Town of Empire
30 East Park Avenue
PO Box 100
Empire, CO 80438

OFFICER EMPIRE POLICE CO

Office Hours:

Monday	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	Empire Town Hall: Clerk@EmpireColorado.us	303-569-2978
Tuesday	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Empire Mayor: Mayor@EmpireColorado.us	303-994-7682
Wednesday	CLOSED	Empire Police Chief: Chief@EmpireColorado.us	303-257-1422
Thursday	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Empire Police Department:	303-569-2281
Friday	Please Call for Appointment		
Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED	Website: 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 JANUARY 2021 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:

*Planning Commission Master Plan Workshop ~ Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:30 PM ~ Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89453874835?pwd=NlUwZXFhdTAxMkRrZWVhbFJUWVNrZz09
Meeting ID: 894 5387 4835
Passcode: 879561
A copy of the Master Plan can be downloaded from the website.

*Board of Trustees Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:30 PM ~ Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85431971765?pwd=VjBjYXBHRjRFUXNGZU03OU1VV0RLdz09
Meeting ID: 854 3197 1765
Passcode: 452251
A copy of the Agenda can be downloaded from the website 24 hours before the meeting.

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.

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.

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 Permit for 2021 is $25.00 and the 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 1st 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Empire Public Works Department welcomes a new employee: Colin Raulf

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 or Mail to: Town of Empire, POB 100, Empire, CO 80438*

Clear Creek County is in

SAFER AT HOME

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HIGH RISK

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 be open by appointment only. Please call or email for assistance.

The official Town website is 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.

CDOT INFORMATION — I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR PROJECTS:

HOTLINE: 720-828-8299
TEXT ALERTS: Text wbi70 to 21000

EMAIL: cdot_wbppslproject@state.co.us
WEBSITE: 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, Lorray Singmaster
Town Clerk: Jeannette Piel
Police Chief John Stein; Officer Andrew Lorenz
Public Works: Terry Gray, Colin Raulf