

Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2023-263, an Ordinance Amending Section

17-4-3, Section 17-11-1 and Section 17-11-2 of the Town of Johnstown Land Use and Development Code; and

Declaring an Emergency

ACTION PROPOSED: Consider Ordinance No. 2023-263

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Ordinance No. 2023-263

PRESENTED BY: Avi Rocklin, Town Attorney

Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Ordinance No. 2023-263, as proposed, amends Section 17-4-3, Section 17-11-1 and Section 17-11-2 of the Town of Johnstown Land Use and Development Code. The purpose of the Ordinance is to clarify, among other revisions, that "group homes" are limited to those contemplated by § 31-23-303, C.R.S., which include homes providing permanent residence for up to eight (8) unrelated persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, behavioral or mental health disorders, or who are over the age of 60 years old. State statute requires that municipalities allow such group homes. The Ordinance also includes occupancy limits, providing that a single dwelling unit may only consist of an individual; two or more individuals related by blood, marriage, or legal adoption or guardianship; or a group of not more than three (3) individuals not related by blood living together in a dwelling unit. The Town may, however, increase the occupancy limit for unrelated persons to five (5) for good cause.

To effectuate the foregoing on a timely basis and ensure protection to citizens dwelling in residential districts, Town staff recommends that the Town Council declare an emergency in order that the Ordinance be effective immediately.

LEGAL ADVICE:

The Town Attorney prepared Ordinance No. 2023-263.

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

N/A

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SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval: I move to approve Ordinance 2023-263, an Ordinance Amending Section 17-4-3, Section 17-11-1 and Section 17-11-2 of the Town of Johnstown Land Use and Development Code; and Declaring an Emergency.

For Denial: I move to deny approval of Ordinance No. 2023-263.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager