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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Glenwood Springs Limits Overnight Short-term Lodging; Recommences City Construction Projects**

**Overnight Lodging Restrictions**

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – Citing the health impacts of COVID-19, City Manager Debra Figueroa, acting as City Health Official, signed Public Health Order No. 1-20, prohibiting the non-critical operation of lodging facilities. Given that the City of Glenwood Springs is a prominent tourist destination for domestic and international travelers, and the heightened risk of further Community Spread through public contacts among visitors, locals, and service providers, the City of Glenwood Springs has determined that the closure of short term lodging facilities to all non-critical lodgers, is imperative for public safety.

Effective 12 pm (MST) on April 6, 2020, no Lodging Facilities shall accept any new bookings or reservations during the Order which lasts through May 7, 2020. Current reservations up to and including May 7, 2020 shall be cancelled for all Lodging Facilities. Any current occupants of Lodging Facilities shall be permitted to remain until the end date of their reservations.

Exceptions to this restriction include reservations for employees of Critical Businesses as listed in Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Order 20-24, or those performing a Critical Government Function. In addition, booking a reservation is allowed for purposes of obtaining a primary place of residence.

The full City of Glenwood Springs Public Health Order is attached as approved.

“The continued risk of individuals unknowingly transmitting the virus from one community to another continues to be a big problem, even with well-intentioned travel. Minimizing travel between communities is one important piece of our fight against this virus. City Council found it necessary to make sure the lodging industry does not further contribute to community spread. Governor Polis has ordered people to stay home, and the City of Glenwood Springs is heading that message,” said Mayor Jonathan Godes.

### **City Construction Projects**

City Council voted to recommence City construction projects that had previously been halted due to concerns for COVID-19 jobsite safety. Moving forward all projects will be required to submit a COVID-19 Jobsite Safety Work Plan outlining how employees will maintain social distance and how critical activities will be conducted to avoid possible transmission. The State of Colorado CDPHE department has put out a COVID Multi-Industry Construction Guidance document that will be the minimum allowed for construction work site controls. Using the State guidance as a minimum plan, City staff will work with Contractor submitted Jobsite Safety Work Plans for approval. The Two Rivers Park restoration and boat ramp project will move forward. The City's Elevated Waterline Insulation and Cedar Crest Neighborhood street/water/sewer improvement projects will be allowed to begin starting next week, April 6th.

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