

**TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO
RESOLUTION 13 – SERIES 2025**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN
ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY**

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the Town of Minturn are our utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on our town streets;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is the concept that traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways are unacceptable;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all;

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, scooter riders, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so the road system and related policies should be designed to ensure that those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, transportation planners and engineers and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment, policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes;

WHEREAS, one person in the Town of Minturn lost their life to traffic death in the last ten years, and traffic crashes are among the leading cause of deaths in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn's transportation infrastructure serves an increasing number of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists;

WHEREAS, according to the Eagle County Sheriff's Office, pedestrians and bicyclists are involved in 6 percent of collisions and account for 23 percent of traffic injuries in the Town of Minturn;

WHEREAS, the injury rate for pedestrians and bicyclists involved in collisions is approximately 60 percent;

WHEREAS, speed is recognized as a major determining factor of survival in a crash;

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn is working toward reducing vehicle speeds because the likelihood of a pedestrian surviving a crash is 10 percent if hit by a vehicle moving 40 mph;

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people of color, people with disabilities, people who are unhoused, and people with low income face a significantly disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities;

WHEREAS, people of color are disproportionately affected by racial profiling and inequitable enforcement of traffic violations;

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution;

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete government approach (i.e., interdepartmental, coordinated initiatives) and community support of Vision Zero objectives and action plans;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn is already in the process of developing a Safe Streets for All Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Minturn, State of Colorado, as follows:

1. The Town of Minturn adopts the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries, stating that no loss of life or serious injury is acceptable on our streets.
2. The Town of Minturn adopts the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal.

3. The Town of Minturn adopts the goal of eliminating racial profiling and inequitable enforcement of traffic violations.
4. The Town of Minturn adopts the Vision Zero policy attached hereto as Exhibit A and makes it part of this Resolution, effective immediately.
5. The Town Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the Town Council.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, RESOLVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL 2, 2025.

Earle Bidez, Mayor

Attest:

Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk/Treasurer