



CITY OF ROCKY FORD ORDINANCE NO. 995

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKY FORD, COLORADO APPROVING A FRANCHISE FEE FOR CITY WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE ENTERPRISE

WHEREAS, the City previously created an enterprise for the purpose of providing water, sewer, and garbage services and to collect funds related to such services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 31-32-101 and 103, the City may grant a franchise by ordinance after two readings of such ordinance and in accordance with certain notice requirements related to entities desiring to secure a franchise or license;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to impose a franchise fee on the water, sewer, and garbage enterprise as further set forth herein;

WHEREAS, notice requirements have been met prior to adoption of the ordinance;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance has been read twice, first on March 10, 2026, and next on April 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, at second reading on April 7, 2026, the City Council held a properly noticed public hearing to consider the adoption of a franchise fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY FORD, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City hereby establishes a franchise fee on the City of Rocky Ford Water, Sewer, and Garbage Enterprise for the use of the City's rights-of-way to provide such services as follows:
 - A. **Initial Franchise Fee.**
Effective upon adoption of this Ordinance, the City hereby establishes a franchise fee in the amount of **eleven percent (11%) of the base revenues** of the City of Rocky Ford Water, Sewer, and Garbage Enterprise.
 - B. **Adjusted Franchise Fee Beginning 2027.**
Effective January 1, 2027, the franchise fee shall automatically be reduced to **four percent (4%) of the base revenues** of the City of Rocky Ford Water, Sewer, and Garbage Enterprise, and shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by legislative act of the City Council.
 - C. **Periodic Review and Adjustment.**
The franchise fee may be periodically reviewed and adjusted by ordinance of the City Council, provided that any such adjustment shall comply with all applicable statutory requirements.

D. Duration.

The franchise established herein shall remain in effect unless and until amended or terminated by legislative act of the City Council.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL this 10th day of March, 2026. A public hearing shall be held at the regular meeting of the Rocky Ford City Council on the 7th day of April, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Rocky Ford City Hall.

CITY OF ROCKY FORD

Duane L. Gurulé, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Grasmick, City Clerk

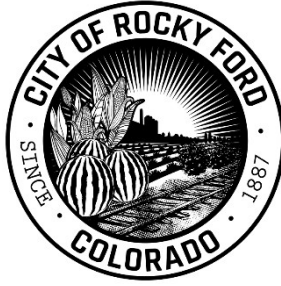
READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED on second and final reading by a vote of _____ to _____ on the 7th day of April, 2026.

CITY OF ROCKY FORD

Duane L. Gurulé, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Grasmick, City Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 997

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE ROCKY FORD MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 2-4-120 ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL PENALTIES”

WHEREAS, pursuant to the consolidated cases, *In re People v. Camp* and *In re People v. Simons*, 2025 CO 64 (Colo. Dec. 22, 2025) (the "Camp Decision"), where a municipal ordinance and state statute prohibit the same criminal conduct, "the municipal penalties for such conduct may not exceed the corresponding state penalties for that conduct";

WHEREAS, the City is required to modify the maximum penalties imposed by the City in accordance with the Camp Decision; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to amend Chapter 2, Article 4, Division 1 of the Rocky Ford Municipal Code by the addition of a new Section 2-4-120, entitled “Municipal Penalties.”

NOW THEREFORE, IT HEREBY BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY FORD, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 2, Article 4, Division 1 of the Rocky Ford Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 2-4-120, entitled “Municipal Penalties,” as follows:

Sec. 2-4-120 – Municipal Penalties

For any criminal offense imposed by the Municipal Court for which a maximum penalty is established by Title 18, C.R.S., and such maximum penalty is less severe (lower in amount and/or jail time) than the maximum penalty established by this Code, the maximum penalty set forth in Title 18 shall apply in lieu of any penalty set forth in this Code.

Section 2. The City Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the City of Rocky Ford, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The City Council further determines that the ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be obtained.

Section 3. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect application to other persons or circumstances.

PASSED on the first reading the ____ day of _____, 2026.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

By: _____
Duane L. Gurulé, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michelle Grasmick, City Clerk



CITY OF ROCKY FORD, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – SERIES 2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY FORD EXPRESSING
OPPOSITION TO COLORADO SENATE BILL 26-097 AND AFFIRMING LOCAL CONTROL AND
COMMUNITY STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly has introduced Senate Bill 26-097 (SB26-097), “An Act Concerning Decriminalizing Commercial Sexual Activity Among Consenting Adults,” which would repeal state criminal offenses for prostitution, soliciting for prostitution, keeping a place of prostitution, and related conduct, and declare the decriminalization of such activity to be a matter of statewide concern; and that decriminalization would preempt municipal ordinances, resolutions, regulations, and codes that currently prohibit or regulate commercial sexual activity; and,

WHEREAS, under existing Colorado law, prostitution and related activities are criminal offenses with penalties designed to protect public safety and community welfare; and, **WHEREAS**, the City of Rocky Ford has a legitimate interest in preserving the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its residents by maintaining local laws that reflect community standards; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that removing criminal penalties for commercial sexual activity and stripping local authority over such matters may have significant impacts on public safety, human trafficking prevention, law enforcement, neighborhood integrity, and community expectations; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Rocky Ford values local self-determination, and believes that communities should retain the ability to adopt, enforce, and maintain local laws and policies that reflect the unique needs and values of their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Rocky Ford, Colorado, that:

Opposition to SB26-097. The City Council hereby expresses its strong opposition to Colorado Senate Bill 26-097 (SB26-097) in its current form and urges the Colorado General Assembly not to enact legislation that would repeal criminal offenses related to prostitution and explicitly preempt local authority over municipal codes, ordinances, and regulations concerning commercial sexual activity.

Support for Local Authority. The City Council affirms that the ability of the City of Rocky Ford to govern and enforce laws within its municipal boundaries is essential to protecting public safety and preserving local community standards, and that preemption of such authority undermines the principles of local self-governance.

Signed this 10th day of March, 2026.

Nanette Mosby, Mayor Pro Tem

Johnny McMurray, Councilmember

Robert Barron, Councilmember

Nicole Roberts, Councilmember

Nicholas Martinez, Councilmember

Thomas Mullins, Councilmember

Duane Gurulé, Mayor

Attest:

Michelle Grasmick, City Clerk

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



To: Mayor Gurulé and City Council Members

From: Stacey Milenski

Date: March 10, 2026

PROPERTIES:

- Liberty School:
- Brewer Construction Site:
- 1149 Railroad Update:
- 400 S Main Update:

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/UPCOMING:

- Library Update – Sonia Puga has transferred from Utilities to the Library as the Part-Time Director
 - Sonia will be able to utilize ADG and take payments, including card payments for:
 - Recreation program fees, Police-specific fees, library fines, book sales, etc.
 - Will not take utility payments
 - Spending the end of each day at the Library to support Councilman Martinez
 - 3/3 – Library Board Meeting
 - Going to campaign for new board members
- 2/26 - Conducted interviews for the Part-Time Utility Clerk
 - Hired two new part-time employees
 - Olivia Mendoza and Caleb Ortiz
- 3/4 – Met with Vicki Sigler regarding an MOU with Sage Services at the Senior Center
 - Informational meeting
 - Purpose, scope, roles and responsibilities, oversight, and terms
 - Vicki will meet with her governing body and get input on their end
 - Discussed some issues with the building
- 3/5 – Councilman Barron, Chief Wallace, and I had a discussion with a concerned citizen over abandoned properties and what can be done to get them cleaned up
 - Wanted to know what he could do to help

ROCKY FORD MUSEUM

CURATOR'S REPORT

For February 2026

March 11, 2026

We had 28 visitors come to the museum for the month of February.

Tom Mullins, City Council Representative, has been working feverishly on getting the museum on line. He has been working hard at making identifying cards with pictures and Q.R. codes. In that, the customer can scan the Q.R. code with their personal phones and it will pull up more information about that artifact.

The museum board team has been working on a new display to show off some of the businesses in our town. In the 1940's and 50's, Rocky Ford had several soft drink distribution businesses. The Coca Cola Bottling Plant was located on west Elm Street. The museum has on display several Coca Cola bottles, a 7-Up bottle and pictures of the Coca Cola Bottling Plant.

Rob Marshall, Curator

Rocky Ford Museum



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March 6, 2026

RE: Mayor's Report

Events/Meetings:

- 2/27: CML Executive Board
 - Approved positions on 64 bills: See official positions here:
<https://statebillinfo.com/SBI/index.cfm?fuseaction=Public.Dossier&id=37784&pk=378>

Updates:

- Worked with a local entrepreneur who will be opening a convenience store on Main Street. He's working on obtaining all licenses and completing renovations with plans to open in May.

Mayor's Message:

"As we begin to feel the first signs of spring, we are reminded that this season represents new beginnings. Just as farmers prepare their fields for a new harvest, this is a great time for all of us to take pride in our homes, neighborhoods, and community spaces. Spring gives us an opportunity to reset, refresh, and raise our community standards together. By keeping our yards clean, removing clutter, and taking care of the areas around our homes, we help create a city that reflects the pride we have in Rocky Ford and the people who live here.

Each small effort makes a difference. A cleaned yard, trimmed weeds, and properly disposed yard waste help keep our neighborhoods welcoming and beautiful for everyone. The City of Rocky Ford has yard waste bags available, so if you need them, please contact City Hall and we will help get you what you need. Let's work together this spring to show the pride we have in our community and set the tone for a great season ahead."

Please contact me with any questions or feedback.

Respectfully,

Duane L. Gurulé

Duane Gurule
Mayor, City of Rocky Ford