

EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC HEARINGS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Town Manager executed an order declaring a local disaster emergency pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, also on March 13, 2020, the Town Manager adopted a Remote Meeting Policy for the Town, which Policy allows the Town Council to conduct remote meetings if certain conditions are met;

WHEREAS, the Remote Meeting Policy allows for quasi-judicial public hearings to be conducted remotely with the consent of the applicant;

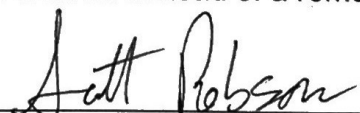
WHEREAS, regardless of the applicant's consent and the Town's desire to continue to timely process land use applications, the Town must ensure that all quasi-judicial public hearings be conducted in a manner that is sufficient to ensure that due process is maintained, and that both the public and the Town Council have adequate opportunity to meaningfully participate in the public hearing;

WHEREAS, based on recent experiences of the Town Council with remote meetings, the ability of the public and the Town Council to meaningfully participate in a public hearing may be undermined by individuals who seek to interfere with the remote meeting, and the Town is unable to prevent this interference from a practical perspective;

WHEREAS, in addition, based on the amount of public input the Town has already received on several pending land use applications, the Town expects to see even more difficulties related to remote meetings; and


WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.5 of the Town's Home Rule Charter, in case of emergency, the Town Manager shall assume the authority to execute any action necessary for the protection of life and property, including establishing regulations governing conduct and activities related to the cause of the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, on this 15th day of April 2020, that the Town Manager may order that any scheduled quasi-judicial public hearing before the Town Council be postponed until such time as the public hearing can safely be conducted at a live, in-person meeting of the Town Council instead of a remote meeting.



Scott Robson, Town Manager

ATTEST:



Tammy Nagel, Town Clerk

