

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 5002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE (TITLE 21.02.080) REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE HEARING PROCEDURES FOR LAND USE APPLICATIONS IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RECITALS:

On June 5, 2020 the Grand Junction City Council adopted Ordinance 4923 finding the existence of a special emergency and that as an emergency matter the Ordinance was necessary to ensure the preservation of the peace, public health, safety and general welfare by effectuating the Council's public purposes and policies, which are consistent with and supportive of those of the City and State regarding COVID-19.


On December 2, 2020 the City Council adopted Ordinance 4967, which extended Ordinance 4923. Ordinance 4967 includes a 180-day sunset provision, which provides in relevant part that without further action by the City Council, the Ordinance will expire.

In response to COVID in general, and specifically as provided in Ordinance 4967, certain City regulations have been implemented, amended and adjusted in order to respond to the pandemic. Those regulations include but are not limited to prescribing procedures for the conduct of City business via virtual platforms while providing important opportunities for citizen engagement, dissemination of information, public participation and transparency. The City successfully modified its Code and implemented the necessary processes and procedures to conduct City business remotely, and developed and put into practice techniques for citizens to view meetings and otherwise comment on agenda topics and for alternative public participation processes and hearing procedures. Both applicants and interested parties have found the processes to be convenient and have expressed support for continued use. Because the processes and procedures have worked well, the City staff recommends that the City Council approve the processes and procedures as the City's standard practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

The City Council having duly considered this Ordinance does find and determine that an amendment to the Grand Junction Municipal Code regarding neighborhood meetings and allowing for alternative hearing processes and procedures for land use applications in the City of Grand Junction, Colorado is proper and the heretofore temporary measures shall be made permanent unless and until the same are amended or modified by subsequent ordinance.

The provisions of Ordinances 4923 and 4967, as codified in the Grand Junction Municipal Code at Title 21.02.080, shall remain in full force and effect henceforth and the processes and procedures defined and described therein which are adopted and approved by and with this Ordinance shall be applied in a manner that the City reasonably considers to comport with principles of Due Process and fundamental fairness.



C.B. McDaniel
President of the City Council



ATTEST:



Wanda Winkelmann
City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 5002 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 5th day of May 2021 and the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, in pamphlet form, at least ten days before its final passage.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT a Public Hearing was held on the 2nd day of June 2021, at which Ordinance No. 5002 was read, considered, adopted and ordered published in pamphlet form by the Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 7th day of June 2021.


Deputy City Clerk

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