

**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER  
2020-11**

**PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHEN CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES AND OTHER APPROVALS FROM BUSINESSES ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission is established to promote the general welfare of the Village and to secure efficiency, economy and concerted effort in the growth and development of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission may vary or adjust the strict application of the requirements of the zoning code when strict application would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship that would deprive the owner of the reasonable use of the applicant's land or buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Ruidoso is committed to limiting the hardship and exposure of economic catastrophe resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Ruidoso acknowledges that our courts have held that consideration of profits is not sufficient justification in itself for the granting of applications; and

**WHEREAS**, assisting businesses inside the Village of Ruidoso that are struggling to maintain their already existing offerings of goods and services is a sufficient justification for granting variances when our businesses may have to close as a result of the socioeconomic conditions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lynn D. Crawford, Mayor of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, do hereby direct the Planning Commission as follows:

- A. The Planning Commission may give consideration to the negative socioeconomic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak when evaluating applications in an effort to protect the applicant's existing business operations while adhering to COVID-19 Safe Practices and the Public Health Orders. Such consideration is limited to the temporary easing of restrictions on outdoor patios, parking areas, and set-backs; and shall not provide for permanent improvements to the affected property.
- B. The negative socioeconomic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak shall not be a justification for granting applications that seek to expand the current business operations in an effort to expand into new enterprises.

EXECUTED ON THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 IN RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO.



  
Irma Devine, Village Clerk

  
Lynn D. Crawford, Mayor