

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Art Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Carey
Councilor Hazelton
Mayor A. Riddile
Councilor Copeland
Councilor Leland
Councilor G Riddile

Absent Councilor Mariscal

Also present at the meeting were Town Clerk Mindy Andis, Administrator Dave Reynolds, Treasurer Viktoriya Ehlers, Town Planner Paul Smither and members of the public.

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to excuse Councilor Mariscal's absence. Councilor Carey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Notice

Clerk Andis verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2025-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mayor A. Riddile handed out an email from a Coal Ridge students regarding e-bikes.
(Exhibit A)

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – not present
Consultant Engineer – not present

Items for Consideration

Introduction of New Staff Members – Building Inspector Travis Perdue

Town Planner Paul Smith introduced Building Inspector Travis Perdue to the council. Planner Smith said Inspector Perdue comes to the town with many years of experience as a master plumber. Inspector Perdue introduced himself to the council and shared his

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background with the council. The council welcomed Inspector Perdue.

Consider Grants to Outside Agencies

Administrative Assistant Rochelle Firth and Town Treasurer Assistant Charlienna Chancey presented the grants to outside agencies (**Exhibit B**).

Admin. Asst. Firth said for 2025, the Town Council has budgeted a total of \$15,000 to support community-focused organizations through two rounds of outgoing grants. The first cycle allocated a total of \$12,500 leaving \$2,500 for the second round of grants. The town received a total of 8 grant applications.

In evaluating the applications, staff considered how each request addresses community needs, impacts New Castle residents, and aligns with organizational missions. While all applicants provide meaningful services, funding is limited and must be strategically awarded to maximize benefit to our community.

After some discussion the council approved the staff's recommendations.

Recess the Town Council Meeting, Convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority

MOTION: Councilor Hazelton made a motion to recess the Town Council Meeting and Convene the Local Liquor Licensing Authority. Mayor A. Riddile seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Consider Liquor License Renewal Pig & Duck LLC dba: The Duck Blind

Clerk Andis said the applicant for Pig & Duck is renewing their liquor license. Clerk Andis explained normally the renewal applications are placed on the consent agenda, however there were a couple of councilors asking about the restaurant since they have been closed for a while. The applicants are in compliance and in good standing with the town. Staff recommend approval of the renewal application.

Applicants Ryan Baldwin and Earl Rodgers introduced themselves to the council. Mayor A. Riddile asked what their plans for the restaurant where, such as times and menu. Mr. Baldwin said they were planning on being open from 11:00am or noon to 9:00pm 7 days a week. They will have a much simpler menu and more family oriented. Councilor Carey asked when they were planning on opening. Mr. Baldin said early December. The council welcomed them to town.

MOTION: Councilor G. Riddile made a motion to approve Liquor License Renewal Pig & Duck LLC dba: The Duck Blind. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Consider Report of Changes Pig & Duck LLC Trade Name and Report of Manager Change

Clerk Andis said the Pig & Duck are applying for report of changes. The changes they are applying for are the trade name from dba: Pig & Duck to The Duck Blind Tavern. Along

with the name change they are also changing managers. Staff recommend approval of the report of change application.

Mr. Balwin said everything is staying the same expect for losing one partner. The LLC is staying the same just the dba is changing.

MOTION: Councilor G. Riddile made a motion to approve Report of Changes Pig & Duck LLC Trade Name and Report of Manager Change Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Recess the Local Liquor Licensing Authority, Convene as the Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to recess the Local Liquor Licensing Authority and Convene the Town Council Meeting. Councilor Carey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Review 9WH Building Design

Planner Smith explained on March 4, 2025, R2 Partners (9WH) received conditional approval for 130 residential units located in PA 8 & 9 of Castle Valley Ranch on 31.92 acres east of VIX Park. As a condition of that approval, R2 Partners agreed to submit final exterior architectural designs for council review and comment. As part of that agreement, council acknowledged that any design recommendations would be nonbinding, but only informative for optimizing the look-and-feel of the new PUD.

Kendra Oester with Land & Shelter Architecture Studio explained the exterior architectural designs for the "Live Work" 2 story and "Live Work" 3 story buildings (**Exhibit C**).

Ms. Oester said the pallet will be more in tuned with the nature around the buildings. The majority of the material is soffit cement which is a vertical hardie artisan siding with a v-groove about 8 inches apart. Architectural panels made of fiber cement would also be used. For the vertical siding will a dark green (Secret Garden). The fiber cement that is smooth will be Natural Linen. At the entries will be Pennywise which will tie back to the red rock that the town has. Also at the entry way has a thermory heat treaded wood cladding which meets the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Code Class A Compliant. The accent on the windows would be Matte Black.

Ms. Oester said for the 3 story townhomes were made to feel more of single-family residential homes. Instead of using Pennywise they will use Clary Sage to help blend more with the sage brush and the natural landscaping. The material on the fiber cement is vertical v-groove siding which is an 8 inch reveal, with 4 inch reveal lap siding added. The roofing on the buildings will be a dark gray asphalt shingles.

Mayor A. Riddle asked if the project is phased. Applicant Barry Rosenberg said they are planning on starting with the "Live Work" buildings and waiting on the empty nesters. He said they are hoping to start the site work in mid-March. The empty nesters would be the higher end units and establish the market with the "Live Work" buildings first.

Mr. Rosenberg said they are planning on coming back before P&Z to modify the townhomes to make them a for sale product vs. for rent product. In doing so the units will be a little bit bigger, and they will all have two car garages.

Discussion Building Code Amendments

Planner Smith said in its ongoing efforts to implement the latest in building science and best practices, the building department is exploring three code changes for 2026. Together the changes will serve to improve life safety and employ construction efficiencies. The proposed updates are as follows:

1. *Wildland/Urban Interface Code (WUI):* *The unease with encroachment of new structures into surrounding wildland areas prompted Council, in 2023, to approve ordinance TC 2023-7 adopting the 2021 International Code Council's (ICC) WUI code with amendments. The goal of the adoption was to promote structure "hardening" or resiliency to wildfire events. Among the various WUI requirements, the Town amended the provision for ignition resistance of external materials (e.g. siding, decks, and eaves) by reducing the flame spread requirement from Class A to Class B. The reduction was intended to allow owners time to acclimate to the demands of sourcing compliant materials while budgeting for the new reality.*

Since that time, Staff is convinced that the time has come to reconsider the Class B amendment. There are at least three reasons for this:

- Class A materials have become increasingly more available as manufacturers and vendors rise to meet demand.*
- With the State of Colorado's adoption of SB 23-166, all jurisdictions will be expected to adopt the state's Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code. The state code requires Class A ignition resistance for all new structures and portions of alterations to existing structures within a medium to high hazard classification.*
- Land use approvals of new developments such as 9 N Wild Horse and the issuance of permits for Filing 6B at the upper reaches of Deer Valley Dr – all at or in significantly hazardous wildfire areas – is making it more imperative to promote the most effective means of ignition resistance.*

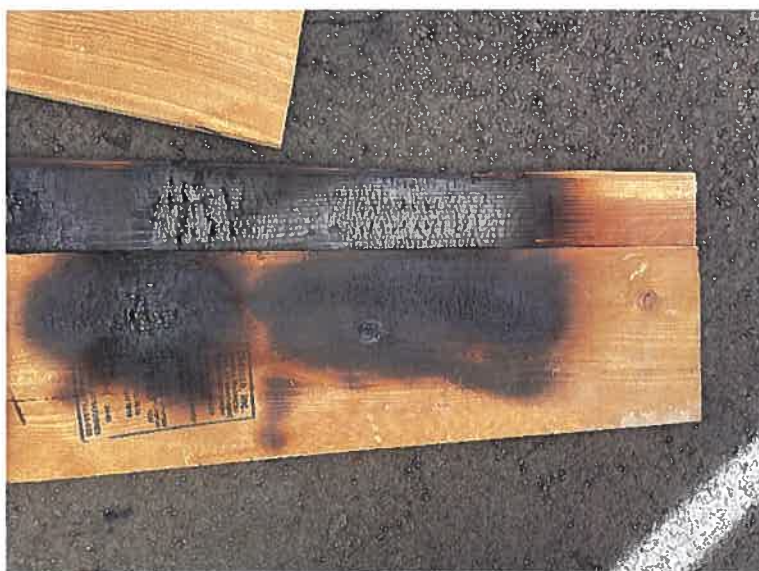
Initially, Staff was inclined to simply adopt the state standards. However, the state's current hazard classification for New Castle (low-to-medium) does not align with the opinion of CRFR (medium-to-high). The Town must appeal this classification with the state (a procedure it will eventually pursue) if it believes the higher hazard classification is more representative of the Town. This appeal, however, can be time consuming and risks new construction in high hazard areas with only Class B materials. Therefore, to get ahead of new development in 2026, Staff is requesting that Council repeal the Class B amendment which currently reads as follows:

Subsection 503.2 #1.1 is hereby deleted and replaced by the following text:

1.1 Flame Spread. Materials shall exhibit a flame spread index not exceeding 75 (Class B).

The proposed revision shall read as follows:

Subsection 503.2 #1.1 of the 2021 International Code Council's Wildland Urban Interface Code as amended by Ordinance TC 2023-7 is hereby repealed.



Class A/Class B Comparison

Planner Smith said the State of Colorado uses a map (**Exhibit D**) to determine danger zones. The state recommends that anything that is in the non-color area is no hazard area, the yellow zone is low hazard or low risk area and does not need to have Class A material. Planner Smith said having meetings with Fire Marshall Orrin Moon the mapping is not a representation of New Castle. For an example: Faas Ranch Road currently has no color and it should be red for high hazard or high-risk area. As you move west the color starts to come in as yellow. Similarly, the R2 Development has no color and should be a

high to medium risk area. The state does allow for municipalities to appeal the map.

Planner Smith said staff recommend reappealing the amended provision requiring Class B siding to requiring Class A siding on all new construction, until the town adopts the state standards which would be changing the map colors.

Marshall Moon said the map is referring to an ember shower. The purpose of the proposed code change is to make sure the town has one building code which covers the entire area. Currently the map is three building codes. The state allows for municipalities to upgrade to a different zone just not to down grade the zone. The reason for making the non-color to yellow is because of what surrounds the town and potentially having an ember shower. LT. Tim Nix said ember showers is hot embers floating through the air which do start new fires. Embers showers can fly 100's of yards in the air which is further than the map is showing.

Mayor A. Riddile asked Marshall Moon how does the standards compare to the surrounding municipalities and the Colorado River Valley. Marshall Moon said Garfield County is currently looking at the code and starting into the process and will be moving forward. The fire department will be helping any municipality who needs help as far as mitigation around new homes. The code is only for new homes, not existing homes. Mayor A. Riddile asked if a developer would need to follow the same standards from town to town. Marshall Moon said yes, that is what he is currently working on.

Councilor Carey said she had attended a seminar at the CML Conference and the municipalities have to have the code adopted by April 2026 and implemented by July 2026. She asked if there were workshops for the town residents to help mediate fire risks. Lt. Nix said a resident can go onto the CRFR website to ask for a home assessment and someone will go to the home and walk the property. They use the Firewise grading as the base and take notes, and the notes will be left with the homeowner.

Councilor G. Riddile asked if there were any concerns with the insurance since the map would be updated. Marshall Moon said he was not sure since New Castle is being proactive.

Councilor Hazelton asked when CRFR does the mediation work, does the map get updated with the timeframe and the work that was done given to the homeowner or the insurance companies. Marshall Moon said not at this time, but it is something worth looking at.

Planner Smith said another change to the building code is requiring Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERV).

With the adoption of the 2021 International Energy Code, new homes and commercial

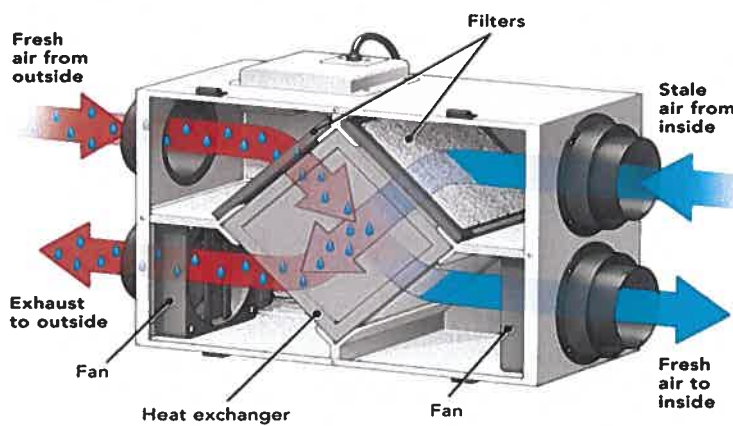
structures are now expected to be significantly more resistant to air leakage so to reduce energy consumption and costs. However, tighter structures complicate ways to eliminate moisture and air contaminants. To address this problem, codes require "whole-house ventilation", which essentially is a mechanical exhaust system that replaces a home's bad air with good air. Bathroom fans, range exhaust fans (i.e. hoods), and furnace supply ducts have been used for this purpose to varying degrees of success. Though the code allows these methods, Staff has found their application to often be poorly implemented and at times ineffective. Additionally, Staff is routinely enlisted to problem solve alternatives or fixes for these systems and sometimes blamed when they are unsuccessful.

Staff is therefore asking council's consideration of better technology, namely ERV's, which are considerably more effective and efficient means of whole-house ventilation. ERV's not only replace the bad air with the good air, they also recover a significant portion of the conditioned air temperature (see ERV image) that would otherwise be lost using other methods.

Staff is requesting council's consideration for adding the following amendment to Section 15.22.020 of the Municipal Code:

Section R403.6.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section R403.6.1 Heat or energy recovery ventilation. Dwelling units shall be provided with a heat recovery or energy recovery ventilation system in Climate Zones 6, 7, and 8. The system shall be balanced with a minimum sensible heater recovery efficiency of 65 percent at 32°F (0°C) at a flow greater than or equal to the design airflow.



Typical ERV Design

Planner Smith said the third change to the building code is adding requirements for the design of party walls and townhouse separation walls.

Structures such as townhomes, duplexes, condominium properties, or adjoining commercial properties in close proximity to a lot line are required by building codes to create fire separation with the installation of rated wall assemblies. A rated wall assembly typically has a 1 hour to 2 hour (sometimes more) resistance to fire spread. These assemblies are allowed to be built with various materials and methods as tested and approved by certified agencies. Most of the time those separation walls are built with gypsum products because of availability and costs.

In New Castle, a vast majority of separation walls are built using conventional 4'x8' sheets of drywall on both sides of a shared wall between two townhomes (see image below). Though these assemblies are allowed by code the construction of these walls in the field is quite complex and inevitably leads to compromises. When the walls between units are vertically displaced, for example, the displacement makes it cumbersome (and at times impossible) to sufficiently seal the horizontal seams when the upper level walls are stacked on top of the lower level walls. Therefore, Staff is proposing an amendment to the code that requires separation walls to be built as "shaftwall" assemblies (see images next page). Shaftwalls are assembled by friction fitting sections of gypsum panels to metal tracks. All of this is accomplished on one side of the assembly so wall steps or obstructions on the opposite side of the wall do not compromise the integrity of the fire rating.



Staff is requesting Council's consideration of the amendments to the municipal code below.

Section 15.08.020 related to the IBC (i.e. apartments and condos):

Section 706.1.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 706.1.1 Party Walls. Any wall located on a lot line between adjacent buildings, which is used or adapted for joint service between the two buildings,

shall be constructed as a fire wall in accordance with Section 706. Party walls shall be constructed without openings and shall create separate buildings. Such walls shall be constructed of an approved shaftwall-type assembly unless otherwise approved by the Building Official.

Sections 15.10.020 related to the IRC (i.e. townhomes):

Section R302.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section R302.2 Townhouses. Walls separating townhouse units shall be constructed in accordance with Section R302.2.1 or R302.2.2 and shall comply with Sections 302.2.3 through 302.2.5. Such walls shall be constructed of an approved shaftwall-type assembly unless otherwise approved by the Building Official.



Planner Smith explained contractors will start to put up drywall and what is happening is it becomes difficult to seal the wall due to having different pieces of drywall not coming together. With the drywall not sealing it no longer meets the fire separation code. The new system only needs to be sealed on one side, and it only takes the contractor hours vs. days to install. Staff would like to move forward with something that is more sufficient, easier to inspect and easier to install.

Mayor A. Riddile asked regarding the WUI Code what kind of cost increase this would have on the builder. Planner Smith said he is not sure. It all depends on how much siding is put onto a home. The prices are coming down as more companies are producing the Class A siding material.

Presentation - Proposed 2026 Budget

Treasurer Viktoryia Ehlers reviewed the budget changes from the last meeting.

General Overview

- 1. General Fund went from surplus of \$226 to surplus \$13,758.*
- 2. Utility Fund went from surplus of \$296,438 to surplus \$484,970.*
- 3. CTF is at surplus of \$161,408. Unchanged*
- 4. Cemetery Fund is at a surplus of \$111,382. Unchanged.*

General Fund

- 1. Made adjustments in predictions for major Revenues based on the latest numbers. All resulting in increases for 2026.*
- 2. Reduced Round-a-bout project cost from \$830,000 to \$770,000 (split between 2025 and 2026).*
- 3. Added \$90,000 for a statue (\$30,000 – 2025, \$60,000 - 2026).*
- 4. Added purchase of new rifles for Police Department. Expenditure of \$39,174 (10.5050.580) and Revenue from FMLD grant of \$30,000 and Pro-Force trade-in \$4,000 (10.4010.670). Expenditures will be recognized in 2025 therefore alleviating burden from 2026.*
- 5. Added Expenditures and Revenues (FLMD grant) for Emergency Generators. Total project cost \$434,830 and will be split between GF 25.00% or \$108,707.50 and UF 75.00% or \$326,122.50.*

Utility Fund

- 1. After latest updates, Utility Fund remains heavily reliant on Building Permits. With anticipation of 80 units to be developed in 2026 it is resulting in \$1,230,248 revenue assumption in 2026 budget;*

2. Analysis of October and November water/wastewater billings proved that going back to monthly billing resulting in increase revenue. Overall increase from 2025 budget is nearly \$70,000 not including rate increases.

3. Water and wastewater rates, as well as Trash rate, all assumed at 3.00% increase only.

4. Donation to CLEER was increased to \$12,000 and split between Water and Wastewater.

Notes & other considerations:

Capital/Other Items

- Added Assigned Items:
 - a. Shoshone Water Rights \$100,000
 - b. Police MDTs set-up \$35,000
 - c. Roundabout commitment shortage \$50,000
 - d. Long Term Capital reserves at \$800,000
- Roundabout project expenses split between 2025 and 2026 for total of \$830,000.
- Z Track Mower \$16,000 and Trailer \$5,000 purchases moved from General Fund to Conservation Trust Fund.
- Playground fall protection \$10,000 moved from General Fund to Conservation Trust Fund.
- Opioid Fund Revenue moved to Public Safety Revenue 10.4010.663 to assist with K9 training.

A. Discretionary expenditures included in the current version of the 2026 budget are:

Donations to Special Interest Groups & Committees

1. Branding and Marketing 10-5040-257 \$1,000
2. CRVEDP 10-5040-250 \$3,000
3. Chamber of Commerce 10-5040-254 \$5,000
4. Economic Development 10-5040-250 \$13,000
5. Historic Preservation 10-5040-609,610 \$2,000
6. Climate & Environ Comm 10-5040-620 \$1,000
7. Other Special Events 10-5070-610 \$8,000 (Chili Cook-off, etc)
8. Burning Mountain Festival 10-5070-974 \$21,000
9. Community Market 10-5070-976 \$7,500
10. Outgoing Grants 10-5080-500 \$10,000
11. River Center Donation 10-5080-504 \$18,000 (General Fund to Utility Fund)
12. CMC Senior Programs 10-5080-502 \$11,000

13. Youth Zone 10-5080-516 \$ 4,000
14. Wildfire Collaborative 10-5040-280 \$2,000 (General Fund to Utility Fund)
15. Middle CO Watershed (Utility Fund) 20-6040,6080-220 \$ 2,500
16. Garfield Clean Energy (Utility Fund) 20-6040,6080-220 \$12,00 increase from \$8,300.

Treasurer Ehlers said the town would be receiving a donation from an estate to go towards the cemetery. The donation would be recognized in a deferred revenue and placed in an interest generating account. The town would be accounting for the revenue from the interest until funds are pulled for maintenance.

Administrator Reynolds handed out a revised budget to show what the budget could look like if R2 Development doesn't pull any building permits in 2026 (**Exhibit D**).

Councilor Hazelton asked Planner Smith about staffing. If, the developments start to pull permits will you be overwhelmed and need to hire more staff. Planner Smith said no, right now Inspector Perdue is currently doing all the plan reviews and inspections. He said he will also do inspections. If, there comes a time when they need help with inspections the town does have a consultant inspector to help. Planner Smith said he would be handling all of the land use applications and developments.

Councilor G. Riddle said the town needs to be aware of what services might be lost if development doesn't come and what are we going to be asking voters for.

Administrator Reynolds said some of the large expenditures will only happen in 2026 such as the roundabout and the town is building things.

Treasurer Ehlers said she could provide a quarterly update to the council like she does for the department heads.

Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda.

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MOTION: Mayor A. Riddle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Carey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – report was given during Work Session

Town Clerk – report was given during Work Session

Town Treasurer – report was given during Work Session

Town Planner – report was given during Work Session

Public Works Director – not present

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – Mayor A. Riddile said the Walters Center sought input on their development. Some of the concerns were too many buildings.

Historic Preservation Commission – have not met

Climate and Environment Commission – have not met

Senior Program –have not met

RFTA –Mayor A. Riddile nor Councilor Copeland was able to attend. Mayor A. Riddile said there is a bus shelter at the Stop-N-Save bus stop.

AGNC – have not met

GCE – have not met

EAB – have not met

POSTR – have not met

Council Comments

Councilor Carey said she had received an email from a resident regarding the intersection at North Wild Horse Drive and South Wild Horse Drive the crosswalk light are not flashing and the resident almost got hit. Administrator Reynolds said he had spoken to Public Works Director John Wenzel about it and he was going to look into it. Councilor Carey said the CML Policy Committee can have an alternate and they meet four times a year. If anyone is interested in being an alternate to let her know.

Councilor Hazelton said he has been talking with Assistant Michelle Huster about restarting the Historical Society to work with HPC and the museum.

Councilor Leland explained a scam that he had received by phone. Councilor Leland said the Lions Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success. They had four police officers help serve. Councilor Leland said the Salvation Army Bell Ringing starts the day after Thanksgiving. You can register online to ring the bell.

Mayor A. Riddile said he attended the police department staff meeting. The police department is doing Shop with a Cop on December 12, 2025, between 10:00am and 1:00pm at Walmart in Glenwood Springs. He said he was going to participate in that. He invited the council to participate if they wanted and to contact Lt. Curry. Mayor A. Riddile said the Salvation Army bell ringing kick off was at New Hope Church. Ms. Mari Riddile is the chair person for the bell ringing has questions you can contact her.

Items for Future Council Agenda

There were no items for future council agenda

Adjourn

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mindy Andis

Town Clerk Mindy Andis, CMC

Art B. Riddile

Mayor Art Riddile



Fwd: Surrans and why they should not ban them

From Arthur Riddile <ariddile@garfieldre2.net>

Date Sun 11/16/2025 6:04 AM

To art Riddile <theriddiles@msn.com>

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From: [REDACTED] <30538@garfieldre2.net>

Date: Wed, Nov 5, 2025 at 3:53 PM

Subject: Surrans and why they should not ban them

To: Arthur Riddile <ariddile@garfieldre2.net>

Dear Arthur,

Surrans, while they can pose certain risks, should not be banned solely due to their potential dangers. Instead of outright prohibition, it would be more beneficial to focus on implementing safety regulations and educating users about responsible riding practices. Banning these vehicles could limit access to a popular mode of transportation and recreation that many enjoy. By promoting safe usage and proper training, we can mitigate risks while still allowing people to experience the advantages that Surrans offer.

Banning Surrans in New castle would be a misguided decision that overlooks their benefits. These electric bikes promote eco-friendly transportation, helping to reduce carbon emissions and traffic congestion. Additionally, they provide an affordable and efficient way for residents to navigate the town, especially for those who may not have access to a car. Not only that, they are silent compared to regular motorcycles, keeping peace to the town. Instead of imposing a ban, the town could implement regulations to ensure safety and responsible use, allowing the community to enjoy the advantages of Surrans while addressing any concerns. Embracing this modern mode of transport could enhance New Castle's appeal as a progressive and environmentally conscious town.

As a person who owns one I use it all the time such as going down to the store, or getting food with friends. Banning these bikes would hurt some of these kids like me. We have worked our butts off just to get one of these bikes - the average price for Surrans is 3,000-5,000 dollars. And if you all ban Surrans, us kids and even adults would have spent our money just to get them banned or even worse get them taken away.

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Rochelle Firth/Charlienna Chancey/Dave Reynolds
Date: 12/18/2025
Re: 2025 Grant Funding to Area Non-Profits Round 2

Background

Each year the Town of New Castle distributes municipal funds to local organizations to enhance community services, programs, and support for the residents of New Castle.

For 2025, the Town Council has budgeted \$15,000 for two rounds of outgoing grants. For this final cycle, staff is recommending full expenditures totaling \$2,500.

In reviewing the grant applications, staff evaluated how each request meets community needs. While every applicant provides a valuable service, the limited funding must be allocated to maximize benefit for the community. Full applications are available for review in a binder located at Town Hall.

List of Potential Grant Awards

A Way Out

Mission: Our mission is to ensure that anyone seeking recovery—regardless of financial or insurance status—can access timely, evidence-based care and long-term support. **AWO specializes in helping residents identify treatment options beyond what's available locally, especially for those facing co-occurring mental health challenges.**

A Way Out provides rapid access to recovery resources for individuals and families struggling with substance use—regardless of their ability to pay. They are seeking \$2,500 to support NC residents needing their assistance. In 2024, 35 residents used these services which amounted to over \$80,000.

- **Grant Request:** \$2,500
 - **Staff Recommendation:** \$500
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Access AfterSchool

Mission: Access Afterschool is organized and created primarily to promote, support, and enhance education by partnering with local schools to administer after school programs, including providing financial support to allow lower income students to participate in these programs.

Access' afterschool is requesting \$2,500 to support programs at Elk Creek Elementary and Riverside Middle School serving approximately 100 unique youth during the 2025/2026 school year.

- **Grant Request:** \$2,500
 - **Staff Recommendation:** \$500
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Highwater Farms

Mission: Highwater Farm connects the community back to the land through sustainable agricultural practices, stewardship, and youth leadership development. In addition to growing and distributing fresh produce, we host community events, offer employment and leadership development programs for local youth, and host community volunteer opportunities.

Highwater Farms is requesting \$2,500 to purchase peach and raspberry rootstock for a 1.5 acre orchard to be planted in the fall of 2026.

- **Grant Request:** \$2,500
 - **Staff Recommendation:** \$0
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Libert Classical Academy

Mission: Did not provide a mission statement

LCA is requesting \$2,500 to restore and relocate a mural that is currently on the primary school building.

- **Grant Request:** \$2,500
 - **Staff Recommendation:** \$0
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Lift-Up

Mission: To provide essential humanitarian assistance in the communities they serve.

Lift-Up is requesting \$2,500 to underwrite the procurement, storage, and distribution of food across the service area.

- **Grant Request: \$2,500**
 - **Staff Recommendation: \$0**
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R.I.D.E. (Riding Institute for Disabled Equestrians)

Mission: To provide equine-assisted activities through therapeutic programs for developmentally and physically disabled children and adults, and to offer equine-facilitated mental health activities.

R.I.D.E. is requesting \$2,500 to replace unsafe peacock breakaway stirrups, which help reduce injury risk in the event of a fall.

- **Grant Request: \$2,500**
 - **Staff Recommendation: \$500**
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Raising A Reader

Mission: To provide essential humanitarian assistance in the communities they serve.

Raising a Reader is requesting \$2,500 for general operating expenditures to cover bilingual staffing and programs which include the Red Book Bags, Bolsitas Rojas, 123 Let's Read program, the Blue Bag Days (a continuation of the Red Book Bags), and their Summer Camp.

- **Grant Request: \$2,500**
 - **Staff Recommendation: \$500**
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Western Slope Veterans Coalition

Mission: To prevent veteran suicide and assist with services of food and shelter.

Western Slope Veterans Coalition is seeking \$500 to leverage for bigger grants that will contribute to the building of the tiny home veteran village in Silt that will be open to all eligible veterans from our three-county region.

- **Grant Request: \$500**
- **Staff Recommendation: \$500**

2019-2021 Out Going Grants

Round 1

Organization	500	Amount suggested by staff	Follow-up report 2.28.2020	Follow-up report 7.31.2020	Notes/Funding:
Advocate Safehouse	\$500.00	\$500.00	n/a	yes	
Alpine Legal Services	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	yes	yes	
CASA of the Ninth District	\$800.00	\$800.00	yes	n/a	
Community Counts	\$300.00	\$0.00	n/a	yes	
Family Visitor	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		n/a	
High Country RSVP	\$500.00	\$350.00	n/a	yes	
Literacy Outreach	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	yes		
Rifle Animal Shelter	\$5,607.00	\$2,500.00	yes		
River Bridge	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	n/a	yes	
West Elk Trails	\$500.00	\$500.00	n/a	yes	
Western Slope Veterans Coal.	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	yes	yes	
YouthZone	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00			
Total	\$23,707.00	\$10,650.00			

2021 Outgoing Grants

Round 2

Remaining Balance: \$9350

Organization	2021 Amount Requested Round 2	Amount suggested by staff	2021 Amount Awarded in Round 2	Follow-up report 8.31.2021	Follow-up report	Notes/Funding:
Access After School	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	no		
Advocate Safehouse	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Alpine Legal Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
CASA of the Ninth District	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Community Counts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Family Visitor	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
High Country RSVP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Lift-Up	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	yes		
Literacy Outreach	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	yes		
R.I.D.E.	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	no		
Rifle Animal Shelter	\$5,000.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	yes		
River Bridge	n/a	n/a	n/a	yes		
West Elk Trails	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	yes		
Western Slope Veterans Coal.	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	yes		
YouthZone	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	yes		
Total	\$14,500.00	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 9,350.00			

**2022 Outgoing Grants
Round 1**

Remaning Balance: \$20,000

Organization	Requested Round 1 2022	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded in Round 1 2022	Follow-up report 1.31..2022	Follow-up report 09.19.2022	Notes/Funding:
Access AfterSchool	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0	No	N/A	
Advocate Safehouse	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$500.00	n/a	Yes	Thank You!
Ambleside	\$2,375.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	No	No	
CASA of the Ninth District	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	n/a	Yes	
Lift-Up	\$5,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	yes	Yes	
River Bridge	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	n/a	Yes	
West Elk Trails	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	yes	Yes	Thank You!
Western Slope Veterans Coal.	\$2,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	yes	Yes	
YouthZone	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	yes	No	
Total	\$ 20,725.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$9,550.00			

**2022 Outgoing Grants
Round 2**

Remaning Balance: \$10,200

Organization	Requested Round 2 2022	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded in Round 2 2022	Follow-up Report Round 1?	Follow-up Report Round 2?	Notes/Funding:
Access AfterSchool	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,350.00	N/A	yes	Thank you!
Highwater Farm	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	N/A	yes	
Journey Home Animal Care	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	N/A	yes	Thank You!
Liberty Classical Academy	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	N/A	yes	
Lift-Up	\$5,000.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	Yes	yes	Thank You!
Literacy Outreach	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	N/A	yes	
West Elk Trails	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Yes	yes	Thank You!
Total		\$16,550.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00		

2023 Outgoing Grants

Round 1

Remaning Balance: \$16,000

Organization	Amount Requested Round 1 2023	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded	Follow-Up Report: Due Oct 1, 2023	Thank You!	Notes/Funding:
Advocate Safehouse	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Yes	Yes	
High Country Volunteers	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Yes	Yes	
Lift-Up	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Yes	Yes	
R.I.D.E.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	No?	Yes	
River Bridge	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Yes		
West Elk Trails	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Yes		
Western Slope Veterans Coalition	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	No		Follow up 6/25

Total

\$16,750.00

\$8,000.00

\$8,000.00

2023 Outgoing Grants

Round 2

Remaning Balance: \$8,000

Organization	Amount Requested Round 2 2023	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded	Follow-Up Report: Due April 5, 2024	Thank You!	Notes/Funding:
Access After School	\$ 5,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Yes		
Alpine Legal Services	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Yes		
Great Expectations: Family Visitor	\$6,692.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			
Highwater Farm	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			
Lift-Up	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Yes		
West Elk Trails	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Yes	Yes	
Total	\$ 21,692.00	\$8,000.00				

2024 Outgoing Grants
Round 1
Remaining Balance: \$16,000

Organization	Amount Granted in 2023	Amount Requested Round 1 2024	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded	Follow-Up Report: Due September 3, 2024.	Thank You!	Request Council Update Complete?
Advocate Safehouse	N/A	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	No	No	Yes
Journey Home Animal Care	N/A	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	No	No	No
Lift-Up	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	Yes		Yes
Total		\$8,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$9,000.00			

2024 Outgoing Grants
Round 2
Remaining Balance: 7,000

Organization	Amount Requested Round 2 2024	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded	Follow-Up Report: Due February 7, 2025	Thank You!	Notes/Funding:
Access AfterSchool	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 1,750.00	yes	yes	
Alpine Legal Services	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 1,000.00			
A Way Out	\$ 10,000.00		\$ -			
Great Expectations	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 500.00			
High Country Volunteers	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 1,000.00		Yes	
Literacy Outreach	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 750.00			
Lift-Up	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -			
River Bridge	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 2,000.00			
West Elk Trails	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00			
Total	\$ 27,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 8,500.00			

**2025 Outgoing Grants
Round 1
Remaning Balance: \$15,000**

Beginning Balance		\$15,000.00				
Organization	Amount Granted in 2024	Amount Requested Round 1 2025	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded	Follow-Up Report: 11/03/2025	Thank You!
Advocate Safehouse	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,250.00	Yes	
Discretionary Funds for Town Hall	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,000.00		YES!
FocusedKids	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$2,000.00	NO	Yes
Great Expectations	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$500.00	Yes	
Journey Home Animal Care	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$750.00	Yes - 11/10/25	
Lift-Up	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$4,000.00	yes	Yes
New Hope Church	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	NO	
R.I.D.E. - Declined Funding	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$ -			
River Bridge	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,500.00	Yes	
Total		\$24,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$12,500.00		

**2025 Outgoing Grants
Round 2
Remaning Balance: \$2,500**

Beginning Balance		\$2,500.00				
Organization	Amount Granted in Round 1	Amount Requested Round 2 2025	Amount recommended by Staff	Amount Awarded	Follow-Up Report: 04/03/2026	Thank You!
A Way Out	\$ -	\$2,500.00	\$500.00			
Access AfterSchool	\$ -	\$2,500.00	\$500.00			
Highwater Farms	\$ -	\$2,500.00	\$0.00			
LCA	\$ -	\$2,500.00	\$0.00			
Lift Up	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00			
R.I.D.E.	\$ -	\$2,500.00	\$500.00			
Raising a Reader	\$ -	\$2,500.00	\$500.00			
Western Slope Veterans	\$ -	\$500.00	\$500.00			
Total		\$13,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00		

Discretionary Funds Usage

Pig & Duck - \$200.00 - Heritage Fire Fest 2025 -
Thank you (Cookies)



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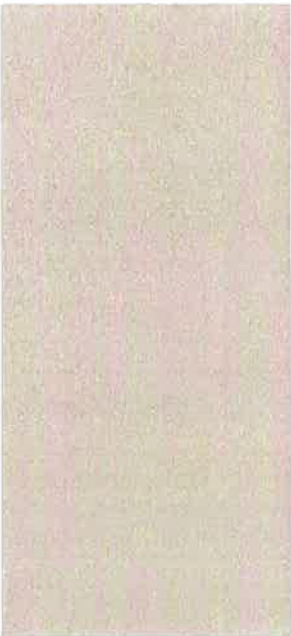
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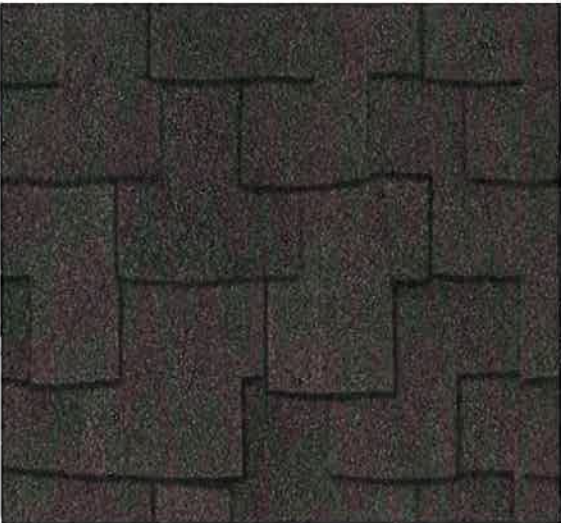


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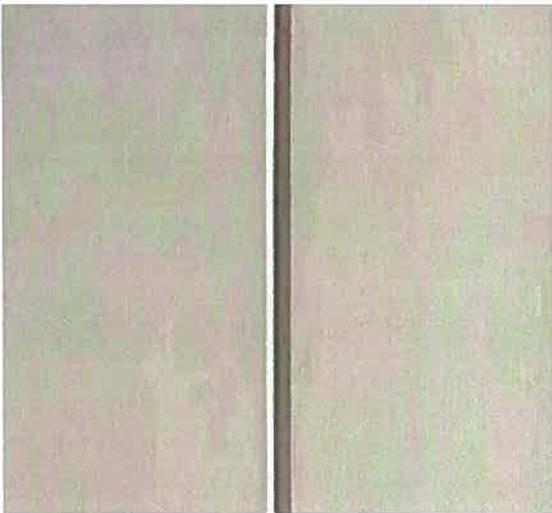


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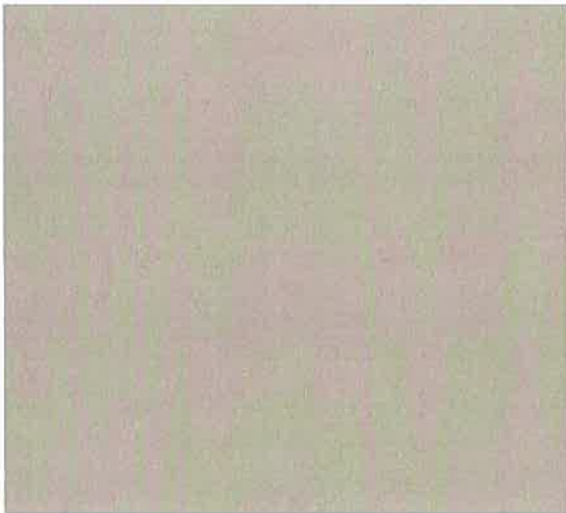
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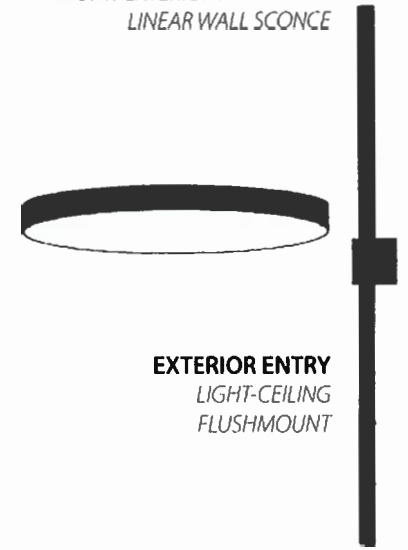
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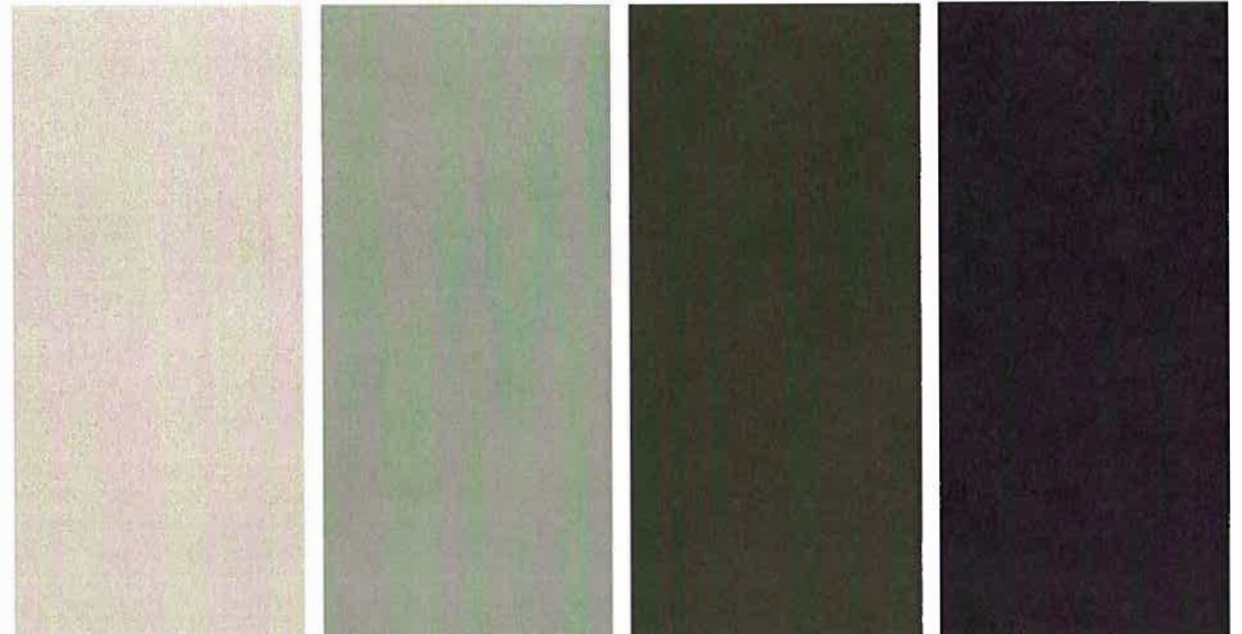
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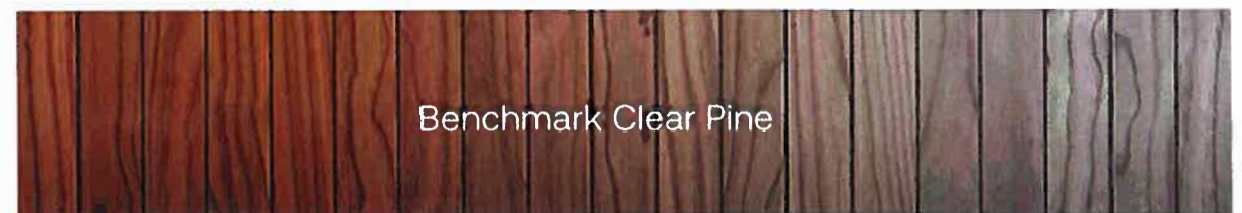


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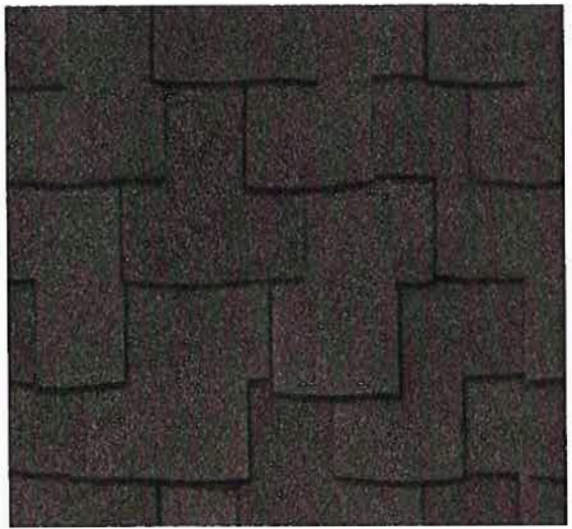
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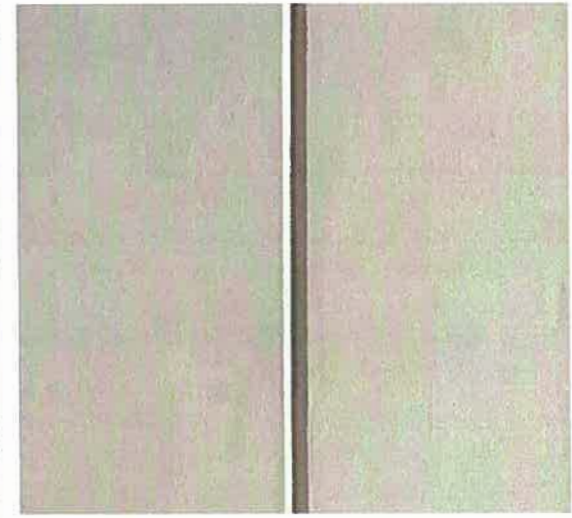


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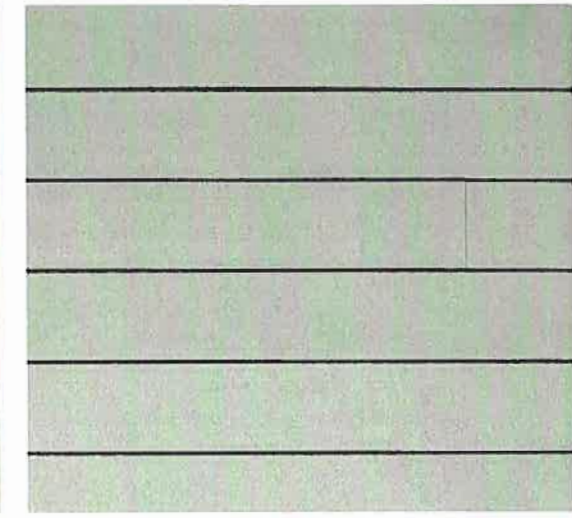
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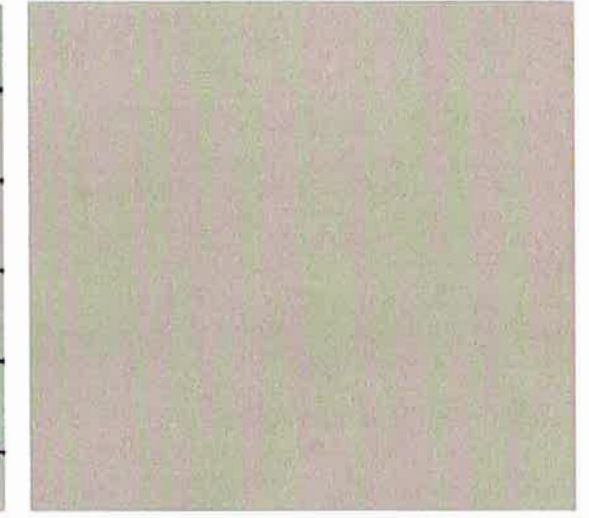
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HARDIE LAP SIDING: SMOOTH FINISH, 4" REVEAL
PAINTED



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SMOOTH SOFFIT (FASCIA TO MATCH): SMOOTH FINISH,
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