

# **Welcome to the Empire Board of Trustees**

## **Supplemental Meeting & Work Session**

**Tuesday,  
February 3, 2026  
6:30 pm**

**Board of Trustees Supplemental Meeting & Work Session Agenda  
February 3, 2026 ~ 6:30 pm**

Remote Meeting using the Zoom Platform Meeting ID: 839 6434 1481 Passcode: 923008

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964341481?pwd=QlVXSU5BU3lhb1Rna2lMM2l1TVRadz09>

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Roll Call** – The Empire Board of Trustees requires a simple majority of three trustees present at the meeting for a quorum.
- 3. Approval of Agenda - February 3, 2026, Supplemental Meeting & Work Session Agenda**
- 4. Introduction: Municipal Judge Ron Carlson**
- 5. Discussion: Police Department Year End Stats with Chief Lorenz**
- 6. Resolutions for Consideration:**
  - a. **Resolution 26-01 Mail-in Ballot**
  - b. **Resolution 26-02 Public Posting on Website and Not in Newspaper Ballot Question**
- 7. Discussion: Concerns from January Parking Discussion**
- 8. The Upcoming Year at a Glance:**
  - a. Administrative Plan Overview
  - b. Meeting Schedule
  - c. Save the Date – Events Schedule
  - d. Upcoming Items Already Scheduled and in Process
  - e. Priorities For 2026
- 9. Election Reminders:**
  - a. Announce Candidates
  - b. Choose Date for Meet the Candidates
  - c. Election Day Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - d. Swearing in Ceremony and Reception at Regular Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- 10. Public Comment**
- 11. Adjourn Meeting**

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(Mayor Wendy Koch)

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(Town Administrator Jeannette Piel)

# Event Activity Analysis by Day

Date Reported: 12/01/2025 - 02/03/2026



## EMPIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Classification	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Totals
<b>AGENCY ASSIST</b>	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
Assist Other Agency	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
<b>ASSAULT</b>	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Aggravated Assault - Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Knife/Cut Instr	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Oth Weapon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Intimidation (Includes Stalking)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>DEATH</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Suicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>DOMESTIC PROBLEM</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Family Offense, Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>NON UCR REPORTABLE</b>	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Non UCR Reportable	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>ORDINANCE VIOLATION</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ordinance Violation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>PUBLIC PEACE</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>THEFT</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny, From Vehicle	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TRAFFIC (CRIMINAL VIOLATION)</b>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Criminal Traffic Violation	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Total Events</b>	3	3	7	2	2	0	0	17
<b>Total Citation Violations:</b>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Total Citations:</b>	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3

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Classification	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Total	
AGENCY ASSIST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Assist Other Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
ASSAULT	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Aggravated Assault - Weapon	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Knife/Cut Instr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Oth Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Intimidation (Includes Stalking)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DEATH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DOMESTIC PROBLEM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Family Offense, Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NON UCR REPORTABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Non UCR Reportable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ordinance Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PUBLIC PEACE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny, From Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC (CRIMINAL VIOLATION)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Criminal Traffic Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Events	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Total Citation Violations:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Citations:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

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<b>ABANDONED</b>	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Abandon Vehicle	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
<b>AGENCY ASSIST</b>	0	2	3	3	2	0	1	11
Assist Other Agency	0	2	3	3	2	0	1	11
<b>ANIMAL PROBLEM</b>	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
Animal Attack	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Animal Ordinance Violation	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
<b>ASSAULT</b>	2	2	1	2	0	1	2	10
Aggravated Assault - Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Aggravated Assault, Family, Knife/Cut Instr	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Oth Weapon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Nonfamily, Firearm	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Nonfamily, Strongarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Intimidation (Includes Stalking)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
<b>CIVIL PROBLEM</b>	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Civil Dispute	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
<b>DAMAGED PROPERTY</b>	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Damaged Property, Private	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Damaged Property, Public	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>DEATH</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Suicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>DOMESTIC PROBLEM</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Family Offense, Other	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATION</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Followup Investigation, Local Event	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Followup Investigation, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>FRAUD</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Fraud, Illegal Use Credit Cards	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>MENTAL SUBJECT</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mental Subject	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>NON UCR REPORTABLE</b>	1	2	7	5	3	0	0	18
Non UCR Reportable	1	2	7	5	3	0	0	18
<b>OBSTRUCT JUSTICE</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Obstructing Justice Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>ORDINANCE VIOLATION</b>	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	4
Ordinance Violation	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	4
<b>OTHER SEX OFFENSE</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offense, Against Child Fondling	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>PROPERTY</b>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Lost Property	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2

<b>PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Property Crimes	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Public Order Crimes	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>PUBLIC PEACE</b>	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>STOLEN VEHICLE</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>
Vehicle Theft, Auto	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>THEFT</b>	0	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Larceny, From Vehicle	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Pocket Picking	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Theft Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TRAFFIC (CRIMINAL VIOLATION)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>130</b>
Criminal Traffic Violation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENT</b>	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>3</b>
Traffic Accident, Vehicle Damage	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>3</b>
<b>TRAFFIC PROBLEM</b>	0	<b>2</b>	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
Traffic Offense	0	<b>2</b>	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>WARRANT</b>	0	<b>2</b>	0	0	<b>3</b>	0	0	<b>5</b>
Local-Misdemeanor	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Out Of County-Felony	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>	0	0	<b>2</b>
Out Of County-Misdemeanor	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>Total Citation Violations:</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Citations:</b>	0	<b>2</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>3</b>

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**TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION 26-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF EMPIRE,  
COLORADO DETERMINING THAT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD  
ON APRIL 7, 2026, SHALL BE A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-7.5-104, the Board of Trustees for the Town of Empire (the “Board”) may determine that certain elections may be conducted by mail ballot;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with state law, the Town’s next election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (the “2026 Municipal Election”);

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Empire (the “Town”) is permitted to conduct a mail ballot election on April 7, 2026 because the 2026 Municipal Election does not involve partisan candidates and will not be held in conjunction with a primary or congressional vacancy election; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting on February 3, 2026, the Board found that in the interest of increased voter participation, the 2026 Municipal Election shall be held by mail ballot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF EMPIRE as follows:**

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Board has determined that the 2026 Municipal Election shall be by mail ballot. The Board hereby directs the Town Clerk, Alex Green, as the designated election official for the Town, to conduct the election by mail ballot in accordance with state law.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to take all such steps as are necessary to conduct the 2026 Municipal Election as a mail ballot election, including appointing election judges.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.**

TOWN OF EMPIRE

BY:

ATTEST:

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Mayor Wendy Koch

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Town Administrator Jeannette Piel

**TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION 26-02**

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN  
OF EMPIRE THE QUESTION OF ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT  
PAYMENTS OF BILLS AND STATEMENTS CONCERNING CONTRACTS AND  
REBATES BE PUBLISHED**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Empire (the “Town”) is a statutory municipality organized under the laws of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. Section 31-16-202 requires that the Town publish its proceedings related to the payment of bills and publish a statement concerning all awarded contracts and rebates allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. Section 31-16-202(1.5) provides that the requirement of publishing proceedings related to the payment of bills and a statement concerning all awarded contracts and rebates allowed may be waived if approved by the Town’s electorate at a special or regular election; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of a ballot issue which allows the Town to stop the publication of proceedings related to the payment of bills and publish a statement concerning all awarded contracts and rebates allowed will substantially reduce the costs and expenses of publication in full; and

**WHEREAS**, if the ballot issue is approved, the Town will post financial information on the Town's official website relating to payment of bills and statements concerning contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees for the Town of Empire deems it appropriate to submit a ballot questions for the Ballot Issue to the electorate of the Town at the regular municipal election on April 7, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO:**

Section 1. The following ballot question shall appear on the ballot at the regular Town election to be held on April 7, 2026:

**Question 1. Shall the Town of Empire, Colorado be authorized to post financial information on the Town's official website relating to payment of bills and statements concerning contracts instead of publishing in accordance with CRS 31-20-202 substantially reducing the cost of publication?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_

**NO** \_\_\_\_

Section 2. In connection with the fixing of the ballot title, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Empire finds and determines as follows:

- A. The Town Board of Trustees finds that the general understanding of the effect of a “yes” or “no” vote on the Ballot Issues will be clear to the electors.
- B. The ballot title for the Ballot Issues will not conflict with those titles selected for any other Town measure that will appear on the ballot at the April 7, 2026 regular Town election; and
- C. The ballot titles for the Ballot Issues correctly and fairly expresses the true intent and meaning of the measure.

Section 3 If Question #1 is approved, all Town bills shall be published on the Town’s website and a list of all contracts awarded and rebates approved by the Town involving the expenditure of more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per annum shall be posted on the Town’s website.

Section 4. The Town Clerk shall serve as the designated election official of the Town for purposes of performing acts required or permitted by law in connection with the election on the Ballot Question and shall take such action as may be required to comply with all applicable laws pertaining to the conduct of the election.

**ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.**

TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO

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Mayor Wendy Koch

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Town Administrator Jeannette Piel

Andrew Ratliff – 53 West Park Avenue

*(Resident + business owner on US-40)*

#### Problems raised

- Ordinance affects ~two dozen properties that are mixed residential/commercial, including his.
- Needs on-street parking for:
  - Personal vehicle
  - Work truck and trailer
  - Employee vehicles
- Ordinance appears year-round, even though snow removal is a seasonal issue.
- Confusion about why parked vehicles are considered unsafe while new CDOT crosswalks extend into US-40, also narrowing the roadway.
- Snow-related parking restrictions have forced him to shift vehicles, creating parking conflicts with neighbors.

#### Suggestions

- Create a formal resident permit system allowing:
  - Business and personal vehicles
  - Parking directly adjacent to the owner's property
- Ensure permits apply in both residential and business districts.
- Install updated and consistent parking signage.
- Publish a clear list of available permits.

Eric Romine – 268 Park Avenue

*(Primarily residential property)*

#### Problems raised

- Parking rules are still unclear, even after discussion with code enforcement.
- Residents are unsure when parking in front of their own homes is allowed.
- Crosswalk placement has generated resident dissatisfaction.

#### Suggestions

- Implement a clear, structured permit process so residents know exactly what is allowed.
- Ensure residents can reliably park in front of their own homes without fear of violation.

Rob Collins – (Zoom participant)

## Problems raised

- Lack of clarity on implementation timing:
  - When permits will be issued
  - When hang tags will be available
- Concern about accommodating guests and work-related visits without permits in hand.

## Suggestions

- Expedite rollout of parking permits / hang tags, especially for:
  - Guests
  - Short-term visits related to work or property use

## Mihalchicks – 38 West Mountain

*(Short-term rental / Airbnb owners)*

## Problems raised

- Confusion about the 48-hour parking limit and when permits are required.
- Uncertainty about whether permits must be obtained every time guests stay.
- Concern about logistics and guest compliance, not immediate enforcement.

## Suggestions

- Allow annual or reusable permits for short-term rental guests.
- Provide a clear system so Airbnb owners can:
  - Issue permits to guests
  - Avoid repeated permit requests for frequent turnovers

## Additional Community Concerns (Unnamed / General Public Input)

## Problems raised

- Requests for data-backed justification for:
  - Crosswalk placement
  - Parking restrictions
- Perception among some residents that:
  - Enforcement may be prioritized over resident needs
  - Town decisions feel driven by regulation or revenue rather than lived experience
- Safety concerns for:

- Children walking longer distances to cross US-40
- Elderly and disabled pedestrians navigating new crossings

#### Suggestions

- Request and share CDOT traffic and safety data publicly.
- Reevaluate crosswalk and parking impacts if evidence supports adjustments.
- Keep ordinance under ongoing review, with future public input.

**ORDINANCE 277, SECTION 4, PARKING:**

1. Parking on public streets in the residential zoning districts (R-1, R-2, R-3) is limited to forty-eight (48) consecutive hours in the same spot, unless otherwise posted, except under the following conditions;
  - 1.1 Personal vehicles may be parked on public streets directly adjacent to dwelling occupied by the owner of the vehicle. This exemption does not apply to R.V's, boats or trailers, and
  - 1.2 Guests of residents may be parked on public streets directly adjacent to dwelling occupied by the residents with parking permit issued by the Empire Police Department. Permits will not be issued for R.V's, boats or trailers.
2. Any vehicle left on a public street, not adjacent to the owner's house, for more than forty-eight (48) hours will be considered abandoned.
3. R.V's, boats and trailers will be considered abandoned if left on a public street more than 72 hours, even if the street is adjacent to the residence of the owner.
4. Parking on public streets in the residential-commercial zoning district (R-C) is limited to 2-hour parking, with no parking from 10 pm to 5 am, unless otherwise posted;
5. For a vehicle to be considered moved, it must be moved at least 100 feet from previous position.
6. Parking in public parking lots withing the Town limits have the following restrictions, unless otherwise posted;
  - 6.1 Minton Park: Overnight parking and camping by paid permit only, and
  - 6.2 Theobald Park: Overnight parking by paid permit only, no camping, and
  - 6.3 Welcome Park: Overnight parking by paid permit only, no camping.
7. All vehicles cited for parking violations must be moved off all public streets within the Town limits.
8. Parking violations may be cited into the Empire Municipal Court.
9. Parking violation fees and parking permit fees may be set by Resolution.

## TRAFFIC & PARKING

### \*Parking Fees (Updated 2025)

- All Parking Permits: All Permits will require a deposit of \$10.00 that will be refunded to the Permit holder when the physical permit is returned to the Town.
- Guest Parking Permits: Guests of residents will not be assessed a permit fee beyond the deposit.
- Parking Permits: Permits issued for extended parking, up to 5 nights, in all Town Parking lots are \$10.00 per night, plus the deposit.
- Camping Permits: Permits issued for overnight camping, up to 5 nights, only in Minton Park Parking lot are \$25.00 per night, plus the deposit.
- Semi-Truck Parking Permits: Permits issued for residents requiring overnight Semi-Truck parking in Residential Zoning Districts close to their residents are \$50.00 per year, requiring approval from the Empire Police Department.

### \*Parking Penalties (Updated by the State)

### \*Traffic Fines & Penalties (Updated 2025) Set by the Judge

Court costs if found guilty, pleads to no contest or guilty after mail in period, if any.	\$25
Surcharge as set by Town	20%
Deferred Judgment and sentence fee	\$45
Active condition fee (class, Useful Public Service, or other condition)	\$45
OJW/Penalty Assessment Fee	\$30
Warrant Fee	\$25
Jury Request Fee	\$25
Show Cause Fee	\$25

Original Point Assessment	Fine
0 point ticket	\$40 plus surcharge
1 point ticket	\$60 plus surcharge
2 point ticket	\$90 plus surcharge
3 point ticket	\$120 plus surcharge
4 point ticket	\$150 plus surcharge
5 point ticket	\$180 plus surcharge
6 point ticket	\$210 plus surcharge

Driving without Compulsory Insurance will generally result in the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense in 5 years - \$500 fine plus surcharge; a reduction may occur if proof of current insurance is provided.
- 2 or more offenses within 5 years - \$1000 fine plus surcharge.



**BOT Work Sessions**

Jan 6, 2026

Feb 3, 2026

Mar 3, 2026

Apr 7, 2026

May 5, 2026

Jun 2, 2026

Jul 7, 2026

Aug 11, 2026

Sep 1, 2026

Oct 6, 2026

Nov 3, 2026

Dec 1, 2026

**Topic: Board of Trustees Work Session**

Time: Jan 6, 2025 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the First Tue, until Dec 1, 2026, 12 occurrence(s)

Changed occurrence(s):

Aug 11, 2026

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZckce2rqjouEtUGLXWbr5MNtXJNHPYLOcOm/ics?icsToken=DLHEq-2B4iNC1Dx08AAAALAAAAGvnh-ICH57XxT-YoRIJDtUfDf4exO8AAEj5gJuKbOeYBqDJP\\_3pNVQJqjJyB2HGI2FBT9\\_zDLUyPGpWLTawMDAwMQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZckce2rqjouEtUGLXWbr5MNtXJNHPYLOcOm/ics?icsToken=DLHEq-2B4iNC1Dx08AAAALAAAAGvnh-ICH57XxT-YoRIJDtUfDf4exO8AAEj5gJuKbOeYBqDJP_3pNVQJqjJyB2HGI2FBT9_zDLUyPGpWLTawMDAwMQ)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964341481?pwd=QlVXSU5BU3lhb1Rna2lMM211TVRadz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6434 1481    Passcode: 923008

**BOT Regular Meetings**

Jan 20, 2026

Feb 17, 2026

Mar 17, 2026

Apr 21, 2026

May 19, 2026

Jun 16, 2026

Jul 21, 2026

Aug 18, 2026

Sep 15, 2026

Oct 20, 2026

Nov 17, 2026

Dec 8, 2026

**Topic: Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

Time: Jan 20, 2026 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Tue, until Dec 8, 2026, 12 occurrence(s)

Changed occurrence(s):

Dec 8, 2026

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMtf-mrrjliG9LGomqNCurQeqE1vnIOsHWI/ics?icsToken=DKRPT6PVapTV WEpbAAAALAAAAI2EGzkb-uYzmyloW6P8NrNDxIXn tHHajW1Gph2XVc2R3KqoLbDsx7tz5xN1NRqam3hoT4Cj6dHiMNVaTAwMDAwMQ>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87080309816?pwd=bG5tUGR1MU94a3JkUW9NTloxb21hZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 8030 9816 Passcode: 292144

**Save the Date**

**Empire Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Lyle Wohlers Awards Ceremony:** Week of May 13th (probably Wednesday)

**Town Clean-up Day:** Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

**Double Bypass:** Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

**National Night Out:** Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Devil on the Divide:** Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

**Trunk Or Treat/Chili Cook-Off:** Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Town Christmas Celebration & Potluck:** Saturday, December 12th

## Priorities for 2026?

(Items not in any particular order)

- Meter Maintenance
- Permits
- Development Code updates (Housing Vision)
- Overlay Zoning
- STR
- Digital Accessibility
- Wildfire Mitigation & Fire Codes with CCFA
- Building Codes
- Operational Master Plans
- \*\*\*\*\*
- Start needs assessment for Wastewater Plant
- Evaluate possibility of the Ball Placer reservoir with geological analysis
- Evaluate possibility for Community Building including bathrooms and equipment garage starting with water and wastewater access
- Traffic Median calming devices water and electricity

**Candidates running for Mayor:**

Jennie Carnes Romine

Denise Tennant

**Candidates running for Board of  
Trustees:**

Randall Wheelock

Mark Cucinella

Eric Romine

Robin Raulf-Sager

Jessie Reiman

Joe Hatrick

Andrew Ratliff