

TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 700-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO, ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY BOARD AND AMENDING CHAPTER 8.01 OF THE PARACHUTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ITS AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Town of Parachute is a Colorado home rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and under the authority of the Town of Parachute Home Rule Charter;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Noxious Weed Act, C.R.S. § 35-5.5-101 *et seq.*, requires that municipalities establish local advisory boards to, among other duties, develop a management plan for the integrated management of designated noxious weeds, which boards may either consist of the Board of Trustees itself, or of residents of the Town;

WHEREAS, Parachute Town Code Title 8, Chapter 01 provides for the regulation of noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, and further requires the Town Manager to cooperated with the Garfield County Undesirable Plant Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires input and advice of Town residents concerning the development and implementation of such a plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Establishment. There is hereby established a Town of Parachute Noxious Weed Advisory Board. The Board of Trustees of the Town of Parachute shall act as the Noxious Weed Advisory Board.

Section 3. Adoption. Chapter 8.01 of the Parachute Town Code is hereby amended as follows, with additions shown in double underlined text and ~~strike through language deleted~~:

8.01.010 Definitions.

“Brush” is a volunteer growth of bushes growing out of a place and shall include all cuttings from trees, brushes, and high and rank shrubbery growth, but shall not include sagebrush.

“Integrated management” means the planning and implementation of a coordinated program utilizing a variety of methods for managing noxious weeds and undesirable plants, the purpose of

which is to achieve specified management objectives and promote desirable plant communities. Such methods may include, but are not limited to, education, preventive measures, good stewardship, and the following techniques:

- A. “Biological management”, which means the use of an organism to disrupt the growth of noxious weeds and undesirable plants.
- B. “Chemical management”, which means the use of herbicides or plant growth regulators to disrupt the growth of noxious weeds and undesirable plants.
- C. “Cultural management”, which means methodologies or management practices that favor the growth of desirable plants, including maintaining an optimum fertility and plant moisture status in an area, planting at optimum density and spatial arrangement in an area, and planting species most suited to an area.
- D. “Mechanical management”, which means methodologies or management practices that physically disrupt plant growth, including tilling, mowing, burning, flooding, mulching, hand pulling, hoeing, and grazing.

“Undesirable plant” means Russian, Spotted and Diffuse Knapweed, Leafy Spurge, and any other plant deemed undesirable by the Colorado legislature in Article 5.5 of Title 35, C.R.S., or declared as a primary undesirable plant by the Garfield County Undesirable Plant Advisory Commission.

“Weeds” or “Noxious Weeds” includes any vegetation commonly referred to as a weed, any unsightly, useless, troublesome or injurious herbaceous growing plant, or any vegetation which has been designated a noxious weed by the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture.

8.01.130 Noxious Weed Advisory Board

- A. The Board of Trustees shall act as the local Noxious Weed Advisory Board and have the powers and duties provided in § 35-5.5-107, C.R.S.
- B. The Parachute Noxious Weed Advisory Board shall meet at least annually at a date, time, and place as determined by the Board. The Board shall adopt an integrated management plan for the control of noxious weeds and review, modify, and amend the integrated management plan as may be necessary or desirable. Meetings for the Noxious Weed Advisory Board may be held concurrently with the meetings of Town Board of Trustees.
- C. The Noxious Weed Advisory Board shall review and modify control plans for the integrated management of designated noxious weeds and establish criteria for noxious weeds within the Town of Parachute. The Board shall review the integrated management plan at regular intervals, but not less often than once every three years. Once finalized, the Noxious Weed Advisory Board shall forward the recommended integrated management plan to the state weed coordinator and the Garfield County Undesirable

Plant Commission for review and comment prior to the Board of Trustee's final adoption of the plan.

D. The Town Manager may identify potential local noxious weeds and undesirable plants in the Town, as well as any state noxious weeds designated by rule, for the Noxious Weed Advisory Board's consideration and designation.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY by a vote of 6 to 0 of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Parachute, Colorado at its regular meeting held on the 19th day of May 2016.



ATTEST:


S. Denise Chiaretta, Town Clerk

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO**

By:


Roy McClung, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance entitled:

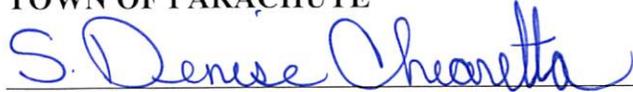
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was introduced before the Board of Trustees on May 19, 2016; that a copy of said Ordinance is posted at Town Hall; and that the Ordinance was approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 19, 2016, and approved by the Mayor on May 19, 2016.

Copies of the adopted ordinance are available for inspection at the Town Hall, Parachute, Colorado and available on the internet at <http://www.parachutecolorado.com>.

Dated this 20th day of May 2016.

TOWN OF PARACHUTE



S. Denise Chiaretta, Town Clerk