ORDINANCE NO. 5170 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.04.140 OF THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO BUILDING SEWERS

RECITALS:

The Grand Junction Municipal Code ("GJMC") presently requires separate sewer connections, with some exceptions, for every plumbed building. The City Utilities Staff has proposed amendments to the GJMC Wastewater System regulations to allow for buildings within the same parcel to share a sewer service line and require separate sewer service should the parcel be subdivided. The proposed amendment to the GJMC will, among other things, serve to facilitate the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

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

Chapter 13.04.140 shall be revised as follows (additions are shown in **bold print** and deletions are shown in strike through print.)

13.04.140 Building sewer – Separate sewer required for each building – Exception for buildings on the same parcel.

A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available nor can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer. more than one building is located on the same parcel where the buildings may, as provided, in this section be served by a shared sewer service line.

A property owner applying for sewer service for more than one building on the same parcel (Applicant) may apply to the City Manager to connect the second building to the existing sanitary sewer system connection. The City Manager or his/her designee will review and approve, conditionally approve, or deny the Applicant's request in writing. As required by 13.04.150 of this Code, an existing building sewer may be used in connection with a new building only when found, on examination by the City Manager or his/her designee, to meet all requirements of this Code, which requirements include but are not limited to the Applicant being bound to all current standard specifications for the construction of pipe and fittings for sanitary sewer service lines all of which shall consider the size, slope, and material(s) for construction for service lines.

If the parcel is subdivided, a separate and independent sewer service line(s) shall be provided for each parcel. Separate parcels shall not share or be served by a single (common) sewer service line(s).

ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 13.04.140 SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL AMEND 13.04.140 AS PROVIDED HEREIN AND AS NECESSARY REPEAL ANY PART INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING THE 2ND DAY OF AUGUST 2023 AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2023 AND ORDERED

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Anna M. Stout

President of the City Council

ATTEST:

Amy Phillips

City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 5170 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 2nd day of August 2023 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 16th day of August 2023, at which Ordinance No. 5170 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 18th day of August 2023.

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