

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. TC 2025-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING
THE BALLOT MEASURE OF THE CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
COALITION TO BE DECIDED BY VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of New Castle (“Town Council”) understands the importance of early childhood care and education; and

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable childcare and preschool are essential for the healthy development of children and for working parents to thrive; and

WHEREAS, there are not enough licensed childcare spaces in our region to meet the needs of families, and costs are often out of reach; and

WHEREAS, improving access to early education supports school readiness, reduces workforce challenges for employers, and benefits the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition proposes a ballot measure to be decided by the voters at the November 4, 2025, election to create a regional, early-childhood development service district funded by a modest sales tax increase to, among other things, expand childcare and preschool access and affordability for families in Garfield County, Pitkin County, and southwestern Eagle County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to make known its support of the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition’s ballot measure, which stands to positively impact the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its residents.

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

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference as findings and determinations of the Town Council.
2. Statement of Support. By this Resolution, the Town Council hereby expresses its support for the following ballot measure being proposed by the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition at the November 4, 2025, election:

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SHALL TAXES IN THE PROPOSED CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT BE INCREASED BY \$12.1 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS MAY BE RAISED THEREAFTER, TO FUND THE DISTRICT TO REDUCE THE COST OF AND PROVIDE MORE PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FOR FAMILIES IN GARFIELD,

PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

ORGANIZING THE CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT;

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT A .25% SALES AND USE TAX (EQUAL TO 25 CENTS ON A \$100 PURCHASE) IN GARFIELD, PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES EFFECTIVE IN 2026, TO FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INCLUDING:

- LOWERING FAMILIES' COST OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE; AND
- EXPANDING CAPACITY OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES SO MORE CHILDREN CAN ATTEND; AND
- INCREASING WAGES FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE TEACHERS AND STAFF;

WITHOUT TAXING ITEMS EXCLUDED BY STATE LAW SUCH AS GROCERIES, GAS, DIAPERS AND MEDICINE;

REQUIRING AN ANNUAL AUDIT BY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY; AND

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL DISTRICT REVENUE AS VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE?

3. Further Action. The Town Clerk and Town Manager are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution, including reporting the passage of or distribution of this Resolution through established, customary means, other than paid advertising, pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(B).

INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by a vote of ___ to ___ at a regular meeting of the New Castle Town Council held on September 16, 2025.

TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF NEW
CASTLE, COLORADO

Art Riddile, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mindy Andis, Town Clerk