

TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO AMENDING ARTICLE 1, PUBLIC PARKS, OF CHAPTER 11, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES

WHEREAS, the Town of Paonia, Colorado (the “Town”) is a statutory town incorporated and duly organized under the laws of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §31-15-201 establishes Administrative Powers for Statutory Municipalities, and the Town of Paonia has the right and responsibility to regulate the time, place, and manner of Special Events within incorporated Town Limits, to protect the health, welfare, and safety of its residents, reduce the adverse impacts on public spaces and environment within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 11 of the Town’s Municipal Code (the “Code”) sets forth the Town’s policies for regulating street closures; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of updating, modernizing, and clarifying its regulations on special events, street closures, and the use of public property for special events; and

WHEREAS, the Town established a Special Events ad-hoc committee made up of the Town Administrator & Treasurer, two Trustees, and two Organizers of major special events; and

WHEREAS, the Special Events ad-hoc committee were tasked with providing a recommended Ordinance during the June 10, 2025, Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds it in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare to amend the Town regulations concerning special events to include rules for special events on streets, sidewalks, and public places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference as the findings and determinations of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Article 1 of Chapter 11 of the Code is hereby modified to add or ~~remove~~ as follows:

Chapter 11. Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places. Article 1. Streets and Sidewalks. Section 80. Street Closure; Permit.

(q) Block Parties.

- (1) Block parties are permitted within the Town of Paonia as a form of community-based Special Event and are subject to the requirements of this Section and all applicable provisions of PMC §6-5-10 through §6-5-100.
- (2) A block party may be held on a public street or alley within a residential zoning district, provided the location is not part of the Town's designated truck route. Block parties may also be permitted within public alleyways, subject to the same review and safety requirements as residential streets.
- (3) Block party applications shall meet all requirements of this Section including but not limited to: street closure application, insurance and naming the town as an additional insured, notification of neighboring properties, sanitation, barricades, and post-event cleanup. The Town Administrator may waive the thirty (30) day filing requirement for block parties, allowing submission no fewer than fourteen (14) days before the event.
- (4) The following restrictions apply to block parties:

 - i. No block party shall be permitted along any portion of the designated Town truck route.
 - ii. No block party shall be permitted during any long-standing annual event, if the event is listed or recognized pursuant to §6-5-70(c)(10)(iii).
 - iii. No block party shall be approved if it would result in a violation of §6-5-70(d), which requires denial of a Special Event permit under certain circumstances.
- (5) Block Parties Shall:

 - i. Be open to all residents of the immediate neighborhood or block;
 - ii. Not charge admission or promote for-profit commercial activity;
 - iii. Not require extraordinary public safety or Town staffing support;
 - iv. End no later than 10:00 PM and not exceed six (6) hours in duration.
- (6) Block parties are disqualified from sponsorship in lieu of fees.
- (7) Block parties may not serve alcohol without a Special Liquor License pursuant to PMC §6-1-10 through §6-1-90, and alcohol may not be consumed without an on-premise permit.

Section 3. Severability. If any 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 declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. Effective Date and Time. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication in accordance with law.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ORDERED FOR PUBLICATION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN OF PAONIA, ON THE 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

TOWN OF PAONIA

By: Paige Smith
Paige Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Samira M. Vetter
Samira M. Vetter, Town Clerk



Approved as to form and contents:

Clay Buchner, Town Attorney