

1 ORDINANCE NO. ____

2 AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND ORDINANCE 4967 AMENDING THE GRAND JUNCTION
3 MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND TO ALLOW FOR
4 ALTERNATIVE HEARING PROCEDURES FOR LAND USE APPLICATIONS IN THE CITY OF
5 GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

6 RECITALS:

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

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

15 In response to COVID in general, and specifically as provided in Ordinance 4967,
16 certain City regulations have been implemented, amended and adjusted in order to
17 respond to the pandemic. Those regulations include but are not limited to prescribing
18 procedures for the conduct of City business via virtual platforms while providing
19 important opportunities for citizen engagement, dissemination of information, public
20 participation and transparency. The City successfully modified its Code and
21 implemented the necessary processes and procedures to conduct City business
22 remotely, and developed and put into practice techniques for citizens to view
23 meetings and otherwise comment on agenda topics and for alternative public
24 participation processes and hearing procedures. Both applicants and interested
25 parties have found the processes to be an important and essential option during this
26 time. City staff recommends that Ordinance 4967 be extended for an additional 90
27 days from the effective date of this Ordinance.

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

30 The City Council having duly considered this Ordinance does find and determine that
31 an amendment to and extension of the sunset of Ordinance 4967 regarding
32 neighborhood meetings and allowing for alternative hearing processes and procedures
33 for land use applications in the City of Grand Junction, Colorado shall be amended to
34 provide an extended term of 90 days after the effective date hereof and shall expire,
35 without subsequent action by the City Council, on the date immediately thereafter.

36 All other provisions of Ordinances 4923 and 4967, as codified in the Grand Junction
37 Municipal Code, shall remain in full force and effect. The extended term of the
38 Ordinance will be applied in a manner that the City reasonably considers to comport
39 with principles of Due Process and fundamental fairness as found and determined by
40 the City Council with the enactment of Ordinance 4923, 4967 and this Ordinance.

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President of the City Council

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47 ATTEST:

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Wanda Winkelmann
50 City Clerk

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