

**TOWN OF RICO
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RICO,
COLORADO, REQUIRING OWNERS OF REAL
PROPERTY WITH NO WATER TO NOTIFY THE
TOWN NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO AN
OWNER OR GUEST'S ARRIVAL.**

WHEREAS, the Town is experiencing issues with water pipes freezing and the Town staff are being called by real property owners for emergency trouble shooting services of water lines to determine where the freezes are in order to get water to the real property;

WHEREAS, these emergency calls often happen on weekends when real property owners or guests arrive for a weekend trip to Rico only to find they have no water;

WHEREAS, these emergency calls are causing the Town to incur increased payroll expenses and this emergency work interferes with the Town's regularly scheduled work; and

WHEREAS, the Town has authority to pass emergency ordinances under Rico Home Rule Charter, 3.6 and the passage is for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RICO ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1.

1. Any real property owner who does not regularly reside in the Town of Rico during the winter must hire a property manager or other person to check the real property to make sure the water line is not frozen.
2. If the water line is frozen and the building
3. has no water, the property manager or the property owner must notify the Town of lack of water, no less than five (5) working days (no weekend days) prior to the arrival of the property owner guest.
4. Property owners are encouraged to have a property manager check the house daily, run all faucets briefly and flush all of the toilets.

5. If there is a water line freeze, the property owner is responsible for all Town costs incurred from trouble shooting the problem when the leak is the property owner's responsibility to repair.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately as defined in Rico Home Rule Charter, Section 3.6.

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.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by Town of Rico Board of Trustees this 20th day of March, 2019.

TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO


Zachary McManus, Mayor

Attest:



Linda Yellowman, Town Clerk