

TOWN OF BERTHOUD, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 15-16

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE TO BUILD A
MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN LARIMER COUNTY**

A resolution in support of the Larimer County November 8, 2016 for the Mental Health, Detox/Substance Abuse Facility and Services ballot issue. The issue calls for a county-wide sales and use tax of 25 cents on each one hundred (\$100) dollars, beginning January 1, 2017, to build, improve, maintain, and operate a treatment and detox facility for mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, and associated support services in connection with this facility.

Whereas: Mental illness and substance use disorders are serious health issues for 1 in 4 people in Larimer County; and,

Whereas: Mental illness and substance use disorders are treatable health conditions; and,

Whereas: Too often people in crisis end up at an emergency room, in jail, or are taken to Greeley's detox facility. Our communities need a public facility in Larimer County and a public community-based mental illness and behavioral health treatment center that will provide a continuum of high-quality care for detox, mental health and substance abuse treatment and services which will be less costly than jails, emergency rooms, and travel out of Larimer County; and,

Whereas: The estimated number of Larimer County adults who suffer with mental illness is 44,300 and the estimated number of Larimer County adults who are drug- or alcohol dependent is 31,000; and,

Whereas: The number of adults in Larimer who receive treatment annually is 2,800 and the number of adults the proposed facility would accommodate annually is 4,700; and,

Whereas: The estimated yearly admissions in the 12-bed acute treatment unit would be 990 patients, estimated annual admissions to the medically monitored withdrawal management or detox wing, with a medical staff to administer medications to aid withdrawal would be 820 patients, and, estimated admissions each year for short-term intensive residential treatment would be 300 patients; and,

Whereas: The expected cost for land and construction of a 51,000-square-foot facility is \$20.42 million and anticipated annual operating costs of \$11.77 million (operating cost of \$15.77 million minus revenue = \$11.77 million). The cost to the public is a sales tax of 25 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) spent for a new behavioral health facility. Larimer County taxes are expected to increase by \$16,500,000.00 in 2017, and by whatever additional amount is raised annually thereafter for 25 years; and,

Whereas: This facility will fill gaps in care in our communities. Because this proposal aims to ensure people have access to the help they need through a continuum of care in their community and that treatment is an investment in the health and well-being of our communities,

INTRODUCED, MOVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD, ON AUGUST 23, 2016. TOWN OF BERTHOUD, COLORADO

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Steve Mulvihill, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alisa Darrow".

Alisa Darrow, Town Clerk