

City Ordinance Update – City staff is proposing to extend the emergency ordinance that allowed restaurant and retail flexibility to expand outside space. The current ordinance will expire at the beginning of September and the proposal is to extend those through November 1. I'll let you know how City Council votes.

LED Prohibits Use of Tickets or Tokens for service after 10PM. See bulletin attached.

Self-serve soda fountains – CRA received word from CDPHE clarifying that self-service soda fountains are permitted for customer use under the following guidelines:

- Increased sanitation procedures must be implemented and recognized.
- When it comes to refills, customers can reuse cups. Businesses no longer need to offer customers a new cup in order to get a refill. (new cups were recently required but that has been rescinded)

Energize Gap Fund - The state has set up \$25 million+ in small business loans and grants to boost small businesses. Sole proprietors, businesses, and nonprofits with less than 25 full-time employees can apply for up to a \$15,000 grant and a \$20,000 loan for a possible combined total of \$35,000 in financial assistance. **The application is scheduled to be available before the end of the month.** Sign up to [Energize Colorado's email list](#) to be alerted when the application opens. Many Routt County businesses fit very well with the criteria and weighting. Be sure to apply!

Eviction Legal Counsel – State Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) held an eviction webinar to help small businesses navigate challenges around eviction discussions with their landlords. They also obtained pro bono counsel for those looking for individual support.

AIHA Restaurant Guidelines – Interim Routt County Public Health Director, Roberta Smith, recommended this guide for those looking for further mitigation information.

Chamber Economic Impact Survey – Please complete our second impact survey ASAP. Your input is critical to our advocacy and resource procurement.

Chamber Employer Resource Webinar – The Chamber hosted a webinar covering employee testing, sick leave and public health updates last week. Recording is linked.

PPE assistance program - Pinnacle Assurance is offering restaurants financial assistance for PPE

The restaurant industry work group continues to meet regularly and discuss strategies and policy recommendations that need to be made to support restaurants. Let us know if you have any specific concerns/ issues that need to be addressed. Recent meetings have been focused on winter preparations.

Please reach out to Nick, Mark or myself if you have any ideas, comments, questions. We are here for you.

Thanks,

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