## **WE OPPOSE** PINEDALE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE 440

## Don't make it harder and more expensive to do business here! ONCE IT GETS STARTED, WE'RE ALL STUCK WITH IT. BUREAUCRACIES NEVER SHRINK.

## Here's why WE OPPOSE this new ordinance regulating businesses in Pinedale:

• We don't want government controlling the marketplace in Pinedale. This ordinance gives the Town Council ultimate authority to decide who can and cannot have a business in Pinedale. They can say "NO" if they don't want a certain type of business, or don't like the business person applying. Grounds for denial aren't specified. It gives the Council the opportunity and power to deny a license renewal each and every year for an existing business already in town if the Town Council decides they no longer want that business in the Town. (Real estate agency, attorney, motel, grocery store, auto parts store, restaurant, microbrewery, guide service, car rental, auto dealer, auto repair, gas station, beauty parlor, bank...)

• There is no appeal process.

• The Town has already said **they don't need the money** generated by these licenses. We don't need to inflict a business license just because other towns do it.

• We don't need Town Hall making it harder and more costly for us to do business here, all the while telling us they are "helping" us.

• This won't just cost \$15 per business. **There are many hidden costs to implement this program:** The Town will need more staff to administer it, which means more wages, more office space, and more lawyer time fees and higher court litigation costs to go after "Business Criminals". These higher costs will ultimately have to be passed on to the businesses by raising the license fee (\$500?) and to citizens as higher taxes to support the Town. Once started, this adds to the town bureaucracy that will just grow and expand and cost more for businesses and taxpayers.

• The Ordinance says Partnerships, LLCs and Corporations can be found **INDIVIDUALLY guilty** of violation. As a misdemeanor offense, **there's a \$750 fine for EACH AND EVERY DAY the violation is committed** beyond the delinquency period. **This applies for EACH partner, member, corporate officer, agent or employee who is convicted in violation of this ordinance.** This vastly multiplies the impact and fine cost penalty of this ordinance.

## We ask the public to support us in asking the Town Council to vote "NO" for Ordinance 440.

It is bad for business for government to have ultimate control over the marketplace in Pinedale. The 2nd Reading for this ordinance will be Monday, September 8, at the regular Town Council meeting at 5:30 PM at the Pinedale Town Hall. This is when the "Workshop" is scheduled for this topic. Action will be taken at this time regarding this ordinance.

1st Bank Great Outdoor Shop **Tegeler & Associates** Office Outlet Pinedale Online! High Mountain Real Estate Log Cabin Motel Tom Brown Insurance **Big J's Auto Parts** Jay Fear Real Estate Rock Rabbit A to Z Hardware Rocky Mountain Wash LLC Vista Properties LLC High Country Suites Hatch Real Estate LLC Country Lane Gas & Groceries Country Lane Liquor

Patriot Enterprises, LLC White Pine Ski Area Allen Agency Real Estate LLC Logcrafters **KPIN Radio** Rendezvous Travel Teton Court Motel Sugar Shack Mary Ann Menster CPA Blushing Crow Photography Julie's Child Care Paul Rock Appraisals Inc. Wilson Land Surveying Aster Canyon Consulting Inc. Green River Computing Snow Ventures, LLC The Barn Door, LLC High-Tech Carpet Systems, Inc Chambers House Bed & Breakfast Dawn Ballou Cynde & Ron Wilson James & Kathy Thomas

Dale Hill Tiger Jaskolski Randy Belton Vernon & Virginia Delgado Bob Rule Peggy Maw Robert Brito Ken Konicek Clint Gilchrist Tim & Jennifer McKinney Jeff & Susie Hatch Eric Fairbanks Mike & Jennifer Gilmore

(These businesses contributed to NOT have this business license ordinance.)