

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 23
SERIES OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN
OF SILT, COLORADO, OFFERING A FOOD VOUCHER
PROGRAM TO SILT RESIDENTS IN NEED DURING THE COVID-
19 PANDEMIC CRISIS**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the 2019 Novel Coronavirus/ COVID-19 disease ("COVID-19") a Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread and infected populations at an alarming rate throughout the United States and the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has declared a National State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Colorado declared a statewide emergency regarding the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic on March 10, 2020, followed by a stay at home order on March 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt feels the need to help those residents who reside within the 81652-zip code and who are in need by offering a limited number of food vouchers to participating businesses to help relieve their current financial burden; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interest of public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Silt to help its residents in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and authorize the Town Administrator to institute a food voucher program.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Silt.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees hereby authorize an expenditure of up to \$6000 from the General Fund to be used towards a food voucher program to Silt residents who reside in the 81652-zip code area unless re-authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Town Administrator to offer food vouchers to those qualifying Silt residents who are: 1) unemployed, 2) experiencing financial hardship, or 3) have an income of less than \$50,000.

Section 4. The food voucher program will have a limit of two twenty-dollar vouchers per person and will expire on May 31, 2020. No vouchers will be redeemable by the Town of Silt unless re-authorized by the Board of Trustees.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED THIS 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2020.

TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO



Keith B. Richel, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheila M. McIntyre, Town Clerk, CMC

Town of Silt Food Voucher Program

In Response to the Corona Virus Pandemic of 2020

This program will offer a \$20 food voucher to Silt residents in need. The voucher is good at the participating Silt businesses listed below. The voucher transaction is tax exempt up to \$20, with any amount above \$20 charged normal sales tax. The Town will also pay an additional 18% gratuity on the amount purchased at a restaurant. The vouchers are not good for alcoholic beverages.

There is no credited amount if less than \$20 is spent, so if a person buys a \$10 item, they must still use the entire value of the voucher and the Town reimburses restaurant \$10 + an 18% gratuity on \$10.

Silt will solicit for folks "in need", loosely defined as unemployed, "experiencing financial hardship" or with a household income of less than \$50k. Those requesting vouchers must provide a physical address (to avoid duplicates), mailing address, statement that they are in need with an indication of how many persons are in the household.

Silt will deliver vouchers, generally through the Silt Police Department. The program limits two vouchers per person. Police Officers will also be given vouchers to hand out to people they may come in contact with who need assistance.

The program will start with a \$6,000 balance. This is good for approximately 254 vouchers (254 at 23.60 each). The program will expire on May 31 and no vouchers will be redeemed by the Town, unless re-authorized by the Town of Silt Board of Trustees.

We will use "secure stock" so we are able to print the vouchers so they cannot be duplicated or copied. We will also individually number stamp each voucher as a way of tracking their use.

We will encourage businesses to come up with a "family" serving so that it will serve for more than one meal. Businesses may accept multiple vouchers in one transaction.

We realize the difficulty in asking our participating businesses to bill us and wait for our regular check runs, so we will go visit all participating businesses weekly (maintaining proper social distancing, of course) to collect the vouchers, do the calculations and write them petty cash checks so they can put money in the bank weekly.

This plan is aimed at helping distressed Silt residents directly with meals, helping restaurants directly with a little business and encouraging others to patronize Silt businesses.

Participating Silt Businesses

- Burning Mountain Pizza and Subs
- Miner's Claim
- Brickhouse Pizza
- Skip's Farm to Market
- Misty's Coffee