be conducted by appointment only.

# EMPIRE DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Stay connected with your Empire community on Facebook:

\* Town of Empire \* Empire Police Department \*

**Empire Board of Trustees** hold their regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meetings on the **Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall**  
**Empire Planning Commission** hold their regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meetings on the **Last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall**

## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

\*Board of Trustees Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:30 PM ~ Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85735245618?pwd=RzBZdUdxOUFyckxaMUFVVT3FibFU3QT09>  
Meeting ID: 857 3524 5618  
Passcode: 268449

To join a meeting go to zoom.us and click on join a meeting. Enter the meeting ID, enter your name, click join, and put in the password. Hit OK. If you want to speak during the public comment portion, please indicate that next to your name. A computer will be set up at Town Hall for those who can't access the meeting from their location. If you have any issues, please notify Town Hall at 303-569-2978.

IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE MEETING LINK: Exit out of Zoom. Sign in again using the instructions above.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**The Town of Empire is hiring a part-time Public Works employee.** Employment applications can be downloaded from our website under the APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS menu, or pick one up in Town Hall.  
Accepting applications until December 4th, 2020.

**The Town of Empire is looking for Town Residents to fill Two Volunteer Positions.** There is a vacancy on the Empire Board of Trustees and a vacancy on the Empire Planning Commission. Applicants must be a resident of Empire and submit a letter of intent.

Please submit to [clerk@empirecolorado.us](mailto:clerk@empirecolorado.us) or  
Mail to: Town of Empire, POB 100, Empire, CO 80438

**The Empire Police Department welcomes a new Reserve Officer: Keith Sandford**

## MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF:

Permit Required to Operate an OHV within the Limits of the Town of Empire - All permits expire on January 2 of the Following year. The Ordinance goes into effect on November 27, 2020. If you purchase your 2021 permit anytime this year, the remainder of 2020 is free. The Permit Application is on the website and at Town Hall.

Rules:

- (1) **OHV's are NOT permitted on county roads outside of town limits.**
- (2) All Off-highway vehicle operators must obtain a permit from the Town of Empire; each vehicle must have a separate permit.
  - a) Applicants must sign an affidavit agreeing to the rules.
  - b) Permits will be accompanied by a sticker, which must be displayed in a visible location on each OHV
  - c) Permits will be valid for one calendar year and the Town Board will determine fees by resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- (3) All riders of an off-highway vehicle, under the age of sixteen, must wear Department of Transportation approved helmets.
- (4) All operators must adhere to the off-highway vehicle speed limit of 10 miles per hour within the Town of Empire.
- (5) The use of off-highway vehicles in the Town of Empire on the rights-of-way is prohibited between 9:00pm and 7:00am.
- (6) Operators must have a valid driver's license.
- (7) Vehicle owners must have liability insurance coverage.
- (8) Vehicles may only carry the number of people the machine is designed for.
- (9) OHV's may only cross US 40 at intersections.
- (10) All OHV's operated in accordance with this ordinance shall be used solely for the purpose of normal transportation having a specific destination using the most direct route.

Penalties:

- (1) Violation of this ordinance shall be a non-criminalized traffic infraction and is punishable by a \$25.00 fine for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$75.00 fine for the second offense, and \$125.00 fine for subsequent offenses, within a one-year period. Surcharges established by the model traffic code will also apply.
- (2) Three infractions in one year will result in the revocation of the permit.
  - a) Persons with revoked permit will not be eligible for a new permit for one year.
- (3) Fourth and subsequent violations will result in a summons into municipal court.

## SAVE THE DATE! SANTA IS COMING!



ON SATURDAY, **DECEMBER 12th** FROM 3-4 PM, EMPIRE WILL HOST A DRIVE-THROUGH AT THEOBALD PARK, NEXT TO THE VISITORS CENTER, AND WE WILL BE DELIVERING WALMART GIFT VOUCHERS FOR OUR KIDS. EMPIRE RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE MAIL TO RSVP.

*Clear Creek County is in*

***SAFER AT HOME LEVEL RED SEVERE RISK.***

*We have recently seen the largest number of new cases in Clear Creek since the pandemic began.*

*For more information go to:*

<https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/covid19>

*For the health and safety of residents and employees, the Town of Empire Offices will continue to be closed to the public. Please call or email for assistance.*

## LOCAL EMPIRE BUSINESSES:

Business License Renewals and Back Flow Inspections will be due by January 31, 2021. All local businesses with a current Business License will receive a letter with a renewal notice, and businesses that require a Back Flow Inspection will also receive instructions. New businesses can always download a New Business License Application on the town website or pick one up from Town Hall.

The official Town website is [www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov](http://www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov). The Town has designated this website as the public place for posting all notices, and as a courtesy, notices will continue to be posted on the door of Town Hall and the Town's Post Office Bulletin Board. We are slowly updating this website and adding more information. If you have any suggestions feel free to email [Clerk@EmpireColorado.us](mailto:Clerk@EmpireColorado.us).

## CDOT INFORMATION – I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR PROJECTS:

HOTLINE: 720-828-8299

TEXT ALERTS: Text wbi70 to 21000

EMAIL: [cdot\\_wbppsproject@state.co.us](mailto:cdot_wbppsproject@state.co.us)

WEBSITE: [www.codot.gov/projects/i70mtn](http://www.codot.gov/projects/i70mtn)

Board of Trustees: Wendy Koch Mayor, Sue Hauser, Denise Tennant, Linda Robertson, Lisa Kunze, Michael Ellington

Planning Commission: Sue Hauser Chair, Wendy Koch, Denise Tennant, Sally Rush, Lorry Singmaster

Town Clerk: Jeannette Piel

Police Chief: John Stein

Public Works: Terry Gray