

**TOWN OF MORRISON, COLORADO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE MORRISON MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING GOVERNMENT UTILITY USES AND FLOODPLAIN STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Morrison is a Colorado home rule municipality operating under a Home Rule Charter approved by the electorate pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and governed by its elected Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, the Board has authority pursuant to the Home Rule Charter and C.R.S. § 31-16-101, *et seq.* to adopt and enforce all ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to add a local government utility use and clarify the minimum floodplain standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrison, Colorado:

Section 1. Table C-1 in Title 10 of the Morrison Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new "Government Utility" use to appear alphabetically under the Industrial, Utility, Communication, and Energy Uses row and as a use by right in every zoning district.

Section 2. Section 10-D-4(A)(3) of the Morrison Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection (l) to read as follows:

10-D-4: SENSITIVE LANDS, STORMWATER, AND DRAINAGE:

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l. The standards in this section shall be in addition to the minimum applicable standards imposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency rules and regulations as amended.

Section 3. Section 10-F-3 of the Morrison Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following definitions to appear in alphabetical order:

GOVERNMENT UTILITY: A facility located on government-owned property that provides an important regional utility service, such as water, sewer, or drainage, that normally entails construction of new buildings or structures, and that sometimes has employees on the site on an ongoing basis including but not limited to water towers, water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, above- or belowground reservoirs, regional stormwater detention ponds, and other large facilities that enable the provision of utility services to a large geographic area or a large number of people.

Section 4. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the standards adopted herein is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision will not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of

this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts are declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after adoption and publication in accordance with Section 3.9 and 3.14 of the Home Rule Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrison, Colorado by a vote of ___ yes and _____ nays, this ___ day of _____ 2026.

TOWN OF MORRISON

Chris Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney Christensen, Town Clerk