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**TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4**

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 question for the Ballot Issue to the electorate of the Town at the regular municipal election on April 7, 2020.

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, 2020:

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, 2020 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 #2 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 21st DAY OF January 2020.

TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO

Sue Hauser, Mayor

Jeannette Piel, Town Clerk