

**ORDINANCE NO. 10**

**SERIES 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN  
COUNCIL REQUIRING ENERGY ASSESSMENTS FOR  
UNLIMITED VACATION RENTAL LICENSE HOLDERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado (the “**Town**”) is a home rule municipality duly and regularly organized and now validly existing as a body corporate and politic under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution, as implemented through the Town of Crested Butte Charter, the Town has the authority to enact and enforce regulations regulating vacation rentals within the Town’s jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crested Butte Town Council finds it is necessary and proper to update Chapter 6 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code to require energy assessments for all new and renewing unlimited vacation rental license holders, no later than the deadline for open enrollment in October, 2026 for the 2027 license year, as provided in this ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, as a mountain town dependent on snowpack, thriving outdoor recreation, and tourism-based economy, the Town of Crested Butte community views climate change as one of the most important current issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Plan (CAP) was adopted by the Town Council on April 21, 2025, which outlines goals and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAP is guided by the Town of Crested Butte’s strategic goal to “act on urgency of climate change”; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the CAP priority actions for buildings is to empower and incentivize the community to reduce energy use, electrify buildings to maximize the future benefits of a renewable-energy grid, and encourage efficient land use policy; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring energy assessments for vacation rentals will allow the Town to collect community-wide energy use data in residential properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Crested Butte will act on the urgency of climate change by setting the example of what is possible for mountain communities to take responsibility for our climate impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the below amendments are in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, THAT,**

**1. Amending Chapter 6, Article 5, Section 30**

Adding the definition of home energy assessment. Home energy assessment shall mean an assessment that includes a home visit by a building performance institute (BPI) certified energy analyst that results in a report that analyzes the current condition and energy usage of a home and provides a list of recommended improvements.

**2. Amending Chapter 6, Article 5, Section 40**

**Section 6-5-40(1)**, shall be amended to read as follows:

All new and renewing unlimited vacation rental license applicants or holders shall be required to provide a copy of the energy assessment report for the vacation rental no later than the deadline for open enrollment in October, 2026 for the 2027 license year. If a copy of the assessment report is not provided by the license holder or applicant by the deadline, the existing license will not be renewed nor the new license issued. New applicants for unlimited vacation rental licenses after the 2027 license year shall be required to provide evidence of energy assessments at the time of application. Properties newly constructed with building permits issued after January 1, 2017, are exempt from this requirement.

**INTRODUCED, READ, AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

**ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL UPON SECOND READING IN PUBLIC HEARING THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.**

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ian Billick, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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