

TOWN OF GRANBY

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Grand County Commissioners 308 Byers Avenue PO Box 264 Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451

Dear Commissioners,

During the April 28, 2020 regular meeting of the Town of Granby Town Board, the Town Board members discussed extensively the reopening plans for the County and Town in regards to the COVID-19 virus. While we are pleased with the general direction of the reopening plans, there is one area we would like the County Commissioners to give more thought to.

The restaurants in our community have been hit very hard, and have seen serious declines in business, since the beginning of the Stay-at-Home orders handed down by the State. A number of the restaurant businesses are uncertain if they will be able to reopen and survive given the current situation. As you know, many of these restaurants still have significant bills to pay, and not being allowed to reopen could cause long term damage. Many are appreciative of the actions the Town and County have taken to help them stem the tide of this virus, but more bills are coming every day.

With that being said, the Granby Town Board would request the County take immediate action to request a waiver/variance from the State of Colorado to allow for our local restaurants to reopen. The business owners recognize the need that protocols be in place for reopening including, but not limited to, proper capacity restrictions, more cleaning of dining and restroom facilities, and proper social distancing and spacing between tables.

We understand this is a difficult situation for everyone, but believe that reopening the restaurants in a responsible manner is appropriate given the low number of cases in the county. We believe the current travel restrictions in the State would allow our restaurants to reopen to mainly serve members of our local community without having spread from other communities. Please take this into consideration. If there is any further information you would like from us, or if input from the restaurant community would be helpful, we are more than willing to provide that to you.

Thank You,

Mayor Paul Chavoustie

Cc: Kate McIntire – Grand County Manager

Brad White – Incident Commander

E. Brene Belew-LaDue – Director Grand County Public Health DiAnn Butler – Grand County Economic Development Director