

**CITY OF CORTEZ, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 1345, SERIES 2025**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORTEZ, COLORADO FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS FOR NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTERS, CULTIVATION FACILITIES, PRODUCT MANUFACTURING, TESTING FACILITIES, AND ANY OTHER RELATED LICENSE OR PERMIT INVOLVING NATURAL MEDICINE, WHICH INCLUDES, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PSILOCYBIN OR PSILOCIN.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1332, Series 2025, on February 26, 2025, the City of Cortez amended Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Cortez by adopting a six-month temporary moratorium on the submission, acceptance, review, processing, public hearing, and approval of licenses or permits relating to Natural Medicine healing centers, cultivation facilities, product manufacturing, testing facilities, and any other related license or permit involving Natural Medicine, including, without limitation, psilocybin and psilocin; and

WHEREAS, the Cortez City Council has held various work sessions and regular meeting sessions and has been working with City Staff, to diligently discuss and develop Natural Medicine regulations; and

WHEREAS, despite working diligently towards finalizing the Natural Medicine regulations, the City Council desires additional time to continue to engage in a thorough review, analysis, and drafting of comprehensive amendments to the Code of the City of Cortez and/or the Cortez Land Use Code regarding the regulation of Natural Medicine, and to ensure appropriate time for public engagement regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the temporary moratorium for an additional three-months is a reasonable length of time and no longer than necessary for the City to properly review, research, develop, ensure appropriate time for public engagement, adopt, and implement any applicable recommendations, amendments, and regulations for the time, place and manner regulations of Natural Medicine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

RECITALS INCORPORATED: The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as conclusions, facts, determinations, and findings by the Cortez City Council.

MORATORIUM: Chapter 4, Article IV, Section 4-300 of the Code of the City of Cortez is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 4-300. – Moratorium. The existing six-month temporary moratorium is extended for an additional three-months prohibiting the submission, acceptance, review, processing, public hearing, and approval of licenses or permits relating to Natural Medicine healing centers, cultivation facilities, product manufacturing, testing facilities, and any other

related license or permit involving Natural Medicine, including, without limitation, psilocybin and psilocin. No such applications shall be submitted or accepted by the City and no such applications shall be reviewed, processed, or approved during the period of the extended temporary moratorium set forth herein. City Staff and City Council are directed to continue to develop and amend regulations appropriate to the regulation of Natural Medicine prior to the expiration of this extended temporary moratorium period. If such regulations are adopted prior to the expiration of this extended three-month moratorium, this extended three-month moratorium will terminate upon such adoption of the regulations.

REPEALER: All orders, bylaws, ordinances, and resolutions of the City, or parts thereof, inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict.

SEVERABILITY: If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.

RECORDING AND AUTHENTICATION: Upon adoption hereof, this Ordinance shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose and shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication after final passage on second reading.

FIRST READING. This Ordinance shall be considered first reading on the 12th day of August, 2025, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, Cortez, Colorado, at which time this ordinance shall be read and the public hearing for the second or final reading of this ordinance shall be set.

PUBLIC HEARING: This ordinance shall be considered for second or final reading on the 26th day of August 2025, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, Cortez, Colorado, at which time and place all persons may appear and be heard concerning the same.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

CITY OF CORTEZ

ATTEST:



DANIELLE WELLS, CITY CLERK



RACHEL B MEDINA, MAYOR

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS 26th
DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

CITY OF CORTEZ

ATTEST:



DANIELLE WELLS, CITY CLERK



RACHEL B MEDINA, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. PATRICK COLEMAN, CITY ATTORNEY