

TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PAONIA TO PUBLISH PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO PAYMENT OF BILLS AND STATEMENTS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE ONLY WITH FULL TEXT OF PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT TOWN HALL

WHEREAS, the Town of Paonia, Colorado is a municipal corporation duly organized and operating as a statutory town under the Colorado Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. 31-11-111(2), the Board of Trustees may refer any question to a vote of the registered electors of the Town by fixing a ballot title for such referred measure; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 31-20-202(1) requires all proceedings relating to payment of bills and statements concerning their contracts approved conducted by the Board of Trustees to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town within 20 days of the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 31-20-202(1.5) authorizes the Board of Trustees to refer a ballot question to the Town's electors seeking approval to publish proceedings relating to payment of bills and statements concerning their contracts by an alternative distribution method; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 22-2025, submitting the ballot question pursuant to C.R.S. 31-20-202(1.5) to allow for publication of proceeding related to payment of bills and statements on the Town website only; an

WHEREAS, at the Delta County Coordinated General Election on November 4, 2025, there was a vote on the ballot question concerning the publication of proceedings related to bills and statements on the Town website only, which passed with 465 'YES' votes of 597 votes cast; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the Town's expenditures and for the public health, safety, and welfare the Board of Trustees desires to enable the measure.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Town is hereby authorized to publish any proceedings related to bills and statements on the Town website with full text of such proceedings available for review at Town Hall.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees authorizes and directs Town staff to take all necessary and appropriate action to amend, edit, and/or delete any ordinance, code, or regulation or portion thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance and such portion is hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

Section 3. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have approved and passed this Ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part(s) be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication in accordance with law.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Paonia, Colorado, this 9th day of December, 2025.

TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO

By: Paige Smith
Paige Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Samira M. Vetter
Samira M. Vetter, Town Clerk

