

## **Information for Sheriff IGA Discussion**

### **Number of current active registered voters in Hinsdale County as provided by the County Clerk's Office:**

714 registered active voters in Hinsdale County

594 of them live within Town limits.

83% of the active registered voters in Hinsdale County live within Town limits.

### **Hinsdale County Housing Strategy Population Data - 2025 Forecast**

Hinsdale County has approximately 774 residents (2025 forecast), with about 68% living within Lake City limits (527 people). The remaining 32% of county residents (approximately 247 people) live in unincorporated areas throughout Hinsdale County.

### **Town of Lake City Property Valuation and Property Tax Revenue**

2024 total taxable assessed valuation of town property = \$14,460,090

- Town Property Tax 4.265 mills generated \$61,672 (to be received in 2025)
- County Property Tax 15.567 mills generated \$225,100 (to be received in 2025)

2025 preliminary taxable assessed valuation of town property = \$20,120,430

- Town Property Tax 4.265 mills generates \$85,813 (to be received in 2026)
- County Property Tax 15.567 mills generates \$313,214 (to be received in 2026)

2025 County Property Tax Revenue

- County General Fund Revenue from Property Tax = \$902,143, of which 25% or \$225,100 comes from properties within the Town
- 58% of all Hinsdale County property tax revenue goes to the Sheriff's office, 58% of \$902,143 = \$523,243 to Sheriff's Office, 25% of which is \$130,810.75 conceivably paid with property taxes collected within Town
- 70% of Sheriff's 2025 Budget is paid with Hinsdale County Property Tax Revenue

**Hinsdale County Proposed Sheriff IGA 2026 \$100,548.60** - 2027 \$103,565 - 3% increase annually

Includes monies for deputy equipment, vehicle replacement, and dispatch fees even though this is not listed in the new IGA yet, it was in the old expiring IGA.

### **Example Town/County Sheriff IGA's as provided by Commissioner Borchers:**

- Town of Cheyenne/Cheyenne County \$58,000 - No annual increase, 1 yr term
- Town of San Luis/Costilla County \$60,059 – No annual increase, 1 yr term
- Town of Creede/Mineral County \$60,000 – No annual increase, renews for 2 years
- Town of Orchard City/Delta County \$75,000 – No annual increase
- Town of Eads/Kiowa County \$86,000 – No annual increase

Town of Silverton/San Juan County \$378,189 – Unused budget monies refunded and split between County 60%/Town 40%. Also, if over budget then additional expenses is split the same way. IMHO, this is not a good or comparable example of a Sheriff IGA.

**Notable sections from each example IGA:**

**Town of Cheyenne/Cheyenne County: 2025 \$58,000**

- Sheriff and Deputies enforces all Town ordinances, assumes all duties of a Town Marshall set forth in Colorado Revised Statute 31-4-112. **Includes serving Code Enforcement citations.**
- The Sheriff acknowledges his familiarity with Town Ordinances and his responsibilities to enforce them and attendance at Municipal Court as well as the enforcement of State laws and County Ordinances within the Town.
- The Town shall not be responsible for out-of-pocket costs incurred for arrests made under State Statutes or County Ordinances.
- All traffic citations written into County Court and County receives all revenue from paid traffic tickets.
- All State Statute/Town ordinance citations written into County court or Municipal Court,
- The officer who issues the ticket shall be present in Municipal Court on the ticket date and the officers shall get the correct Municipal Court dates on the issued tickets.
- Town Insurance: The Town agrees to include the County, the Sheriff and the Sheriff Deputies as additional insured on the Town's public official's errors and omissions liability coverage with respect to claims against the Sheriff and Deputies based upon alleged unconstitutionality of any Town Ordinance.
- County Insurance: The County agrees to include the Town and its officers and employees as additional insured on the County's general liability, auto liability and public official's errors and omissions liability coverage with respect to claims against the Town or its officers and employees based upon the activities to be performed hereunder by the Sheriff and Deputies except that coverage shall not be extended to the Town for any claims arising from alleged unconstitutionality of any Town Ordinance.
- 1 year term, no auto renewals, no annual 3% increase.

**Town of San Luis/Costilla County: 2025 \$60,059 – includes \$3,000 annually for mileage.**

- Sheriff shall focus efforts on managing and slowing traffic on Main Street and throughout the Town of Luis.
- Traffic infractions cited into Municipal Court
- Traffic offenses cited into County Court
- Sheriff enforces ATV ordinance violations
- Sheriff not responsible for Town Planning and Zoning Codes but agrees to provide personal service of land use citations written into Municipal Court
- Any civil ordinance violation cited by the Sheriff's office shall be prosecuted by the issuing deputy.

- The Sheriff's Office shall comply with Colorado Rule 16 of Criminal Procedure regarding the preservation and safekeeping of evidence of criminal activity as relating to the Town of San Luis.
- Sheriff's office will respond to all calls of emergency service within 30 minutes or make alternative arrangements with back up law enforcement.
- Sheriff shall provide patrol services within Town for an average of 120 hours per month and must provide written monthly accounting of hours to the Town Manager.
- Town pays additionally for officers at Town events.
- Sheriff's office is responsible for supplying their own equipment.
- No insurance requirements for County or Town.
- 1 year term, both parties must mutually agree to renew contract for successive one year terms.

**Town of Creede/Mineral County: 2025 \$60,000**

- Sheriff's office only enforces state laws and statutes within Town.
- Investigation and action upon all traffic accidents within Town.
- Town pays for Service of Process within Town per Sheriff fee schedule
- Automatically renews for additional 2 year term, no annual increase in fee.

**Town of Orchard City/Delta County: 2023 - \$75,000 for one law enforcement equipped vehicle**

- Sheriff's office enforces state statute, Colorado Criminal Code, non-traffic criminal offenses
- Sheriff's officers attend special Town events at no additional cost
- County provides all labor, equipment and supplies.
- Town provides office space and telephone service at no cost to the County
- Both County/Town maintain insurance in all forms and types required by law.
- Each indemnifies the other arising out of negligent acts, errors and omissions.
- Agreement auto-renews annually and every third year the cost is updated to reflect increase in cost of one law enforcement equipped vehicle purchased by the Sheriff's office for that year.

**Town of Eads/Kiowa County: 2025 \$86,000 – County cost incurred by the Sheriff for policing**

- Sheriff and Deputies enforces all Town ordinances, assumes all duties of a Town Marshall set forth in Colorado Revised Statute 31-4-112. Include serving code enforcement violations.
- Sheriff acknowledges his familiarity with Town Ordinances and his responsibilities to enforce them (including attendance at Municipal, County or District Court), as well as to enforce state laws and County Ordinances within the Town.