

Town of Silver Plume, Colorado

ORDINANCE NO. 354

An Ordinance directing that a ballot question be submitted to the registered electors of the Town of Silver Plume at a general election on April 2nd, 2024, for approval of a mill levy increase of 4.331 mills on taxable real property within the Town of Silver Plume, for a total of 9 mills, for the purpose of raising revenue to pay for fire protection services through the Clear Creek Fire Authority.

WHEREAS, the Clear Creek Fire Authority ("Fire Authority") provides fire protection services to municipalities and in the unincorporated lands of Clear Creek County, and the Town of Silver Plume collects annually a 4.569 mill property tax on all property in located within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, since 2013 the cost for fire protection services through the Clear Creek Fire Authority has increased, with said increase being made up by the General Fund of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver Plume total revenues available are not adequate to pay current obligations, including the annual payment to the Fire Authority, and therefore the Town must raise additional funds to remain in good standing with the Fire Authority and receive fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 20 of the State of Colorado Constitution holds that property taxes shall not be increased without approval of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to present to the registered electors of the Town of Silver Plume a ballot question as to whether the Town's property tax rate should be increased by an amount of 4.331 mills in excess of the present tax 4.569 mills, for a total of 9 mills to pay for fire protection services by the Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 310, Section 4, of the Town of Silver Plume provides for expedited procedures to adopt an ordinance if it is necessary to the immediate protection of the public health and safety, and, in such instance, to adopt the ordinance at the same meeting of the Town Board during which it is introduced upon proper notice; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was provided of the proposed Ordinance 354 and a reasonable opportunity has been afforded to all persons attending the meeting to ask questions about or comment on the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the proposed Ordinance 354 is necessary to the immediate protection of public health and safety. The Board of Trustees finds, determines, and declares that the proposed Ordinance 354 is necessary to preserve and protect the health, welfare, safety, and economic well-being of the Town and its citizens, and to facilitate the administration of the Ordinance for the welfare and economic well-being of the Town and its citizens. The Board of Trustees further determines that the adoption of the proposed Ordinance 354 is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILVER PLUME, COLORADO:

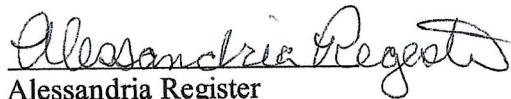
1. Ballot Question. The following question shall be submitted to a vote of the registered electors of the Town of Silver Plume at the general election on April 2nd, 2024.


Shall the Town of Silver Plume taxes be increased in the 1st Fiscal Year 2024 and annually **THEREAFTER** by the imposition of an additional mill levy not to exceed 4.331 mills annually for a total of 9 mills upon taxable real property within the Town, such revenues to be collected, retained and spent for the purpose of funding the Town's contribution to the Clear Creek Fire Authority, and shall the Town be permitted to collect, retain and expend the revenues from the adjusted mill levy as a voter-approved revenue change without regard to limits which would otherwise apply under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Notice of Ballot Question. The Town Clerk is directed to prepare and issue notice of such ballot question, as provided by law.
3. Repeal. Existing Ordinances or parts of Ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
4. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

INTRODUCED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Silver Plume, Colorado, on the 12th day of February 2024.
Town of Silver Plume, Colorado


Alessandria Register
Mayor

Attest:

Chelsea Nihiser
Town Clerk

