

Resolution No. 2024-08
RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE COLORADO SPECIAL DISTRICT RECORDS RETENTION
SCHEDULE, APPOINTING AN OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN, AND ADOPTING POLICIES
AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE HANDLING OF RECORD REQUESTS UNDER THE
COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT (“CORA”)

WHEREAS, the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District (the “District”) of Garfield County, Colorado is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 32-1-1001(1)(h-i), C.R.S., the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) is responsible for the management, control and supervision of all business and affairs of the District and has the authority to appoint, hire, and retain agents; and the District is authorized pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-1001(1)(j)(I) to fix and from time to time to increase or decrease fees, rates, tolls, penalties, or charges for services, programs, or facilities furnished by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes a need for a comprehensive records retention schedule for the District’s non-permanent records and the retention of those records that have long-term administrative, fiscal, and historical value; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to designate an official custodian of the District’s records for the purpose of storing, maintaining, and protecting such records in accordance with state statute and to permit their inspection in an orderly and timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-80-101 et seq., the Colorado State Archives has developed a statewide records retention schedule in cooperation with the Special District Association, the Colorado Attorney General’s Office, and the State Auditor’s Office for special districts and other governmental entities to use and follow; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to adopt the model special district retention schedule unless modified by Section 4 below; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1 et seq., (Colorado Open Records Act or CORA) requires that public documents and records be made available upon request to members of the public unless protected by an exception and allows for public entities such as special districts to charge a reasonable fee for copying such documents and for any extra work that is required to research and retrieve requested documents; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to adopt policies regarding CORA requests for documents and a fee schedule for the copying and retrieval of such documents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board designates the Board Secretary as the Official Custodian of public records as such term is used in C.R.S. § 24-72-202. The Official Custodian is authorized to develop such procedures as may be reasonably required for the protection of such records. On behalf of the District, the Official Custodian may charge the maximum fees allowed by law for the development of a privilege log, copies, a printout or photograph, and such other services as are authorized by law.

The Board hereby sets a charge of \$41.37 per hour for research and retrieval of documents. The first hour of time spent for research and retrieval will be without charge.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all such fees and charges shall be increased or decreased for changes in the maximum rates allowed by law.

2. The Official Custodian shall have the authority to designate such persons and/or organizations as it shall determine appropriate to perform any and all acts necessary to the maintenance, care, and keeping of the District's records. This may include, and shall not be limited to, the temporary, off-site storage of such records.

3. The Board hereby adopts the 2008 Colorado Special District Records Retention Schedule ("Schedule") and all subsequent amendments, modification, and revisions.

4. Unless otherwise prescribed by Statute, all District records shall be retained in accordance with the Schedule and the Board authorizes the District Secretary or the Official Custodian to submit a request to the Colorado State Archivist to adopt the Schedule. Approval from the State Archivist is legal authority for the destruction and preservation of District records. This Schedule may be amended from time to time as required by the Official Custodian or by the State Archivist.

5. All District records are public records and shall be available for public inspection unless prohibited by the exceptions of Part 2 of Title 24, Article 72, C.R.S. Inspection shall be permitted during normal hours, Monday through Friday, except on holidays, at a time set by the Official Custodian.

6. No person shall be permitted to inspect or copy any records of the District if, in the opinion of the Official Custodian after consultation with the District's general counsel, such inspection or copying would be prohibited by one or more exceptions set forth in the Colorado Open Records Act.

7. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, by July 1 of every five-year period after July 1, 2024, the Official Custodian shall adjust the maximum hourly fee specified in this Resolution in accordance with the percentage change over the period of the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for Denver-Aurora-

Lakewood, All Items, All Urban Consumers, or its successor index as posted by the Director of Research of the Legislative Council on the website of the General Assembly.

8. If any provision of this Resolution is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Board's intension the various provisions hereof are severable.

9. All acts, orders, and resolutions or parts thereof of the District's Board which are inconsistent with or in conflict with this Resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such consistency or conflict.

10. The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect as of the date set forth below.

Approved and adopted this 16 day of September, 2024.

BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT

By: Jane D. Chapman
President

ATTEST:


Secretary