

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_-22**  
**Series of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION URGING DILLON CITIZENS TO VOTE YES ON BALLOT ISSUE 2B AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION TO IMPOSE A NEW EXCISE TAX ON SHORT TERM RENTALS**

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2022, Town of Dillon (the “Town” or “Dillon”) voters will have the opportunity to support a measure to approve a 5% excise tax on short term rentals to raise funding for community projects and services addressing visitor impacts in the areas of recreation, public safety, street improvements, parking improvements, town center redevelopment, and other governmental purposes as determined by the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, located in the White River National Forest, the Town offers a wealth of recreational amenities to its residents and visitors, including Town Park, the Dillon Nature Preserve, the Old Dillon Reservoir, Tenderfoot Mountain, Oro Grande Trail, the Sapphire Point Overlook, the Dillon Marina, the Lake Dillon Reservoir, the Dillon Amphitheater, the Dillon Disc Golf Course, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, joining the long-running tradition of ice fishing, the Town has recently increased recreational opportunities available to residents and visitors on Lake Dillon in the winter months, including a seasonal ice skating rink and a multi-use snow track along the edge of the lake for use by cross-country skiers, walkers, kite boarders, fat-tire bikers, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town continues to increase the frequency of programming, events, and concerts at the Dillon Amphitheater, which has gained esteem as a national destination in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dillon’s proximity to Denver allows it to serve as a gateway to various fourteeners and other mountains for hiking and mountaineering, and ski resorts such as Keystone, Arapahoe Basin, Copper Mountain, Breckenridge, Vail, and Beaver Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of its continued efforts to offer increased recreational opportunities for its residents and visitors, the Town recently expanded its marketing and economic development department to include a focus in the area of recreation, and hired a candidate with vast experience in marketing and recreation to serve as director of such department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town understands that its continued efforts to increase recreational amenities in Dillon is likely to result in increased visitation beyond that which is already anticipated in coming years; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Town is proud to offer increased recreational amenities to residents and visitors, the Town recognizes its stewardship of Dillon’s natural resources and critical infrastructure, and thus has identified a need for additional funding to address the impacts of increased visitation and to promote sustainable tourism and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the increasing popularity of individuals and business entities purchasing residential properties as investments has resulted in 23.3% of Dillon’s housing stock being used as short-term rentals in 2022, an almost 10% increase from 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, as shown in the Town’s tax roles, short-term rental stays now appear to outpace hotel and motel and motel stays within Town limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the conversion of residential properties to short-term vacation rental units has led to increased visitation to Dillon, which has had a variety of effects on the neighborhoods in which such units are located, as well as on the community as a whole, including without limitation, parking problems, traffic congestion, public safety impacts, and impacts to publicly-managed recreational sites and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that long-term residents of Dillon currently bear a burden disproportionate to that of visitors to the Town when it comes to the impacts of tourism, and thus the Town Council finds it reasonable to require visitors to help offset the impacts of their visits to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council further finds that imposition a tax on short-term rentals that will ultimately be passed on to such visitors to the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DILLON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** For the reasons set forth in the recitals, the Town Council urges Town of Dillon voters to vote “yes” on Ballot Issue No. 2B to approve a 5% excise tax on short term rentals to raise funding for community projects and services addressing visitor impacts in the areas of recreation, public safety, street improvements, parking improvements, town center redevelopment, and other governmental purposes as determined by the Town Council.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022 BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DILLON, COLORADO.**

**TOWN OF DILLON,**  
a Colorado municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Skowya, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Adrienne Stuckey, Town Clerk