

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. TC 2020-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL DECLARING A
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Jared Polis, the Governor of the State of Colorado, declared a statewide state of emergency in response to coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has been confirmed to exist in Garfield County; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 31-15-401(1)(b) empowers the Town to do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, at Article XIV, provides for the exercise of powers by the Mayor and others in the event of disaster or extra-ordinary emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council confirms that protecting public health and safety is its top priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Council finds and determines that COVID-19 presents an “emergency” and an “emergency epidemic” as defined in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703 and an “extra-ordinary emergency” for purposes of Article XIV of the Town Charter.


2. The Council authorizes and approves all emergency powers that may be exercised under the authority of the Town Charter, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-702, et seq., and other local, state, or federal law.

3. The Town Council approves the Town of New Castle Infectious Disease Response Plan and authorizes its implementation, including any changes or modifications that may be deemed necessary by the Town Administrator and/or the Mayor without further action by the Town Council.


4. The Town Council authorizes the Town Administrator to adopt and implement temporary modifications to the Town’s sick leave policy as may be appropriate and authorized by law.

THIS RESOLUTION TC 2020-11 was adopted by the New Castle Town Council by a vote of 7 to 0 on the 17 day of March, 2020, and ratified on April 7, 2020.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL

By: 
Art Riddile, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melody Harrison, Town Clerk

