

# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

450 S. Parish, Johnstown, CO Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT: Enhancing the quality of life of our residents, businesses, and visitors through community focused leadership.

# **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the audience are invited to speak at the Council meeting. Public Comment is reserved for citizen comments on items not contained on the Public Hearing portion of the agenda. Citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. When several people wish to speak on the same position on a given item, they are requested to select a spokesperson to state that position.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda is a group of routine matters to be acted on with a single motion and vote. Council or staff may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

- 1. November 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 2. December 4 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 3. Consider Resolution 2023-061 Finding substantial compliance for initiating annexation proceedings and setting a public hearing for Town Council on February 5, 2024.
- 4. Resolution No. 2023-62 Authorizing a Mail Ballot Election for the Town of Johnstown's Regular Municipal Election Scheduled on April 2, 2024
- 5. Resolution 2023-63 Amending the Town of Johnstown Fee Schedule
- 6. Intergovernmental Agreement Town of Johnstown and Little Thompson Water District
- 7. Contract Award to Mark Young Construction
- 8. Contribution Agreement Mountain View West Master Association
- 9. November 2023 Financial Statements

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

## TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

10. Consider Adopting the Town of Johnstown Strategic Plan

### PUBLIC HEARING

- 11. Ordinance 2023-264: An Ordinance Submitting To The Registered Electors Of The Town Of Johnstown At The General Municipal Election To Be Held On April 2, 2024, A Charter Amendment Conforming The Limits On Allowing Persons With Felony Convictions To Hold Council Office To Those Set Forth In The Colorado Constitution
- 12. Ordinance 2023-265: An Ordinance Submitting To The Registered Electors Of The Town Of Johnstown At The General Municipal Election To Be Held On April 2, 2024, A Charter Amendment Setting Forth The Source Of The Population Count For Councilmember Residency Qualifications And Providing For The Election Of Councilmembers From Three Electoral Districts Rather Than From Two Districts And Four Wards
- 13. Ordinance 2023-266, An Ordinance Approving the Grant of a Cable Franchise to TDS Broadband Service, LLC, and Approving a Cable Franchise Agreement Between TDS Broadcast Service, LLC and the Town of Johnstown, Colorado

### **COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

# **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

14. Informational Items

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 15. An executive session to discuss the purchase of real property pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a).
- 16. An executive session to discuss matters subject to negotiations and to instruct negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) regarding Project Solstice.

# **ADJOURN**

# AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE

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# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

450 S. Parish, Johnstown, CO Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT: Enhancing the quality of life of our residents, businesses, and visitors through community focused leadership.

# **MINUTES**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mellon called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Councilmember Berg

Councilmember Molinar

Councilmember Morris

Councilmember Paranto

Councilmember Young

Mayor Mellon

Absent:

Councilmember Dominguez

# AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Berg moved to approve the agenda.

Councilmember Morris seconded and the motion passed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. An executive session to receive legal advice from the Town attorney pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding group homes and the fair housing act.

Councilmember Berg moved to recess into executive session to receive legal advice from the Town Attorney pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).

2. Councilmember Young seconded and the motion passed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Butch Lewis, Executive Director of Colorado Agency for Recovery Residenecnes (CARR), spoke to Council regarding recovery home oversite and rules and regulations.

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Lacy Naranjo spoke to HOA guidelines regarding the recovery house.

Brianne Stinar spoke to information provided to the neighborhood regarding the recovery house.

Frank Eubanks spoke to CARR requirements for a recovery house.

Efrain Perez spoke to the recovery house and timeframe of information provided.

Michael Duncan spoke to the recovery house and noted documentation provided to Council.

David Hogan spoke to CARR and HOA rules.

Ken Velarde spoke to long-term care needed for recovery.

Tara Russell spoke regarding a neighborhood watch program for Johnstown.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

3. Ordinance 2023-263: Amending Section 17-4-3, Section 17-11-1 and Section 17-11-2 of the Town of Johnstown Land Use and Development Code; and Declaring an Emergency

Avi Rocklin, Town Attorney, noted the purpose of the proposed ordinance would be to amend the code to clarify what "group home" is listed as, per State Statue. It was noted that a recovery residence is not the same as a group home. The ordinance would add an occupancy limit to the code, to households not being able to exceed 3 unrelated persons.

Council asked for clarification on criteria to follow rules and guidelines of Metro Districts or HOAs, which staff noted all residents are required to be incompliance with the Metro District or HOA however the Town does not enforce those entities' regulations.

Council noted the Town Manager would create a review criterion for applicants wishing for an exemption to the proposed code.

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing for public comment.

Dr. James spoke to the ordinance making sense and social service enterprises.

Lawrence Barela spoke to the needs of a community.

Michael Duncan spoke to recoveries and sanctuary cities.

Dan Foggin spoke to neighbors of sober living facilities.

Ken Velarde sought clarification on number of people living in group homes.

Mayor Mellon closed public comment.

Mayor Mellon closed the public hearing.

Council noted the ordinance would be meant to strengthen the code and provide clarity to citizens.

Councilmember Berg moved with amendments to approve Ordinance 2023-263, an Ordinance Amending Section 17-4-3, Section 17-11-1 and Section 17-11-2 of the Town of Johnstown Land Use and Development Code; and Declaring an Emergency.

Councilmember Paranto seconded and the motion passed 5-1.

Abstain: Morris

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There was no report given.

# TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

There was no report given.

# COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

There was no report given.

# **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

There was no report given.

# **ADJOURN**

Mayor Mellon adjourned the November 27, 2023 Special Meeting.

Troy D. Mellon, Mayor

Hannah Hill, Town Clerk



# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 450 S. Parish, Johnstown, CO Monday, December 04, 2023 at 7:00 PM

# **MINUTES**

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mellon called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Pledge of Allegiance

# **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Councilmember Berg

Councilmember Morris

Councilmember Paranto

Councilmember Young

Mayor Mellon

Absent:

Councilmember Dominguez

Councilmember Molinar

# AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Bergs moved to approve the agenda.

Councilmember Young seconded and the motion passed.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Staff Introductions

Matt LeCerf, Town Manager noted no staff was present to introduce to Council.

2. Johnstown Downtown Development Association Annual Presentation

The Johnstown Downtown Development Association presented their annual report to Council.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Garcia spoke to utility billing.

Comments were emailed in by Becky Roller and Dee Menzies.

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# **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3. November 20 2023 Minutes
- 4. Water & Sewer Service Agreement Corbett Glen Filing 3, Amended Plat of Outlot A
- 5. Ordinance 2023-256: Amending Chapter 4 Revenue and Finance, of the Johnstown Municipal Code
- 6. Ordinance 2023-261 Vista Commons Re-zoning to MU-RC (Regional Commercial) and R-3 (Residential), Second Reading
- 7. Ordinance 2023-262 Massey Square Re-zoning to MU-NC (Neighborhood Commercial), Second Reading
- 8. Resolution 2023-52 Approval of Blue Sky Prairie Preliminary Subdivision with conditions
- 9. November 2023 List of Bills

Councilmember Paranto moved to approve the consent agenda.

Councilmember Morris seconded and the motion passed.

### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

10. Town Manager's Report

Matt LeCerf, Town Manager, spoke to the utility bills for the month of November, noting the challenges with meter reads.

# TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

The Town Attorney did not have a report.

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

11. Public Hearing - Resolution 2023-43 Approving the Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for Revere North Subdivision (SUB)

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing.

Tyler Smith, Planning Department, presented this resolution, noting the item is a continuance of the public hearing. Council asked for clarification on what Council is allowed to require, if they are allowed to set the parameters for ODPS and the previous ask of the developer to work with the landowners. Staff noted asks must fall within the code.

The applicant presented noting comments from Council.

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing for public comment opposed or in favor of this item.

Jim Hatfield asked for clarification on the drainage.

Sandra Stoner spoke to road construction and road entries with this development.

Wendy Chase spoke to truck routes and communication about existing roads.

Debra Garcia asked for Council to consider residents.

Janice Herrera spoke to conditions set forth by Town Council.

Mayor Mellon closed public comment.

Council asked the applicant about providing larger lots, which was noted the applicant is not able to make 1 acre lots due to it being cost prohibitive. Information on the pipeline was asked for. It was noted that there would be no pipes under homes and the Metro district would maintain the pipeline. Kevin Lovelace, the project engineer, spoke to the ditch company and noted no interruption of service to downstream users is expected.

Council sought clarification about the entrance to the residents' concern regarding the driveway and road access. The applicant noted it would be safer to line up with the driveway as opposed to having an offset road entry.

Council discussed Code verses Council conditions.

Mayor Mellon closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Berg moved to approve Resolution 2023-43 approving the Preliminary Subdivision Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for Revere North Subdivision.

Councilmember Paranto seconded and the motion passed 4-1

NO VOTE: Morris

12. Resolution 2023-56: Settler's Crossing Final Subdivision Plat

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing.

Lilly Cory, Planning Department, presented this resolution. Ms. Cory reviewed the location and future land use compatibility. It was clarified that these 11 lots would be administratively approved. Council asked if there was a traffic study conducted, which staff noted they would report back to Council on December 18, 2023.

The applicant, Fred Croci, spoke on behalf of the property owner.

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing for public comment opposed or in favor of this item, to which there was none.

Mayor Mellon closed public comment.

Council asked for clarification if the outlot was being subdivide at this time. Ms. Cory noted this plot is only the 11 commercial lots, not related to nearby townhomes.

Mayor Mellon closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Young moved to approve Resolution 2023-56 Approving Settler's Crossing Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat.

Councilmember Morris seconded and the motion passed.

13. Resolution 2023-59: Approving the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Service Plan for Ledge Rock Center Residential Metropolitan District No. 1

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing.

Avi Rocklin, Town Attorney presented Special Counsel, MaryAnn McGeady of McGeady Becher for the Metropolitan District No. 1. Ms. McGeady noted this item is an ask to increase debt authority.

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing for comments opposed or in favor of this item, to which there was none..

Mayor Mellon closed public comment.

Mayor Mellon closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Berg moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-59, a Resolution approving the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Service Plan for Ledge Rock Center Residential Metropolitan District No. 1.

Councilmember Young seconded and the motion passed.

14. Resolution 2023-60: Approving the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Service Plan for Ledge Rock Center Residential Metropolitan District No. 2

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing.

Avi Rocklin, Town Attorney presented Special Counsel, MaryAnn McGeady of McGeady Becher for the Metropolitan District No. 2. Ms. Mcgready noted all items from the previous item applied.

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing for comments opposed or in favor of this item, to which there was none..

Mayor Mellon closed public comment.

Mayor Mellon closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Young moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-60, a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Service Plan for Ledge Rock Center Residential Metropolitan District No. 2.

Councilmember Morris seconded and the motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

15. Settler's Crossing Development Agreement

Ms. Cory presented the Development and Improvement Agreement, noting this item was related to landscaping and water for site development.

Councilmember Morris moved to approve the Subdivision Development and Improvement Agreement for Settler's Crossing Subdivision.

Councilmember Berg seconded and the motion passed.

16. An Agreement between the Town of Johnstown and J-2 Contracting for the Installation of an Emergency Generator at Johnstown Reservoir

Ellen Hilbig, Utilities Director, presented this contract to Council related to the Johnstown Reservoir pump stations. Currently no emergency generators exists and staff recommend J-2 Contracting after an RFP process.

Councilmember Morris moved to award the Construction Contract for the installation of an emergency generator at Johnstown Reservoir to J-2 Contracting Co. in the amount of \$236,770.

Councilmember Young seconded and the motion passed.

17. Discussion: Ballot Measures

Mayor Mellon noted the proposed changes to the Town Charter with a recommendation for direct the Town Attorney to bring back an ordinance with ballot questions for the April 2, 2024 election.

18. Resolution 2023-57: Adopting and Appropriating the 2024 Budget

Devon McCarty, Finance Director, presented the request to approve the 2024 proposed budget. Ms. McCarty noted no objections were filed or registered. Council asked if this budget took into account the Special Session that was held at the State legislative level. Staff noted Council has the option to direct staff to make changes related to any information that arises from that session.

Councilmember Berg moved to approve Resolution 2023-57, A Resolution of Johnstown, Colorado, Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for Each Fund and Adopting and Appropriating the Budget for the Calendar Year 2024.

Councilmember Young seconded and the motion passed.

19. Resolution 2023-58: A Resolution Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2023, to Help Defray the Cost of Government for the Town of Johnstown, Colorado for the 2024 Budget Year

Ms. McCarty noted the resolution set the mill levy for Weld and Larimer County, providing the Finance Director permission to file the certificates.

Councilmember Young moved to approve Resolution 2023-58 A Resolution Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2023, to Help Defray the Cost of Government for the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, for the 2024 Budget Year.

Councilmember Berg seconded and the motion passed.

# COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Morris asked for clarification on Country Acres. Mr. LeCerf noted recent meetings and discussion options.

Councilmember Young spoke to previous meetings and public comment. Also noted were the Historical Society new members, open house and sale of Letford Bricks.

Councilmember Berg noted the Wreaths Across America program in the Johnstown Cemetery.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Mellon spoke to the Johnstown Jingle event and a Hillsborough Ditch meeting, as well as attendance at the CML Mayor's Summit.

Mayor Mellon noted Council has annually provided direction for employee bonuses.

Councilmember Morris moved to provide \$500 bonuses to full-time employees, \$300 to part-time employees

Councilmember Young seconded and the motion passed.

# **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

20. Informational Items

Informational items were included in the packet.

# **ADJOURN**

Mayor Mellon adjourned the December 4, 2023 Council meeting.

Troy D. Mellon, Mayor

Hannah Hill, Town Clerk



# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Initiating Larson Annexation Proceedings

**ACTION PROPOSED:** Consider Resolution 2023-061 Finding Substantial Compliance for

Initiating Annexation Proceedings and Setting a Public Hearing for

Town Council February 5, 2024.

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Resolution 2023-061

2. Larson annexation Petition

3. Vicinity Map4. Annexation Map

**PRESENTED BY**: Tyler Smith, Planner II

# **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

The Town has received a petition for annexation from Johnstown North Investments, LLC., for the Larson Annexation of approximately 96.04 acres in Weld County. This proposed parcel to be annexed meets the eligibility and contiguity requirements of CRS 31-104 and 105 and is contiguous to Johnstown along Weld County Road 15 and the Town of Johnstown to the south (See Attachment 3 & 4).

The Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) will hold a public hearing on January 10, 2024, prior to the Town Council meeting on February 5, 2024, to consider the Larson Annexation.

The Johnstown Review Committee reviewed this project and provided redlines and comments, which have been addressed by the applicant. Referrals of this annexation were sent to Weld County and all special districts.

### **LEGAL ADVICE:**

Resolution was prepared by the Town Attorney.

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# FINANCIAL ADVICE:

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve Resolution 2023-061 Annexing the Larson Annexation and set a date for a public hearing.

# **SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

# For Approval

I move that the Town Council approve Resolution 2023-061 and set a date for a public hearing for annexation of the Larson Property.

# For Denial

I move that the Town Council deny Resolution 2023-061 as presented.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

# TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2023-61\_

# A RESOLUTION FINDING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE FOR INITIATING ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE LARSON ANNEXATION

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Johnstown ("Town") is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town's Home Rule Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is vested with the authority to administer the affairs of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 22, 2023, Johnstown North Investments, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, submitted a Petition for Annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has reviewed the Petition for Annexation, and, finding substantial compliance as set forth below, desires to initiate annexation proceedings in accordance with the law and set a public hearing.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Town Council finds that a Petition for Annexation of certain property known as Lot B, Recorded Exemption No. 1059-06-2 Re-2515, Lot B, Recorded Exemption No. 1059-06-2-Re-2616 and a portion of adjoining Weld County Road 15 Right of Way located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 6 and the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 4 North, Range 67 West of the 6th P.M., County of Weld, State of Colorado, consisting of approximately 96.04 acres, being more particularly described on <u>Exhibit A</u>, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, filed with the Town Clerk on or about November 22, 2023, to be known as the "Larson Annexation," is in substantial compliance with §31-12-107(1), and that a public hearing should be held to determine if the proposed annexation complies with §\$31-12-104 and 31-12-105, C.R.S., or such parts thereof as may be required to establish eligibility pursuant to §31-12-101, *et seq*.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Town Council hereby sets a public hearing for such purposes on Feburary 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at 450 South Parish Avenue, Johnstown, Colorado.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall publish notice of the hearing once per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the *Johnstown Breeze*, with the first publication at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing. The Town Clerk shall also send a copy of the published notice, together with a copy of this Resolution and the Petition for Annexation, by registered mail to the Weld County Board of County Commissioners and to the Weld County Attorney and to any special district or school district having territory within the area to be annexed at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the date fixed for such hearing.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall be effective on the date hereof.

Item #3.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED	D, AND ADOPTED THIS day of, 2023
ATTEST:	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
By:	By:
Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor

# PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

# To the Town of Johnstown

(Weld County)

The undersigned, in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 31, CRS, as amended, hereby petition the Town Council of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, for annexation to the Town of Johnstown the unincorporated territory more particularly described below, currently known as the Larson Property, and in support of said Petition, your petitioners allege that:

(1) It is desirable and necessary that the following described territory be annexed to the Town of Johnstown, Colorado:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- (2) Not less than one-sixth (1/6) of the perimeter of that area proposed to be annexed is contiguous with the Town of Johnstown, Colorado.
- (3) A community of interest exists between the territory proposed to be annexed and the Town of Johnstown, Colorado.
- (4) The territory proposed to be annexed is urban or will be urbanized in the near future;
- (5) The territory proposed to be annexed is integrated or is capable of being integrated with the Town of Johnstown, Colorado;
- (6) The signatures of the Petition comprise one hundred percent (100%) of the landowners of the territory to be included in the area proposed to be annexed and said landowners attesting to the facts and agreeing to the conditions herein contained will negate the necessity of any annexation election;
- (7) No land held in identical ownership, whether consisting of one tract or parcel of real estate or two or more contiguous tracts or parcels of real estate:
  - (a) Is divided into separate parts or parcels without the written consent of the landowner or landowners thereof, unless such tracts or parcels are separated by a dedicated street, road or other public way;
  - (b) Comprising twenty (20) acres or more and which, together with the building and improvements situated thereon has an assessed value in excess of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for ad valorem tax purposes to be annexed without the written consent of the landowner or landowners.

- (8) No part of the area proposed to be annexed is more than three miles from a point on the municipal boundary, as such was established more than one year before this annexation will take place;
- (9) The area proposed to be annexed comprises more than ten acres and an impact report as provided in Section 31-12-105.5, CRS, as amended, is required.
- (10) The area proposed to be annexed is located within Weld County, School District RE-5J, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Little Thompson Water District, Front Range Fire Protection District, Aims Junior College District, and High Plains Library District, and no others;
- (11) The mailing address of each signer, the legal description of the land owned by each signer and the date of signing of each signature are all shown on this Petition;
- (12) Accompanying this Petition are five (5) prints of the area proposed to be following information:
  - (a) A written legal description of the boundaries of the area proposed to be annexed;
  - (b) A map showing the boundary of the area proposed to be annexed, such map prepared and containing the seal of a registered engineer or land surveyor;
  - (c) Within the annexation boundary map there is shown the location of each ownership tract in unplatted land, and if part or all of the area is to be platted at the time of the effectiveness of the annexation (as opposed to after such effectiveness), then the boundaries and the plat number of plots or of lots and blocks are shown;
  - (d) Next to the boundary of the area proposed to be annexed is drawn the contiguous boundary of the Town of Johnstown, and the contiguous boundary of any other municipality abutting the area proposed to be annexed;
  - (e) The dimensions of the contiguous boundaries are shown on the map.
  - (f) A proposed drainage plan and a proposed utilities plan.
  - (13) The territory to be annexed is not presently a part of any incorporated city, city and county, or town;

- (14) The undersigned agree to the following conditions, which shall be covenants running with the land, and which shall, at the option of the Town, appear on the annexation map:
  - (a) Water rights shall be provided as mutually agreed to by the Town and the undersigned; The undersigned specifically agree that they have not sold or transferred any water rights appurtenant to their property within the past year nor will they do so during the pendency of this annexation petition and once annexed to the Town of Johnstown, they will not sell or transfer any water rights appurtenant to the subject property without the prior written approval of the Johnstown Town Council.
  - (b) The owners shall participate in providing drainage plan and improvements and payment of a unit drainage fee as may be required by the Town the area;
  - (c) The undersigned hereby waive any and all "vested rights" previously created pursuant to Section 24-68-103, CRS, as amended.
  - (d) The undersigned and the Town may enter into an Annexation Agreement prior to the effective date of this annexation, which agreement shall be additional conditions as effectively as if set forth in this Petition.
  - (15) Petitioner represents that no part of the property to be annexed is included within any site specific development plan approved by Town of Johnstown, Colorado.
  - (16) Submitted with this Petition is the required \$\_\_\_\_\_.00 for publication costs.

EXECUTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 202.

	Johnstown North Investments, LLC  By:  Name: Larry S, Buckendorf
	Title: Authorized Agent
	Name of Annexation: Larson Annexation
STATE OF COLORADO	) )ss
COUNTY OF WELD	)
Subscribed and sworn to Buckendorf as Authorize Colorado Limited Liabili	before me this 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2023 by Larry S. d Agent of Johnstown North Investments, LLC a ty Company

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 11 30 2025

CHRISTINA DENISE ZIEMER
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20214046604
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11/30/2025

Notary Public

# AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned, being of lawful age, who being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

That (he or she) was the circulator of the foregoing Petition for Annexation of lands to the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, consisting of 7 pages, including this page and that each signature thereon was witnessed by your affiant and is the true signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

Man (Circulator

STATE OF COLORADO ) )ss COUNTY OF WELD )

The foregoing Affidavit of Circulator was subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November, A.D., 2023, by Morgan Kidder.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 11 30 2025

Notary Public

CHRISTINA DENISE ZIEMER
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20214046604
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11/30/2025

Exhibit A: PARCEL DESCRIPTION - Larson Property Annexation

A parcel of land being Lot B, Recorded Exemption No. 1059-06-2-RE-2515 recorded January 28, 2000 as Reception No. 2746724 of the Records of Weld County, Lot B, Recorded Exemption No. 1059-06-2-RE-2616 recorded January 28, 2000 as Reception No. 2746722 of the Records of Weld County, and the adjoining Weld County Road 15 Right of Way situate within the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Six (6) and the Northwest Quarter of Section Five (5), Township Four North (T.4N.), Range Sixty-seven West (R.67W.) of the Sixth Principal Meridian (6th P.M.), County of Weld, State of Colorado being more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at the East Quarter Corner of said Section 6 and assuming the East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6 as bearing North 00° 44' 06" West a distance of 2532.98 feet, and being monumented on the South by a #6 Rebar with a 3.25" Aluminum Cap stamped LS 23520 and on the North by a 1" Pipe with a 2.5" Aluminum Cap stamped LS 38065 with all other bearings contained herein relative thereto:

THENCE North 86° 38' 55" West along the Northerly line of Rolling Hills Ranch Annexation recorded October 4, 1996 as Reception No. 2514298 of the Records of Weld County and along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 6 a distance of 1359.33 feet to the Center-East Sixteenth Corner of

THENCE North 86° 38' 55" West continuing along said Northerly line of Rolling Hills Ranch Annexation and along said South line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6 a distance of 1359.33 feet to the Center Quarter Corner of said Section 6;

THENCE North 02° 02' 39" West along the Westerly line of Lot B, Recorded Exemption No. 1059-06-2-RE-2616 a distance of 1519.18 feet to the Northwest Corner of said Lot B;

THENCE South 86° 38' 55" East along the Northerly line of Lot B a distance of 1377.18 feet to the Northeast Corner of said Lot B, RE-2616 and to the Northwest Corner of Lot B, Recorded Exemption No. 1059-06-2-RE-2515;

THENCE South 86° 38' 55" East along the North line of said Lot B, RE-2515 a distance of 1376.29 feet to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 6 and to the Northeast Corner of said Lot B, RE-

THENCE North 89° 15' 54" East a distance of 30.00 feet to the Easterly Right of Way line of Weld County Road 15;

The following Four (4) courses are along the Easterly Right of Way line of Weld County Road

THENCE South 00° 44' 06" East a distance of 733.83 feet to the Northerly line of Paul Nelson Dairy Farm Annexation recorded March 1, 2006 as Reception No. 3366628 of the Records of Weld County; THENCE South 00° 44' 06" East a distance of 782.61 feet;

THENCE South 00° 13' 12" East a distance of 0.84 feet to the Southerly line of said Paul Nelson Dairy Farm Annexation;

THENCE South 00° 13' 12" East a distance of 1.17 feet to the Northeast corner of said Rolling Hills Ranch Annexation;

THENCE North 86° 38' 55" West along the Northerly line of said Rolling Hills Ranch Annexation a distance of 30.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above described tract of land contains 4,183,676 square feet or 96.04 acres, more or less (±).

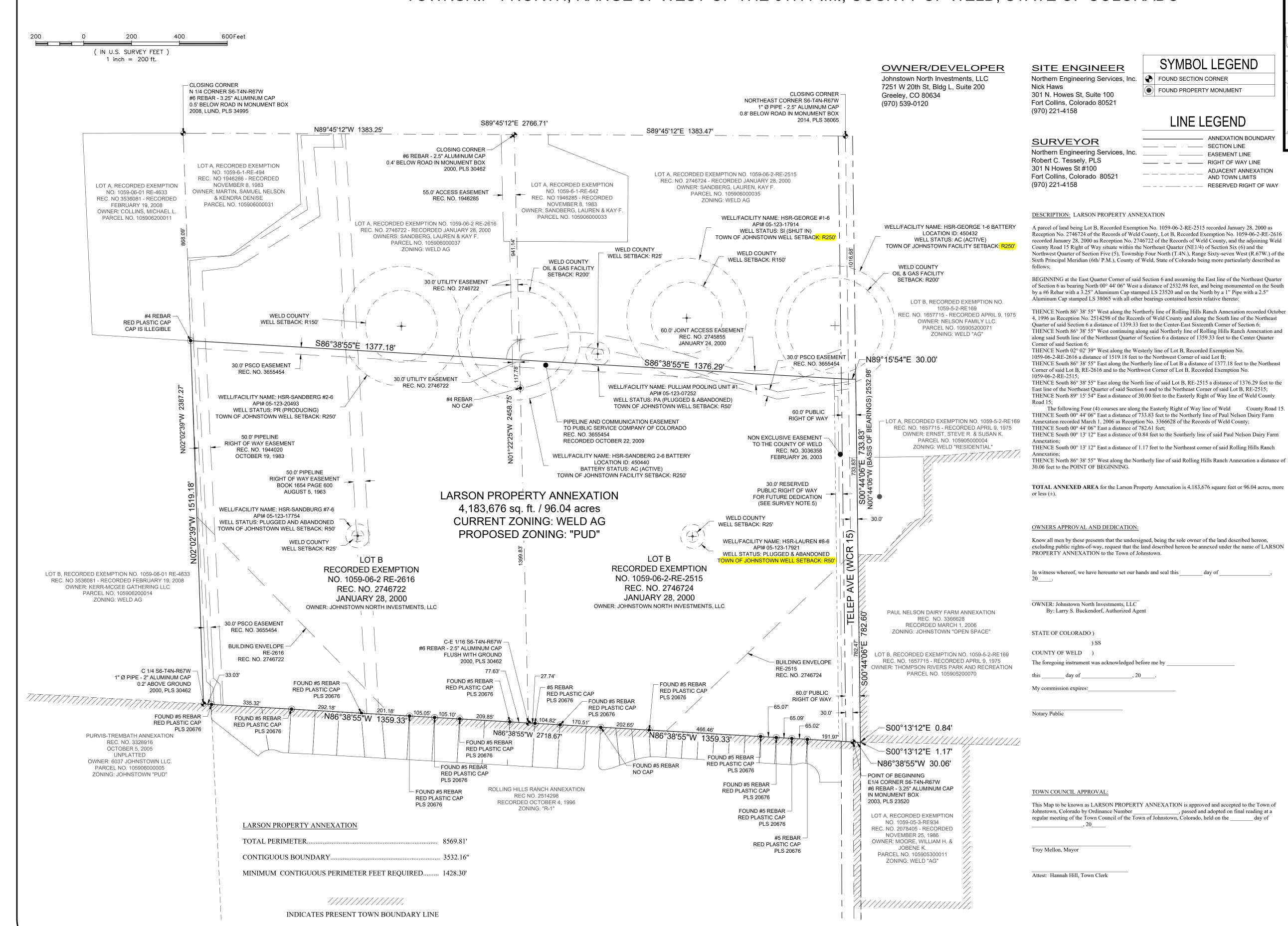


# LARSON PROPERTY ANNEXATION

TO THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN

LOT B, RECORDED EXEMPTION NO. 1059-06-2 RE-2515, LOT B, RECORDED EXEMPTION NO. 1059-06-2-RE-2616 AND A PORTION OF ADJOINING WELD COUNTY ROAD 15 RIGHT OF WAY

LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6 AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 67 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF WELD, STATE OF COLORADO



SITE -COUNTY ROAD 50

VICINITY MAP

SYMBOL LEGEND

LINE LEGEND

EASEMENT LINE

AND TOWN LIMITS

ADJACENT ANNEXATION

— RIGHT OF WAY LINE

\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ RESERVED RIGHT OF WAY

FOUND SECTION CORNER

FOUND PROPERTY MONUMENT

Weld County is one of the most productive agricultural counties in the United States, typically ranking in the top ten counties in the country in total market value of agricultural products sold. The rural areas of Weld County may be open and spacious, but they are intensively used for agriculture. Persons moving into a rural area must recogniz and accept there are drawbacks, including conflicts with long-standing agricultural practices and a lower level of services than in town. Along with the drawbacks come the incentives which attract urban dwellers to relocate to rural areas: open views, spaciousness, wildlife, lack of city noise and congestion, and the rural atmosphere and way of life. Without neighboring farms, those features which attract urban dwellers to rural Weld County would quickly be gone forever.

accommodate the intrusions of urban users into a rural area. Well-run agricultural activities will generate off-site impacts, including noise from tractors and equipment; slow-moving farm vehicles on rural roads; dust from anima pens, field work, harvest and gravel roads; odor from animal confinement, silage and manure; smoke from ditch purning; flies and mosquitoes; hunting and trapping activities; shooting sports, legal hazing of nuisance wildlife; and the use of pesticides and fertilizers in the fields, including the use of aerial spraying. It is common practice fo agricultural producers to utilize an accumulation of agricultural machinery and supplies to assist in their agricultural operations. A concentration of miscellaneous agricultural materials often produces a visual disparity etween rural and urban areas of the County. Section 35-3.5-102, C.R.S., provides that an agricultural operation shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance if the agricultural operation alleged to be a nuisance employs

Water has been, and continues to be, the lifeline for the agricultural community. It is unrealistic to assume that ditches and reservoirs may simply be moved "out of the way" of residential development. When moving to the County, property owners and residents must realize they cannot take water from irrigation ditches, lakes or other

methods or practices that are commonly or reasonably associated with agricultural production.

Weld County covers a land area of approximately four thousand (4,000) square miles in size (twice the size of the State of Delaware) with more than three thousand seven hundred (3,700) miles of state and County roads outside of municipalities. The sheer magnitude of the area to be served stretches available resources. Law enforcement is based on responses to complaints more than on patrols of the County, and the distances which must be traveled may delay all emergency responses, including law enforcement, ambulance and fire. Fire protection is usually provided by volunteers who must leave their jobs and families to respond to emergencies. County gravel roads, n matter how often they are bladed, will not provide the same kind of surface expected from a paved road. Snow removal priorities mean that roads from subdivisions to arterials may not be cleared for several days after a major snowstorm. Services in rural areas, in many cases, will not be equivalent to municipal services. Rural dwellers must, by necessity, be more self-sufficient than urban dweller

People are exposed to different hazards in the County than in an urban or suburban setting. Farm equipment and oil field equipment, ponds and irrigation ditches, electrical power for pumps and center pivot operations, high-speed traffic, sand burs, puncture vines, territorial farm dogs and livestock and open burning present real threats. Controlling children's activities is important, not only for their safety, but also for the protection of the farmer's

# Weld County Right to Extract Mineral Resources Statement

Weld County has some of the most abundant mineral resources, including, but not limited to, sand and gravel, oil natural gas, and coal. Under Title 34 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, minerals are vital resources because the State's commercial mineral deposits are essential to the State's economy; (b) the populous counties of the state face a critical shortage of such deposits; and (c) such deposits should be extracted according to a rational plan, calculated to avoid waste of such deposits and cause the least practicable disruption of the ecology and quality of life of the citizens of the populous counties of the state. Mineral resource locations are widespread throughout the County and people moving into these areas must

recognize the various impacts associated with this development. Often times, mineral resource sites are fixed to their geographical and geophysical locations. Moreover, these resources are protected property rights and mineral owners should be afforded the opportunity to extract the mineral resource.

1. Basis of Bearings: The East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6 as bearing North 00°44'06" West (assumed bearing) and Monumented as shown hereon.

# 2. Unit of measure is U.S. Survey Feet.

3. No rights-of-way or easements, except those shown hereon, were determined by this survey, nor was any research conducted to determine the existence of additional easements, per the request of the client.

4. This survey does not constitute a title search by the surveyor. For information regarding additional easements Northern Engineering relied upon File Number: 459-H06644691-084-LL9, dated November 24, 2021 prepared by

5. 30.0' of additional public right of way to be reserved for future dedication to the Town of Johnstown. 6. This Annexation Map is not a statutory monumented Land Survey as defined by the State of Colorado. Monuments shown hereon are for depicted reference purposes only.

7. The word "certify" or "certification" as shown and used hereon is an expression of professional opinion regarding the facts of the survey, and does not constitute a warranty or guaranty, expressed or implied. DORA Bylaws and Rules (4 CCR 730-1).

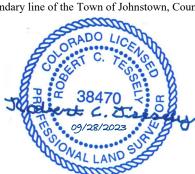
8. The status for all oil & gas wells and facilities are noted as defined by the Colorado Energy & Carbon Management Commission. Weld County oil & gas setback information is per Weld County Code, Sec. 23-3-50.

Town of Johnstown oil & gas setback information is per Johnstown Land Use & Development Code, Chapter 17,

# SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION:

I, Robert C. Tessely, a Colorado Registered Professional Land Surveyor do hereby state that this Property Description of land proposed to be annexed to the Town of Johnstown, County of Weld, State of Colorado, was prepared under my personal supervision and checking, and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, belief, and in my professional opinion.

I further state that not less than one-sixth of the perimeter of the area proposed to be annexed is contiguous to the boundary line of the Town of Johnstown, County of Weld, State of Colorado.



Colorado Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 38470 For and on behalf of Northern Engineering Services, Inc.

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Item #4.



# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

**AGENDA DATE**: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Resolution Authorizing a Mail Ballot Election for the Town of

Johnstown's Regular Municipal Election Scheduled on April 2, 2024

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Resolution 2023-62

**PRESENTED BY**: Hannah Hill, Town Clerk

#### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Enclosed for your review and consideration is a resolution that will authorize the Town Clerk to conduct the April 2, 2024 election as a mail ballot election, appoint election judges and authorizes the use of electronic voting systems.

The next regular Municipal Election is scheduled for April 2, 2024. As per C.R.S. 31-10-908 a municipality may determine that an election be conducted by mail. The Town has conducted mail ballot elections for several years to encourage voter participation. C.R.S. 31-10-801 states voting machines may be used in any municipal election if the governing body authorizes their use. Staff would request this authorization to use an electronic voting machine to record the votes at the election. C.R.S. 31-10-401 provides that the governing body may delegate authority to appoint election judges to the Town Clerk. Staff requests this authority in order to provide efficient service in the election.

# **LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney provided the resolution presented for consideration.

## **FINANCIAL ADVICE:**

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Approve Resolution 2023-62.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

# The Community That Cares

# TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2023-62

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN'S REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED ON APRIL 2, 2024

- **WHEREAS**, the Town of Johnstown ("Town") is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town's Home Rule Charter; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town Council is vested with the authority to administer the affairs of the Town; and
- **WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, a regular municipal election is to be conducted on April 2, 2024; and
- **WHEREAS,** except as otherwise provided in the Home Rule Charter, the election is be governed by state statutes, including the Colorado Municipal Election Code of 1965, C.R.S. §§ 31-10-101, *et seq.* ("Municipal Election Code"); and
- **WHEREAS,** C.R.S. § 31-10-908 provides that a municipality may determine that an election be conducted by mail ballot; and
- **WHEREAS**, the conduct of a mail ballot election is governed by C.R.S. §§31-10-907-913; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to utilize the mail ballot procedure to increase the likelihood that the election will result in higher voter participation; and
- **WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 31-10-401 provides that the Town Council may appoint election judges or may delegate such authority to the Town Clerk; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to delegate the authority to appoint election judges for the April 2, 2024, regular municipal election to the Town Clerk; and
- **WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 31-10-801 provides that the Town Council may authorize the use of an electronic voting system; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to authorize the use of an electronic voting system to count the mail ballots for the April 2, 2024, regular municipal election; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town's Home Rule Charter further provides that the Town Clerk shall be in charge of all activities and duties relating to the conduct of the election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Johnstown to conduct its regular municipal election on April 2, 2024, as a mail ballot election and to adopt the procedures set forth herein.

# NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, THAT:

- **Section 1.** The Town Council hereby determines that the regular election of the Town of Johnstown to be held on April 2, 2024, shall be conducted as a mail ballot election.
- Section 2. The Town Council hereby delegates the authority to appoint qualified election judges for the April 2, 2024, regular municipal election to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk shall make and keep on file in the Town Clerk's office a list of all persons so appointed.
- **Section 3.** The Town Council hereby authorizes the use of an electronic voting system for the April 2, 2024, regular municipal election.
- <u>Section 4.</u> In addition to the authority otherwise set forth herein, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and required action for the proper conduct of the April 2, 2024, regular election, consistent with the Town's Home Rule Charter and the Municipal Election Code.
- <u>Section 5.</u> If any portion of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion shall not affect any of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTEI	O this day of
ATTEST:	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
Ву:	By:
Hannah Hill. Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor

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# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Resolution 2023-63 to consider amending the Town Fee Schedule

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Resolution 2023-63

2. Town Fee Schedule – Exhibit A

**PRESENTED BY**: Devon McCarty, Finance Director

# **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

The Town Consolidated Fee Schedule in its present form was adopted by the Town Council on November 6, 2023, in Resolution 2023-48.

The fee schedule is a comprehensive schedule that includes not only administrative fees, but also utility rates, permitting fees, business licenses, court surcharges, cemetery fees, etc. The fee schedule was created with the intent of: decreasing future costs for publishing ordinances, decreasing costs associated with revising the municipal code, creating a document that is easy for people to use and access, and creating a document that encourages an annual review of the fees that the Town is charging. Fines and penalties have not been included in this fee schedule due to the subjective nature of the fine schedule.

While generally the fees included in the proposed fee schedule are unchanged, there are a few that have been changed or restructured. Those fees include the following:

Sec.2-44 – General Fees

Proposed changes include an increase to park fees and an additional damage deposit with park reservations. Event fees have also been added.

Sec. 6-202 – License Fee

The schedule has been updated to reflect the not spayed/neutered and duplicate tag fees.

Sec. 11-114 Cemetery Fees

Opening/closing costs have increased for both regular and cremain grave spaces.

# Chapter 17

Chapter 17 has been updated to align with the newly adopted Land Use and Development code and the associated sections. There have not been any changes to the fees.

# **LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney provided the resolution presented for consideration.

# FINANCIAL ADVICE:

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Approve Resolution 2023-63.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

# TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2023-63

# RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONSOLIDATED TOWN FEE SCHEDULE

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Town") is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town's Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is vested with authority to administer the affairs of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has authority to establish a schedule of the fees, rates and charges levied and assessed for municipal services in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the fees, rates and charges set forth in the Town Fee Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as <u>Exhibit A</u>, are equitable and just; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the Town Fee Schedule.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, THAT:

- 1. The Town Council hereby amends the Town Fee Schedule.
- 2. This resolution and attached Exhibit A shall become effective immediately, and may, except as provided below, be amended from time to time by resolution of the Town Council.
- 3. The general fees contained in the Town Fee Schedule that are associated with Section 2-44 of the Johnstown Municipal Code, which are administrative in nature, may be amended from time to time by the Town Manager unless otherwise provided by law.
- 4. The fees, rates and charges set forth in the Town Fee Schedule shall supersede and replace any fees, rates or charges previously set or adopted by the Town Council for the same purpose. However, the same shall not be deemed to release, extinguish, alter, modify or change in whole or in part any liability which shall have been previously incurred, and the superseded or replaced provisions shall be treated and held as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree, order or lien.
- 5. If any portion of this resolution is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED, A	ND ADOPTED this day of, 2023.
ATTEST:	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
By:	Ву:
Hannah Hill Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor

# **Chapter 2 - Administration and Personnel**

### **ARTICLE II**

Food Booth (12x12)

Sec 2-44.

General Fees		
Reproductions:		
Xerox copies (agendas, minutes, etc.) - (per page)	\$0.25	
Certified Copies (per page)	\$1.25	
Verbatim Transcripts	Cost + \$15.00	
Voice Recorded Audio	\$10.00	
CD/DVD (each)	\$20.00	
Bound Reports and Publications:		
Any/All items	Cost +10%	
Project Plans and Bid Specifications:		
Small Projects	\$10.00	
Large Projects	\$25.00	
Town Maps	\$15.00	
Black & White Maps - 24x36	\$10.00	
Special Services:		
CORA (first hour is free - fee is per hour after)	\$33.58	
Postage	Standard Postal Rate	
Non-sufficient funds (return check) fee	\$25.00	
Park Reservations:		
No Alcohol:		
All Parks	<del>\$20.00</del>	\$40.00
With Alcohol:		
Hays Park	<del>\$25.00</del>	\$100.00
Damage Deposit with reservation	\$250.00	
Fishing License:		
Resident	\$5.00	
Non-resident	\$25.00	
Special Event Application:	\$100.00	
*fee waived if non-profit or otherwise noted in code		
Event Fees:		
Contest Entry Fee	\$10.00	
Vendor Booth (12x12)	\$25.00	

\$75.00

#### Johnstown Community Complex:

#### Room Rental Fees, Damage Deposits & Equipment Rentals:

Class I: Government Agency/Schools

Class II: Non-Profit/Civic and Service Organizations
Class III: Private Groups - Johnstown Town Limits
Class IV: Private Groups - Outside Johnstown Town Limits

	<u>Large Room</u>	Small Room
Class I	No Charge/Negotiated	No Charge/Negotiated
Class II	No Charge/Negotiated	No Charge/Negotiated
Class III	\$30.00/hr	\$15.00/hr
Class IV	\$50.00/hr	\$25.00/hr

### **Damage Deposits**

Large Room (No Alcohol) 1 to 50 People (In Johnstown Limits)	\$200.00
Large Room (No Alcohol) 51 to 200 People (In Johnstown Limits)	\$300.00
Large Room (No Alcohol) 1 to 200 People (Outside Johnstown Limits)	\$400.00
Large Room (With Alcohol)	\$500.00

#### **ARTICLE III Municipal Court**

#### Sec. 2-74. Fees imposed by the Municipal Court

Parking Ticket Surcharge	\$10.00
Continuance Fee	\$20.00
Failure to Appear	\$20.00
Citations - Surcharge	\$25.00
Deferred Judgment	\$150.00
Deferred Prosecution	\$50.00
Show Cause	\$25.00
Warrant	\$50.00
Default Judgment	\$25.00
Court Costs	\$25.00

#### Chapter 4 - Revenue and Finance

#### **ARTICLE IV Sales Tax**

## Sec. 4-55 (8). License for retail sale of tangible property

Business License \$50.00

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#### **ARTICLE VI Development Cost Reimbursement**

Sec. 4-91. Funds deposit agreement

Development Deposit Per cost agreement

**ARTICLE VIII Lodging Tax** 

Sec. 4-103. Tax Levied\*

Lodging Tax 3%

Late Filing Penalty: 10% or \$15, whichever is greater

Sec. 4-112. Administrative review; appeals

Docket fee \$50.00

\* - Taxes are set and changed by voter approval only. They are included in this schedule for convenience only.

#### **Chapter 5 - Franchises and Communication Systems**

#### **ARTICLE III Telephone Occupation Tax**

Sec. 5-91. Levy of tax; amount\*

Per telephone acccount/monthly \$.30/month/line

#### **ARTICLE IV Franchise Expenses**

Sec. 5-111. Application

Franchise Deposit \$5,000.00

#### **Chapter 6 - Business Licenses and Regulations**

#### **ARTICLE I Licenses and Permits Generally**

Sec. 6-5. Fees

Business Licenses \$50.00

**ARTICLE II Solicitors Licenses** 

Sec. 6-24. License fee

Solicitor's License \$50/Annual

**ARTICLE III Tree Contractor License** 

Sec. 6-44. Application and licensing required for tree trimmers

License \$5.00

**ARTICLE IV Short Term Rental Licenses** 

Sec. 6-64. Application and licensing required

License \$50.00

**ARTICLE IX - Liquor Licensing** 

Sec. 6-174. Application for liquor license; fee.

License fee state liquor law license fee

Application fee is equal to maximum amount set by state liquor laws

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**ARTICLE X Contractor Licenses** 

Sec. 6-186. Forms; fees; validity

Contractor license - per year \$100.00

Sec. 6-189. Disciplinary procedures, violations and penalties

Docket fee \$50.00

**ARTICLE XI Outdoor Vendors** 

Sec. 6-202. Licenses Required.

Outdoor/Mobile Vendor License 50.00

#### **Chapter 7 - Health, Sanitation and Animals**

**ARTICLE III Garbage and Refuse** 

Sec. 7-51. Accumulation of refuse; abatement

Abatement of property Actual Cost + 10%

Sec 7-65. Persons Served by water taps to receive service...

Refuse Collection (per month):

Standard service - 95/96 gallon tote Trash Rate Schedule Senior service - 64/65 gallon tote 2024 2025 95/96 gallon with recycling 14.50 14.50 95/96 gallon without recycling 12.50 12.50 64/65 gallon with recycling 12.50 12.50 10.50 64/65 gallon without recycling 10.50

**ARTICLE V Brush and Weeds** 

Sec. 7-83. Abatement by Town; assessment of costs

Abatement of weeds Actual Cost + 5%

**ARTICLE VI Trees** 

Sec. 7-101. Failure to remove trees upon notice; removal by Town; costs to be charged to owner

Tree removal Actual Cost + 5%

Sec. 7-104. Cost for removal of trees on lots or blocks along sidewalk

Tree removal/tree trimming Actual Cost + 5%

Sec. 7-105. Failure to pay assessment; lien created

Lien surcharge Actual Cost + 10%

#### **ARTICLE VII Animal Control**

Sec .	7-128.	License	Fee

Spayed/Neutered (per year) \$5.00
Not spayed/neutered (per year) \$10.00

#### Sec. 7-131. License; duplicate tags; ownership changes

Duplicate tag \$1.00
Ownership change:
Spayed/Neutered \$5.00
Not spayed/neutered \$10.00

#### **Chapter 8 - Vehicles and Traffic**

### **ARTICLE VI Golf Cars**

Sec. 8-87. Inspection and permitting requirements (every 3 years) \$20.00

#### Chapter 11 - Streets, Sidewalks and Public Property

#### **ARTICLE III Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters**

### Sec. 11-25. Right of Way Permit Fees:

Application	\$150.00
Permit Extension	\$75.00
Potholing	\$50.00 each
Patching - Residential Roadway	\$150.00
Street Cut - Trenching, Patching, and Bore (Residential Roadways)*	\$150.00
Street Cut - Trenching, Patching, and Bore (Collector or Arterial Roadways)*	\$350.00

<sup>\*</sup>Contractor also responsible for cost and completion of patch, work area, and/or trench repairs.

#### Sec. 11-42. Notice and order to install sidewalk, curb, gutter or curbwalk...

Improvement work Actual Cost

#### **ARTICLE VI Cemetery**

### Sec. 11-106. Price of burial spaces.

Grave Space:

Resident - with perpetual care	\$1,600.00
Non resident - with perpetual care	\$3,000.00
Resident - Infant	\$100.00
Non resident - Infant	\$200.00
Resident - urn space with perpetual care	\$850.00
Non resident - urn space with perpetual care	\$1,350.00
Niche in Columbarium (includes opening and engraving)	\$1,500.00

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#### Sec. 11-114. Cemetery fees.

Openings - Regular Grave:

 Weekdays
 \$700.00
 \$800.00

 Weekend or holiday openings
 \$1,200.00
 \$1,400.00

Openings - Cremains:

 Weekdays
 \$350.00
 \$400.00

 Weekend or holiday openings
 \$700.00
 \$800.00

Disinternment charges \$250.00

#### **Chapter 13 - Municipal Utility**

### **ARTICLE I General**

#### Sec. 13-7. Billing procedure

Late fee\$10.00NSF check fee\$25.00Duplicate bill (per month)\$2.00New user account set up fee\$10.00County special assessment fee10% of balance dueRecording Lien on propertyActual cost

#### Sec. 13-8. Remedies for non payment.

New service connection fee \$10.00
Restoration fee \$40.00

#### **ARTICLE II Sewer**

#### Sec. 13-44. Private waste water disposal

Permit and inspection fee:

Residential and Commercial Set by Council or \$1,000 Industrial Set by Council or \$1,000

#### Sec. 13-45. Sanitary sewers, building sewers and connections

Building sewer permits:

Residential \$100.00 Commercial \$500.00

#### Sec. 13-51. Administrative review; appeals process

Docket fee

### Sec. 13-53. Sewer service charges

#### <u>Customer Class - In Town:</u>

Residential - Base

Residential - Usage

Multi Family - Base (per unit)

Multi Family Usage

Nonresidential - Base

Nonresidential Usage\*

RV facility with disposal station(s)(per pad)

\*Usage amount calculated by averaging water use during the months of December, January, and February

# <u>Customer Class - Outside Town:</u>

Residential - Base

Residential - Usage

Multi Family - Base (per unit)

Multi Family Usage

Nonresidential - Base

Nonresidential Usage\*

RV facility with disposal station(s)(per pad)

\*Usage amount calculated by averaging water use during the months of December, January, and February

#### Surcharge for solids and irregular concentrations

BOD

Suspended solids

Industrial Users - domestic treatment only

#### \$50.00

Sewer Service Charges - Effective Feb 1st of 2024,							
Then January 1st 2025 - 2028 - In Town							
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028			
\$40.01	\$46.01	\$52.91	\$52.91	\$52.91			
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
40.01/unit	46.01/unit	52.91/unit	52.91/unit	52.91/unit			
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
\$40.01	\$46.01	\$52.91	\$52.91	\$52.91			
\$4.60/1000g	\$5.29/1000g	\$6.08/1000g	\$6.08/1000g	\$6.08/1000g			
\$15.99	\$18.39	\$21.15	\$21.15	\$21.15			

Sewer Service Charges - Effective Feb 1st of 2024,							
Then January 1st 2025 - 2028 - Out of Town							
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>			
\$60.01	\$69.01	\$79.36	\$79.36	\$79.36			
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
\$60.01/unit	\$69.01/unit	\$79.36/unit	\$79.36/unit	\$79.36/unit			
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
\$60.01	\$69.01	\$79.36	\$79.36	\$79.36			
\$6.90/1000g	\$7.94/1000g	\$9.12/1000g	\$9.12/1000g	\$9.12/1000g			
\$23.99	\$27.59	\$31.73	\$31.73	\$31.73			

\$.0698/lb \$.107/lb

Calculation

#### Sec. 13-54. Sewer Tap Fees

#### Sewer tap fees:

Single Family, Duplex, Town Homes (per unit) - In Town  $\leq 3/4$ "

≤ 3/4"
1"
1.5"
2"
3"
4"
6"

8" 10"

Multi Family (per Unit)

Single Family, Duplex, Town Homes (per unit) -

Out of Town Rates

≤ 3/4" 1" 1.5"

1.5" 2"

3"

4"

6" 8"

10"

Multi Family (per Unit)

Sewer Tap Fees as of January 1st of each year - In Town

2024
\$9,313
\$15,832
\$30,733
\$49,357
\$108,959
\$195,566
\$403,240
\$868,873
\$1,303,776

Sewer Tap Fees as of January 1st of each year -Out of Town

\$4,656

2024 \$13,970 \$23,748 \$46,100 \$74,036 \$163,439 \$293,349 \$604,860 \$1,303,310 \$1,955,664 \$6,984

#### Sec. 13-55. Regional Sewer Fee

Sewer Regional Improvement Fee:	
Per Single Family Equivalent	\$9,500.00
Duplex and Triplex (per unit)	\$7,500.00
Town Homes <12 units/acre (per unit)	\$6,500.00
Town Homes >12 units/acre (per unit)	\$6,000.00
Multi-Family (per unit)	\$5,000.00
Commercial, Industrial and Other (per SFE)	\$9,500.00

#### **ARTICLE III Water**

#### Sec. 13-72. Water Meters

Meter Cost*:	
5/8" Meter	\$475.00
3/4" Meter	\$495.00
1" Meter	\$630.00
1.5" Meter	\$875.00
2.0" Meter	\$1,150.00
2.5" <	To be individually calculated

<sup>\*</sup> Meter yokes, meter pits, meter domes, including lid and inner lid are the responsibility of the contractor. All items must be listed on the approved material list.

Meter Testing fee \$100.00

#### Sec. 13-73(a). Water Tap Fee

Potable water tap fee:

Water Meter Size - In Town Rates

≤ 3/4"			
1"			
1.5"			
2"			
3"			
4"			
6"			
8"			
10"			

	Water Tap Fees as of January 1st of each year - In Town				
	<u>2024</u> <u>2025</u>		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
	\$7,116	\$7,329	\$7,549	\$7,776	
	\$12,097	\$12,460	\$12,834	\$13,219	
\$23,482 \$24,186		\$24,186	\$24,912	\$25,659	
	\$37,714	\$38,845	\$40,011	\$41,211	
	\$83,255	\$85,753	\$88,325	\$90,975	
	\$149,432	\$153,915	\$158,532	\$163,288	
	\$308,116	\$317,359	\$326,880	\$336,687	
	\$663,907	\$683,824	\$704,339	\$725,469	
	\$996.216	\$1.026.102	\$1.056.886	\$1.088.592	

Water Meter Size - Out of Town Rates ≤ 3/4"
1"
1.5"
2"
3"
4"
6"
8"
10"

#### Sec. 13-73(b). Raw Water Development Fee

# Raw Water Development Fee: Water Meter Size - In Town Rates ≤ 3/4" 1" 1.5" 2" 3" 4" 6" 8"

#### Out of Town Rates:

≤ 3/4"
1"
1.5"
2"
3"
4"
6"
8"
10"

10"

Water Tap Fees as of January 1st of each year - Out of					
Town					
<u>2024</u>	2025	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>		
\$10,674	\$10,994	\$11,324	\$11,664		
\$18,146	\$18,690	\$19,251	\$19,828		
\$35,223	\$36,280	\$37,368	\$38,489		
\$56,571	\$58,268	\$60,016	\$61,817		
\$124,883	\$128,629	\$132,488	\$136,462		
\$224,148	\$230,872	\$237,799	\$244,933		
\$462,174	\$476,039	\$490,320	\$505,030		
\$995,861	\$1,025,736	\$1,056,508	\$1,088,204		
\$1,494,324	\$1,632,888				

Raw Water Development
Fees as of January 1st of
each year - In Town
<u>2024</u>
\$6,291
\$10,693
\$20,758
\$33,338
\$73,596
\$132,095
\$272,369
\$586,882
\$880,636

Raw Water Development
Fees as of January 1st of
each year - Out of Town
<u>2024</u>
\$9,437
\$16,040
\$31,137
\$50,007
\$110,394
\$198,143
\$408,554
\$880,323
\$1,320,954

\$100.00

\$40.00

#### Sec. 13-75. Meter obstruction

Meter obstruction fee (per incidence)

Sec. 13-76. Disconnection of Service
Service restoration fee

Sec. 13-77. Water service charges

Water Usage Rates:

Residential - Single Family Equivalent - In Town:

Base

Volume charge is per thousand gallons:

Volume charge - 0 - 5,000 gallons

Volume charge - 5,001 - 10,000 gallons

Volume charge - 10,001 - 15,000 gallons

Volume charge - 15,001 - 20,000 gallons

Volume charge - 20,001 - 25,000 gallons

Volume charge - >25,000 gallons

Residential - Single Family Equivalent - Outside Town:

Base

Volume charge is per thousand gallons:

Volume charge - 0 - 5,000 gallons

Volume charge - 5,001 - 10,000 gallons

Volume charge - 10,001 - 15,000 gallons

Volume charge - 15,001 - 20,000 gallons

Volume charge - 20,001 - 25,000 gallons

Volume charge - >25,000 gallons

Residential - Multi-Family - In Town:

Base (per dwelling unit)

Volume charge is per thousand gallons:

Volume charge - 0 - 100,000 gallons

Volume charge - 100,001 ≤

Residential - Multi-Family - Out of Town:

Base (per dwelling unit)

Volume charge is per thousand gallons:

Volume charge - 0 - 100,000 gallons

Volume charge - 100,001 ≤

Water	•		bruary 1st 2024	and
2024	2025	y 1st of 2025 - 2 2026	2028	2028
29.69	38.60	50.18	52.68	<u>2028</u> 55.32
25.05	30.00	50.10	32.00	33.32
3.69	4.80	6.24	6.55	6.88
4.24	5.51	7.17	7.52	7.90
5.09	6.62	8.60	9.03	9.48
6.37	8.28	10.77	11.30	11.87
7.96	10.35	13.45	14.13	14.83
9.95	12.94	16.82	17.66	18.54
44.54	57.90	75.26	79.03	82.98
5.54	7.20	9.35	9.82	10.31
6.36	8.27	10.75	11.29	11.85
7.64	9.93	12.90	13.55	14.23
9.56	12.42	16.15	16.96	17.80
11.94	15.52	20.18	21.19	22.25
14.93	19.40	25.22	26.48	27.81
Water	Base and Usage	Rates as of Fel	bruary 1st 2024	and
	Januar	y 1st of 2025 - 2	2028	
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
14.84	19.29	25.08	26.33	27.65
4.13	5.37	6.98	7.33	7.70
6.29	8.18	10.63	11.16	11.72
22.26	28.94	37.62	39.50	41.48
6.20	8.05	10.47	10.99	11.54
9.44	12.27	15.95	16.74	17.58

#### Sec. 13-77. Water service charges

Nonresidential/Commercial/Industrial - In Town:	
By meter size:	Base
Commercial - 5/8"	
Commercial - 1"	
Commercial - 1.5"	
Commercial - 2"	
Commercial - 3"	
Commercial - 4"	
Commercial - 6"	
Commercial - 8"	
Commercial - 10"	
	Usage
Commercial - 5/8" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 1" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 1.5" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 2" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 3" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 4" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 6" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 8" (Per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial - 10"	
Nonresidential/Commercial/Industrial - Out of Town:	
Nonresidential/Commercial/Industrial - Out of Town: By meter size:	<u>Base</u>
•	<u>Base</u>
By meter size:	<u>Base</u>
By meter size: Commercial - 5/8"	<u>Base</u>
By meter size: Commercial - 5/8" Commercial - 1"	<u>Base</u>
By meter size: Commercial - 5/8" Commercial - 1" Commercial - 1.5"	<u>Base</u>
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"	<u>Base</u>
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"	<u>Base</u>
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"	<u>Base</u>
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"	<u>Base</u>
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"  Commercial - 8"	<u>Base</u> <u>Usage</u>
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"  Commercial - 8"	
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"  Commercial - 8"  Commercial - 10"  Commercial - 10"	
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By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"  Commercial - 8"  Commercial - 10"  Commercial - 10"	
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"  Commercial - 8"  Commercial - 10"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"	
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"  Commercial - 8"  Commercial - 10"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"	
By meter size:  Commercial - 5/8"  Commercial - 1"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"  Commercial - 6"  Commercial - 8"  Commercial - 10"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 1.5"  Commercial - 2"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 3"  Commercial - 4"	

Wat	Water Base and Usage Rates as of February 1st 2024 and January 1st 2025 - 2028					
2024	2025	2026	<u>2027</u>	2028		
29.69	38.60	50.18	52.68	55.32		
50.48	65.62	85.31	89.58	94.06		
98.01	127.41	165.64	173.92	182.61		
157.39	204.61	265.99	279.29	293.25		
347.44	451.67	587.17	616.53	647.36		
623.62	810.71	1,053.92	1106.61	1,161.94		
1,285.73	1,671.45	2,172.88	2281.53	2,395.60		
2,770.41	3,601.53	4,681.99	4916.09	5,161.89		
4,157.09	5,404.22	7,025.49	7376.76	7,745.60		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
6.57	8.54	11.10	11.66	12.24		
Wat		-	February 1st 20	)24		
		nuary 1st 2025				
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	2028		
\$44.54	\$57.90	\$75.26	\$79.03	\$82.98		
\$75.72	\$98.44	\$127.97	\$134.37	\$141.08		
\$147.02	\$191.12	\$248.46	\$260.88	\$273.92		
\$236.09	\$306.91	\$398.98	\$418.93	\$439.88		
\$521.16	\$677.51	\$880.76	\$924.80	\$971.04		
\$935.43	\$1,216.06	\$1,580.88	\$1,659.92	\$1,742.92		
\$1,928.60	\$2,507.17	\$3,259.33	\$3,422.29	\$3,593.41		
\$4,155.61	\$5,402.29	\$7,022.98	\$7,374.13	\$7,742.84		
\$6,235.64	\$8,106.33	\$10,538.23	\$11,065.15	\$11,618.40		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		
9.86	12.81	16.65	17.48	18.36		

#### Town of Johnstown - Fee Schedule

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Sec. 13-77. Water service charges

Raw water use - per 1000 gallons

Bulk water - per thousand gallons

 Raw Water Usage Rates as of January 1st of each year

 2024
 2025
 2026
 2027
 2028

 \$2.42
 \$3.15
 \$4.09
 \$4.29
 \$4.51

Bulk Water Usage Rates as of January 1st of each year

**2024 2025 2026 2027 2028** \$15.17 \$19.72 \$25.64 \$26.92 \$28.27

**Article IV - Water Rights Dedication** 

Sec.13-122. Water court transfer fee

Sec. 13-78. Bulk potable water for construction

Court Fees (water rights decreed for municipal use):

Consolidated Home Supply Ditch\$150/SFEColorado Big Thompson\$0.00Other acceptable water rights\$150/SFE

Court Fees (water rights not decreed for municipal use):

Consolidated Home Supply Ditch\$300/SFEColorado Big Thompson\$0.00Other acceptable water rights\$300/SFE

**Article VI - Water Conservation** 

Sec. 13-151. Levels of drought condition

New grass/sod watering permit \$50.00

Sec. 13-153. Drought surcharge

Drought surcharge To be determined as needed.

**ARTICLE VII Storm Water Utility** 

Sec. 13-173. Storm water fees

System development charges \$1,100/acre
Storm water management utility fee (monthly) \$5.00/ERU

Sec. 13-175. Administrative review; appeals process

Docket fee \$50.00

Sec. 15-4. Procedure prior to approval or denial of petition; approval or denial

Annexation filing fee \$100.00

This is no longer in the code. Annexation fees are not charged.

#### **Chapter 17 - Land Use and Development**

#### **ARTICLE II Applications & Procedures**

Sec. 17-2-1 (A). Applications & Fees

**Preliminary Plat** \$500.00 Final Plat \$500.00 Each filing \$25.00 Recording Fee **Actual Cost** 

Sec. 17-2-1 (A). Payment of Costs

Site specific development plan based on external costs including: Actual costs **Development Review** Actual costs **Publication and Printing** Actual costs Public Hearings & Reviewing Actual costs

Sec. 17-2-1 (I). Administrative review; appeals

Docket fee \$50.00

**ARTICLE II Applications and Procedures** 

Sec 17-2-10. Text Amendments

Amendment fee \$25.00

**ARTICLE III - Subdivision, Development, & Community Design** 

Sec. 17-3-5 (B). Dedication and Reservation of Land

Park Fee \$500.00/<del>lot</del> unit

Sec. 17-3-5 (C) - Impact Fees Established \*

**Transportation Facilities Development Fee** 

Residential: **Detached Housing** 

**Attached Housing** 

Nonresidential Development by Type:

Retail Office Industrial/Other

Parks and Recreation Facilities Development Fee

Residential:

**Detached Housing Attached Housing** 

**Public Facilities Development Fee** 

Residential:

**Detached Housing Attached Housing** 

Fee per Dwelling Unit (as of Jan 1st of each year)				
2024	2025	<u>2026</u>		
\$3,215	\$3,375	\$3,544		
\$2,735	\$2.872	\$3.016		

Fee per square foot (as of Jan 1st of each year)				
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>		
\$5.70/SF	\$5.98/SF	\$6.28/SF		
\$3.45/SF	\$3.62/SF	\$3.80/SF		
\$2.22/SF	\$2.33/SF	\$2.45/SF		

Fee per Dwelling Unit (as of Jan 1st of each year)				
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>		
\$1,382	\$1,451	\$1,524		
\$1,176	\$1,235	\$1,297		

Fee per Dwelling Unit (as of Jan 1st of each year)			
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	
\$1,839	\$1,931	\$2,028	
\$1,565	\$1,643	\$1,726	

Nonresidential Development by Type:

Retail Office

Industrial/Other

 Fee per square foot (as of Jan 1st of each year)

 2024
 2025
 2026

 \$.86/SF
 \$.90/SF
 \$.94/SF

 \$.86/SF
 \$.90/SF
 \$.94/SF

 \$.86/SF
 \$.90/SF
 \$.94/SF

**Library Facilities Development Fee** 

Residential:

Detached Housing Attached Housing 
 Fee per Dwelling Unit (as of Jan 1st of each year)

 2024
 2025
 2026

 \$1,329
 \$1,395
 \$1,465

 \$1,131
 \$1,188
 \$1,247

**Police Facilities Development Fee** 

Residential:

Detached Housing Attached Housing Fee per Dwelling Unit (as of Jan 1st of each year)

2024
2025
2026
\$837
\$879
\$922
\$713
\$748
\$786

Nonresidential Development by Type:

Retail Office

Industrial/Other

Fee per square foot (as of Jan 1st of each year)

2024
2025
2026
\$.79/SF
\$.83/SF
\$.87/SF
\$.29/SF
\$.30/SF
\$.32/SF
\$.29/SF
\$.30/SF
\$.32/SF

Fire and emergency services provider facilities development fee

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority

Residential

Single Family Multi Family

Nonresidential

Commercial (per square foot) Industrial (per square foot)

Front Range Fire Rescue Fire Protection District

Residential

Single Family or Two-Family

Multi Family

Nonresidential (per square foot)

Fee Per Dwelling Unit 1,000.00

692.00

0.60

0.12

Fee Per Dwelling Unit

1,087.00 692.00

0.60

<sup>\*</sup> Impact fees are set by ordinance but for convenience have been included in this document.

#### Sec. 17-3-5 (F). Establishment and payment of 402 Interchange Fee

402 Interchange Fee

Tier 2 Zone Tier 1 Zone Single Family Residential \$566 \$283 Multi-Family/Units \$439 \$220 \$292 Office (per 1000 SF) \$584 Retail/Commercial (per 1000 SF) \$1,450 \$725 Industrial (per 1000 SF) \$298 \$149

#### **ARTICLE IX Signs**

Sec 17-9-1(B). Applicability - Permit Required

Sign Permit

Varies based on project valuation

#### **ARTICLE XX - Wireless Communication Facilities**

Sec 17-10-1 (D). Review Procedures and Requirements

Application Fee - Maximum allowed by FCC or Town's actual consultant costs

#### **Chapter 18 - Building Permit Fees**

#### Sec. 18-121. Fees and Charges

IBC/IRC Building Permit Fee Table:

Total Valuation	Base	
(in dollars)	Fee	Additional fee (or fraction thereof)
1 - 500	23.50	0
500 - 2,000	23.50	\$3.05 per \$100 of value
2,000 - 25,000	69.25	\$14.00 per \$1000 of value
25,000 - 50,000	391.25	\$10.10 per \$1000 of value
50,000 - 100,000	643.75	\$7.00 per \$1000 of value
100,000 - 500,000	993.75	\$5.60 per \$1000 of value
500,000 - 1,000,000	3,233.75	\$4.75 per \$1000 of value
1,000,000 +	5,608.75	\$3.65 per \$1000 of value

Fees will be doubled if construction begins before a building permit has been issued.

#### **Building Plan Submittal/Review Fees:**

Non-residential	65% of Permit Fee
Residential	30% of Permit Fee
Residential - new home or new stock plan review	\$500.00
Residential - new stock home, basement, alteration	\$50.00
Residential - addition, detached garage, shed, etc	\$100.00
Residential - misellaneous, deck, arbor	\$20.00
Plan resubmittal fee	\$50.00
Cost of external consulting reviews	Actual cost

#### Town of Johnstown - Fee Schedule

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#### **Electrical Fees:**

Meter (temporary & permanent) - each

\$38.00

#### Commercial, Solar & Non-living Residential spaces:

Total Valuation	Base	
(in dollars)	Fee	Additional fee (or fraction thereof)
≤ \$2,000	77.00	n/a
≥ \$2,000	77.00	\$6.00 per \$1000 of value

#### Residential Living Space:

Total Valuation	Base	
(in square feet)	Fee	Additional fee (or fraction thereof)
≤ 1,000	77.00	n/a
1,001 - 1,500	116.00	n/a
1,501 - 2,000	155.00	n/a
2,001 +	155.00	\$6.00 per 100 square feet

#### **Development and Other Fees:**

Johnstown Use Tax 3.50%

#### Inspection & Miscellaneous Fees:

Backflow Preventer	\$50.00
Water or Sewer Reinspection Fee	\$50.00
Building Re-inspection, After Hours, Plan Resubmittal (per hour)	\$47.00
Electrical Re-inspection (per hour)	\$50.00
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (6 month expiration)	\$600.00

Item #6.



# Town of Johnstown

#### TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

**AGENDA DATE**: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Town of Johnstown and Little Thompson Water District

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

**ACTION PROPOSED**: Consider Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Town of Johnstown and Little Thompson Water District IGA

**PRESENTED BY**: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

#### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is the current draft of the Town of Johnstown and Little Thompson Water District (LTWD) IGA. This agreement will replace both the 2002 and 2009 agreements currently in effect. The agreement presented establishes and/or renews conditions for emergency water usage between the two entities, establishes provisions for shared interconnection methods and facilities, and reestablishes service areas in an effort to prevent and/or eliminate duplication of services. The term of this agreement is for 20 years, but also requires that we meet annually to ensure that no terms of the existing agreement need to be modified. If any terms are to be modified in the future, it would require approval of both governing bodies to approve the amendments.

Both parties are in support of this final agreement in its current form.

#### **LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney has reviewed the IGA in its current condition to date.

#### FINANCIAL ADVICE:

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Staff recommends approval of the IGA as presented.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

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#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

T	THIS INTERGOVER	RNMENTAL AGRE	EMENT ("Agree	ement") is mad	le and entered into
this	day of	2023 ("Effective I	Oate"), between tl	he TOWN OF	JOHNSTOWN,
<b>COLOR</b>	COLORADO, a Colorado municipality, hereinafter referred to as the "Town," and the LITTLE				
THOMP	PSON WATER D	ISTRICT, a specia	l district organiz	zed pursuant	to Colorado law,
hereinaft	ter referred to as the	"District." The Tow	n and the District	t may individu	ally be referred to
as "party	" or together as "par	rties."			

#### **RECITALS**

- A. WHEREAS, the parties, as separate governmental entities, are authorized and encouraged to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the purpose of providing efficient service to the citizens and residents that the respective governmental entities-serve and represent; and
- B. WHEREAS, the Town provides treated water service to customers residing within the boundaries of the Town and to customers outside the boundaries of the Town through facilities and infrastructure that the Town owns and maintains; and
- C. WHEREAS, the District provides treated water services to customers in certain portions of Larimer, Weld, and Boulder Counties through facilities and infrastructure that the District owns and maintains:
- D. WHEREAS, by the terms hereof, among other purposes, the Town and the District desire to establish procedures for the delivery of water to the other's customers and water service boundaries to help guide each entity in planning infrastructure and treatment capacity;
- E. WHEREAS, on or about October 21, 2002, the Town and the District entered into that certain Intergovernmental Agreement concerning, among other matters, the establishment of emergency and temporary water service ("2002 Agreement"), whose term was extended by action of both the Town and the District on our about August 15, 2002, April 17, 2023 and June 19, 2023;
- F. WHEREAS, on or about January 21, 2009, the Town and the District entered into that certain Intergovernmental Agreement concerning, among other matters, the designation of water providers for properties within the Town and recognition of revenue lost for transfer of service to properties between the Parties ("2009 Agreement);
- G. WHEREAS, the Town and the District intend that this Agreement shall supersede and replace the 2002 Agreement and the 2009 Agreement.

#### **AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals and mutual covenants set forth herein and pursuant to the provisions of Section 29-1-203, Colorado Revised Statutes, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Purpose and Authority. By enacting Titles 31 and 32, including, Section 31-35-402(1)(b), C.R.S., and pursuant to Article XIV, Section 18, of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado General Assembly has:
  - (a) determined that the State of Colorado has a valid interest in providing water for its citizens;
  - (b) articulated and affirmatively expressed the State of Colorado's policy to allow municipalities and special service districts to provide water by utilizing cooperative agreements and to reduce and eliminate competition in areas where each party is capable of providing service;
  - (c) developed a structure to actively supervise municipalities and special districts if the districts and municipalities choose to utilize such agreements; and
  - (d) provided that there shall be no overlapping service territories for municipal corporations and/or special districts providing water service.

Taking into consideration the foregoing factors: (i) the parties have established, and desire to continue providing, water service to the other party; (ii) desire to restrict the duplication and overlapping of facilities; and (iii) have the need to undertake long-range planning prior to initiating costly capital expansion programs, which affect the quality and cost of water service.

2. Statement of Intent. The Town and the District agree to act in good faith and to the best of their ability in taking all steps necessary to fully implement the terms of this Agreement for the purposes outlined herein. The Town and the District acknowledge the mutual goal and benefits of continuing the cooperation between the parties that has been established since execution of the 2002 Agreement.

#### 3. Sale and Delivery of Potable Water.

- 3.01 Emergency Sale of Potable Water.
- 3.01.1 For purposes of this Agreement, an *emergency* shall mean any occurrence, condition, or event that results in the Town or the District being unable to deliver treated water for use to their customers. Emergency conditions have a finite duration linked to a formal schedule agreed upon by the parties to fix, repair, or replace the root cause of the emergency condition and return the systems to normal service.
- 3.01.2 During an emergency, the Town is desirous of obtaining water from the District for use by the Town. The Town agrees to pay the District the water rate for such water service as prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors of the District.
- 3.01.2 During an emergency, the District is desirous of obtaining water from the Town for use by the District. The District agrees to pay the Town the water rate for such water service as prescribed from time to time by the Town Council of the Town.

- 3.01.3 The Town Council of the Town and the Board of Directors of the District, at such intervals as each shall deem appropriate, but in any event no less frequently than once each calendar year, shall review the rate for water furnished hereunder and, if warranted, shall revise such rates so that the rates produce revenues that are sufficient, with the revenues from all other sources, to maintain and operate their respective water systems and establish and maintain reasonable reserves. Each party shall provide revised rates to the other party no less than sixty (60) days prior to such revised rates being effective.
- 3.01.4 Each party shall be responsible for its own system pressure. The party selling water to the other party shall not guarantee any minimum pressure in its delivery, except that such party shall endeavor to guarantee that that pressure will be reasonable to satisfy the purposes of this Agreement.
- 3.01.5 Provided that neither party shall be liable for loss to the other party resulting from a *force majeure* event (defined below), each party shall endeavor to repair all breaks promptly on their respective water lines.

#### 3.02 Construction of Interconnection Facilities.

- 3.02.1 The parties agree to determine, by separate agreement, the terms of payment of the cost of any new interconnection of the parties' respective water systems, recognizing generally that the party desiring to purchase water through an interconnection shall be responsible for the cost of payment of the facilities necessitated by the interconnection.
- 3.02.2 The party desiring any new interconnection (purchasing party) to be able to accept delivery of water from the other party (selling party) shall install such facilities, including the metering vault, meter, valves, and fittings, so that the purchasing party may connect its water facilities to the selling party's system. The parties shall jointly agree upon the design of the main and other facilities prior to the commencement of construction. Unless otherwise agreed at the time of construction, the purchasing party shall construct the main and other facilities at its expense based on the agreed-upon design plans. The selling party shall have a right to observe and inspect the construction at its expense. The purchasing party agrees to grant to or obtain for the selling party such easements on property as are deemed reasonably necessary by the selling party in order to complete the construction of the facilities. The selling party shall provide the design requirements of the metering vault and shall, subsequent to construction, own and maintain the metering vault.
- 3.02.3 If facilities to construct an interconnection cannot be installed because of a *force majeure* event (defined below), such party shall not be liable therefor or for damages caused thereby.
- 3.03 *Temporary Transfer of Water Rights*. The party selling water shall notify the party purchasing water in writing, on a monthly basis, of the number of gallons used by the purchasing

party. The purchasing party agrees to temporarily transfer to the selling party, without expense to the selling party, the number of acre-feet of Colorado-Big Thompson water rights, held by Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Berthoud, Colorado, or such other form of water rights agreeable to the selling party sufficient to provide one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the number of gallons used by the purchasing party to accommodate the water usage as well as the typical losses through the selling party's treatment and transmission/distribution system. The transfer shall be completed within thirty (30) days of notification by the selling party, except if additional time is required due to no fault of the purchasing party..

4. Quality of Treated Water and Service. Each party acknowledges that the other party is capable of providing quality water service at a reasonable cost to the parties' customers located in the parties' respective service areas. Each party acknowledges that it is subject to the same drinking water quality standards as applicable to the other party. Each party agrees that the quality of the treated water delivered to the other party pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in accordance with all federal and state water quality standards.

#### 5. Service to Overlap Areas; Annexations.

5.01 Service areas within the District that are also within the Town's defined service area shall be known as "overlap areas." The Town and District agree to the following process for approval of water taps within overlap areas.

Any person or entity requesting water service within an overlap area shall first make the following determination:

- 1. Is the real property to be provided water service ANNEXED into the Town?
  - a. If yes, the Town is the designated water utility and the requestor must comply with all of the then current requirements for water service from the Town.
- 2. Is the real property to be provided water service NOT ANNEXED into the Town AND the person or entity requesting water service does not have any present or future plans to request annexation into the Town?
  - a. If yes, the DISTRICT is the designated water utility for that property and the requestor must comply with all of the then current requirements for water service from the District.
  - b. In addition, the requestor must send a certified letter to the Town and District indicating their intention NOT to pursue annexation into the Town.
- 3. Does the real property to be provided water service INTEND TO ANNEX into the Town in the next three (3) years?

a. If yes, the parties agree to confer to determine who will serve the property.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing shall prevent either party from providing water service to customers in the other party's service area upon written authorization from, as appropriate, the Town Manager of the Town or the District Manager of the District.

- 5.02 As capital improvements to the parties' respective distribution systems are constructed, the parties shall endeavor to address the upgrading of the systems in a manner that meets the governing fire district's minimum fire flow and other service requirements for such area.
- 5.03 The Town and the District shall cooperate to reduce and eliminate overlapping service territories and eliminate duplication of facilities for the service of water.
- The Town and District shall cooperate in the protection of each party's facilities to ensure continued service to each party's customers. Facilities shall include any property or infrastructure that each party respectively owns and operates for its customers or residents. The Town and District recognize the rights associated with the easements that have been acquired by each party and the responsibility to protect infrastructure. These rights shall apply when a development, annexed to the Town, constructs improvements, or is required to dedicate rights-ofway or easements, over the top of District easements or facilities. These rights shall also apply when a development, served by the District, constructs improvements, or is required to dedicate easements, over the top of Town easements and facilities. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a party from crossing the other party's facilities situated in an easement, including but not limited to utility pipelines, using best engineering practices nor shall it obligate a party to make infrastructure improvements to the other party's facilities situated in an easement or elsewhere; however, the proposed crossing shall be reviewed and approved by the other party no less than thirty days prior to installation. Each party shall not permit, provide, or allow for change in ground cover over, or conditions around, the other party's facilities that negatively impact the other party's reasonable service of the impacted infrastructure without approval from the impacted party. Such approval of the party whose infrastructure is to be crossed is not to be unreasonably withheld but may require mitigation of adverse condition. The mitigation for the impacted facility shall be completed by the party allowing, permitting or providing for the impact. Such mitigation may include but not be limited to relocation of the facility impacted, purchase and conveyance of property for easements, or other methods, any of which do not provide an enhanced benefit, condition, or capacity to the existing facility. The Parties agree that they will not charge a fee for any crossing as long as the party making the crossing requests the approval of the party being crossed and such crossing is approved with or without mitigation.
- 5.05 The Town and the District shall cooperate in the design and location of major water facilities of each of the parties to reduce and eliminate duplication of major water facilities (water transmission lines, water tanks and water pumps).
- 5.06 The Town shall provide notice to the District of any proposed annexation within a reasonable time after the Town's officials become aware of the proposed annexation. The notice shall contain a legal description of the annexation and a map showing the area proposed to be

annexed as well as the surrounding area. The map may also indicate locations of natural landmarks and all existing utilities and contain other information pertinent to the annexation. Upon written request of the District, the Town will provide the District a copy of an annexation impact report, if any, furnished to the appropriate County Commissioners pursuant to Section 31-12-108.5, C.R.S. The District shall be given the opportunity to comment in all planning relative to the location of utilities, roads, drainage easements, ditch rights-of- way and utility easements that impact the District facilities. Such opportunity to comment shall be that which is accorded to the District by law. The Town may consider comments provided by the District and will work with the District to the extent possible to reasonably address the comments received but will have no legal or financial obligation to mandate or perform any comments received by the District.

5.07 To the extent possible, the Town and the District shall work to resolve issues and conflicts related to water service infrastructure already installed and maintained by either party at the time of this Agreement when annexation or disconnection occurs in such a way as to not materially affect the parties.

#### 6. Cooperation.

- 6.01 The Town and the District agree to continue the cooperative exchange of information to provide operational assistance and emergency aid to the other party.
- 6.02 If, in the maintenance of their respective water systems and other water systems from which either party may obtain water service, it becomes necessary by reason of any emergency or extraordinary condition for either party to request the other party to furnish personnel, materials, tools or equipment for the accomplishment thereof, the party so requested agrees to cooperate with the other party and render such assistance as the party so requested may determine to be available. The party making such request, upon receipt of a properly itemized invoice from the other party, shall reimburse the party rendering such assistance for all costs properly and reasonably incurred by it in such performance including, but not limited to, an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) thereof for administrative and general expenses, such costs to be determined on the basis of the then current charges or rates used in the operations of the party rendering the assistance.
- 6.03 The parties shall promptly take all necessary action to obtain approvals necessary to consummate this Agreement and render to each other such assistance in cooperation as the parties may reasonably request of the other in order to expeditiously carry out the terms and provisions set forth herein.
- 7 **Prior Agreements.** This Agreement shall supersede and replace the 2002 Agreement and the three extensions to the 2002 Agreement and the 2009 Agreement, which agreements shall be deemed terminated as of the effective date of this Agreement.
- 8 **Term.** This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until twenty (20) years from the Effective Date of this Agreement. The Town and District agree, not less than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the Agreement, to jointly review the Agreement for the purpose of considering the advisability of extending, altering or modifying the Agreement. Nothing in this

Agreement shall prohibit the parties from modifying this Agreement prior to the expiration of the twenty (20) year term if the parties agree in writing to amendments.

9 **Enforceability.** The parties recognize that there are legal constraints imposed upon the Town and the District by the Constitution, statutes and laws of the State of Colorado and the United States and that, subject to such constraints, the parties intend to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall any of the parties exercise any powers or undertake any actions which are prohibited by applicable law. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner so as to be effective and valid under applicable law.

#### 10. Miscellaneous

- 10.01 Neither party shall be considered in default with respect to any obligation hereunder if prevented from fulfilling such obligations by reason of a *force majeure* event. For purposes of this Agreement, a *force majeure* event means and includes any cause beyond the reasonable control of the party affected including, but not limited to, failure of facilities, floods, earthquake, storm, lightning, fire, epidemic or riot, civil disturbance, labor disturbance, sabotage, acts of God and restraint by court or public authority which, by due diligence and foresight, such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid. A party rendered unable to fulfill any obligation by reason of a *force majeure* event shall exercise due diligence to remove such inability with all reasonable dispatch.
- 10.02 To the extent permitted by law, each party shall defend and hold harmless the other party from any actions or claims for damages or injuries suffered or alleged to be suffered by third parties, arising directly or indirectly from the negligence of such indemnifying party. By such agreement to indemnify and hold each other harmless, neither party waives any defenses and immunities to third parties which it would otherwise be entitled under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §§ 24-10-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., as amended from time.
- 10.03 The parties will act according to the terms of this Agreement and in good faith with respect to its provisions.
- 10.04 The laws of the State of Colorado shall govern the validity, performance, and enforcement of this Agreement and venue for all actions shall be in Weld County. In the event of any dispute arising under this Agreement, except in the case of an action for injunctive relief, the parties shall submit the matter to mediation prior to commencing legal action and shall share equally in the cost of the mediation.
- 10.05 This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by a subsequent written instrument signed by the parties. Course of performance, no matter how long, shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement.
- 10.06 The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of this Agreement shall not affect or impair any other provisions.
  - 10.07 The provisions of this Agreement represent the entire and integrated agreement

between the Town and the District and supersede all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.

- 10.08 The parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement may be specifically enforced in a court of competent jurisdiction, and, to the extent permitted by law, the parties agree that the defaulting party shall pay all costs of such action as actually incurred by the non-defaulting party, including attorney fees.
- 10.09 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent or a partnership or a joint venture between the parties hereto.
- 10.10 Wherever herein the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural and neutral gender and shall include the masculine and feminine genders when the context so requires.
- 10.11 The covenants, agreements, and obligations herein contained, except as herein otherwise specifically provided, shall extend to, bind, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- 10.12 Neither party may assign or transfer all or any party of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party.
- 10.13 The parties agree that they are relying on, and do not waive or intend to waive by any provision of the Agreement, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §§ 24-10-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., as amended from time, or otherwise available to the Town and the District, their elected officials, employees or agents.
- 10.14 Any waiver at any time by either party hereto of its rights with respect to a default or any other matter arising in connection with this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver with respect to any subsequent default or matter.
- 10.15 All notices, demands or requests required or authorized pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be: 1) hand-delivered; 2) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the addresses of the Parties herein set forth; or 3) sent by electronic mail ("email") return receipt or written acknowledgment requested and received. All notices by hand-delivery shall be effective upon receipt. All notices by mail shall be considered effective seventy-two (72) hours after deposit in the United States mail with the proper address as set forth below. All notices by email shall be effective upon acknowledgment of receipt by the intended recipient. Either party, by notice to be given, may change the address to which future notices shall be sent.

TO THE TOWN: Town of Johnstown Attn: Matt LeCerf 450 S. Parish Avenue P.O. Box 609 Johnstown, CO 80534

Email: MLeCerf@JohnstownCO.gov

#### TO THE DISTRICT:

Little Thompson Water District

Attn: District Manager\_\_\_\_\_

835 East State Highway 56 Berthoud, Colorado 80513

Email: \_akauffman@ltwd.org\_\_\_\_

10.16 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which, together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
By: Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	By: Troy D. Mellon, Mayor
ATTEST:	LITTLE THOMPSON WATER DISTRICT
By:Amber Kauffman, Secretary	By: Emily McMurtrey, President

Item #7.



# Town of Johnstown

#### TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Contract Award to Mark Young Construction

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Signed Agreement

PRESENTED BY: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

#### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

While already executed in the interest of expediting the project, enclosed is an agreement for construction services to be provided by Mark Young Construction. The scope of the work is to repair the steam room at the YMCA. The work will include:

- Selective demolition of wall and ceiling panels
- Remove and reset benches, replace legs
- Install new wall and ceiling moisture resistant sheetrock
- Install waterproof membrane
- Install new wall, floor, ceiling tile, epoxy grout

The project will take about 2-3 weeks to complete, but it will be about 4-6 weeks before they will get started. Given the lead time before work will begin, this contract was signed in advance to expedite the work timeline.

#### **LEGAL ADVICE:**

The standard professional services agreement is being used for this contract which was drafted by the Town Attorney.

#### FINANCIAL ADVICE:

This work will need a budget amendment for the Recreation Center Fund.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Approve the contract to Mark Young Construction as presented.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

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## TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 12 day of December 2023 (the "Effective Date") by and between the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, a Colorado home-rule municipal corporation (the "Town") and Mark Young Construction, a Colorado Limited Liability Company ("Contractor") (collectively, the "Parties").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Town desires to engage the services of Contractor and Contractor desires to provide those services more fully described on <u>Exhibit A.</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Services"), to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to memorialize their contractual relationship.

#### AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, incorporating the foregoing Recitals herein and in consideration of the mutual promises, agreements, undertakings and covenants set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby mutually agree as follows:

#### **SECTION 1: PARTIES**

- 1.01 <u>Town</u>. The Town is a home-rule municipal corporation located in Johnstown, Colorado.
- 1.02 <u>Contractor.</u> Contractor is a private, independent business entity who will exercise discretion and judgment of an independent contractor in the performance and exercise of its rights and obligations under this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 2: SERVICES, COMPENSATION AND TERM**

- 2.01 <u>Services</u>. Contractor agrees to perform the Services for the Town.
- 2.02 <u>Compensation</u>. In consideration of Contractor's performance of the Services contemplated herein, the Town agrees to pay Contractor the compensation set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u>. Contractor shall submit detailed invoices reflecting the portion of the Services completed to the date of the invoice. The Town shall provide payment for Services to Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. In its discretion, the Town may withhold payment for disputed portions of invoices on the condition that the Town provides written notice to Contractor of the dispute. Upon delivery of notice, the Town and Contractor shall promptly endeavor to resolve such dispute.
  - 2.03 Expenses: Contractor shall not incur any expense or debt on behalf of the Town

without the Town's prior written authorization.

2.04 <u>Term.</u> Unless otherwise terminated in accordance with Section 5, the term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date through March 31, 2024and shall not extend beyond that date absent the written approval of the Town.

#### **SECTION 3: OPERATIONS**

- 3.01 <u>Contractor Status</u>. Contractor avers that it has the background, expertise and education to provide the Services. Contractor shall be responsible for the proper performance of the Services in accordance with the terms hereof. Contractor shall obtain the necessary permits, if any, and maintain all required licenses, including but not limited to a Town business license.
- 3.02 <u>Schedule</u>. Unless otherwise set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u>, Contractor shall provide the Services in accordance with the timeline requested by the Town.

#### 3.03 SECTION 4: INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

#### 4.01 Insurance.

- A. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor shall have no right of coverage under any existing or future Town comprehensive or personal injury liability insurance policies. As a material term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to maintain and keep in force during the term of this Agreement one or more policies of insurance written by one or more responsible insurance carrier(s) authorized to do business in the State of Colorado in the following amounts:
  - I. Workers' compensation insurance as required by law;
  - 2. Commercial general or business liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence and TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate;
  - 3. Automobile liability insurance with minimum combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) for any one occurrence, with respect to each of Contractor's owned, hired or non-owned vehicles assigned to or used in performance of the Services. In the event that Contractor's insurance does not cover non-owned automobiles, the requirements of this paragraph shall be met by each employee of Contractor who utilizes an automobile in providing services to Town under this Agreement; and
  - 4. Professional liability insurance with minimum limits of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) each claim and TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate.
  - B. Contractor shall procure and maintain the minimum insurance coverages

listed herein. All coverages shall be continuously maintained to cover all liability, claims, demands and other obligations assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. In the case of any claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage. The Town shall have the right to request and receive a certified copy of any policy and any endorsement thereto. Except for workers compensation insurance, the Town shall be listed as an additional insured party on Contractor's insurance policies.

- C. A certificate of insurance shall be completed by Contractor's insurance agent(s) as evidence that policies providing the required coverages, conditions and minimum limits are in full force and effect, and, upon request by the Town, shall be subject to review and approval by the Town. The certificate shall identify this Agreement and shall provide that the coverages afforded under the policies shall not be canceled, terminated or materially changed until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to Town. If the words "endeavor to" appear in the portion of the certificate addressing cancellation, those words shall be stricken from the certificate by the agent(s) completing the certificate. The completed certificate of insurance shall be provided to the Town.
- 4.02 <u>Damage and Indemnity</u>. Contractor assumes full responsibility for any and all damages caused by Contractor's exercise of its activities, or failures to act, under this Agreement. Contractor agrees that it will at all times protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its elected officials, employees, agents, and their successors and assigns, from and against all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, actions and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees), arising from or related to loss or damage to property or injury to or death to any persons arising from or resulting in any manner from the actions or failures to act of Contractor or any invitees, guests, agents, employees or subcontractors of Contractor, whether brought by any of such persons or any other person.

#### **SECTION 5: TERMINATION**

5.01 <u>Termination</u>. The Town or Contractor may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, by providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Town terminates this Agreement for cause and determines that a notice period is not in the best interests of the Town, the Town may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to Contractor effective immediately.

#### **SECTION 6: INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

6.01 <u>Independent Contractor.</u> Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of the Town. The Town shall not provide benefits of any kind to Contractor. The Town shall not be responsible for withholding any portion of Contractor's compensation for the payment of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax, workers' compensation, or other taxes or benefits. CONTRACTOR IS NOT ENTITLED TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COVERAGE FROM THE TOWN. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO PAY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX ON MONEYS PAID PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. As long as there is not a conflict of interest with the

Town, Contractor may engage in any other lawful business activities during the term of this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 7: NOTICE**

7.01 Notices. All notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be: I) hand-delivered; 2) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the addresses of the Parties herein set forth; or 3) sent by electronic mail ("email") return receipt or written acknowledgment requested and received. All notices by hand-delivery shall be effective upon receipt. All notices by mail shall be considered effective seventy-two (72) hours after deposit in the United States mail with the proper address as set forth below. All notices by email shall be effective upon acknowledgment of receipt by the intended recipient. Either party, by notice to be given, may change the address to which future notices shall be sent.

TO THE TOWN:

Town of Johnstown Attn: Matt LeCerf 450 S. Parish Avenue P.O. Box 609 Johnstown, CO 80534

Email: mlecerf@johnstownco.gov

TO CONTRACTOR:

Mark Young Construction Attn: Dennis Wolfe 7200 Miller Place Frederick, CO 80504

Email: dwolfe@markyoungconstruction.com

#### SECTION 8: MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.01 <u>Time</u>. Time is of the essence of this Agreement and of each covenant hereof.
- 8.02 Non-Appropriation of Funds. Pursuant to Section 29-1-110, C.R.S., as amended, financial obligations of the Town payable as set forth herein, after the current fiscal year, are contingent upon funds for that purpose being budgeted, appropriated and otherwise made available. This Agreement shall be terminated effective January 1 of the first fiscal year for which funds are not budgeted and appropriated.
- <u>Laws and Regulations</u>. In the conduct of the Services, Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and the directives or instructions issued by the Town or its designated representatives.
- Assignment: Third Party Rights. Contractor may not assign, delegate or subcontract any part of its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement. The Parties do not intend to confer any benefit hereunder on any person or entity other than the Parties hereto.

- 8.05 <u>Amendment.</u> This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by a subsequent written instrument signed by the Parties. Course of performance, no matter how long, shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement.
- 8.06 <u>Severability</u>. If any part, term or provision of this Agreement is declared unlawful or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, except that, in the event any state or federal governmental agency or court determines that the relationship between the Town and Contractor is one of employment rather than independent contractor, this Agreement shall become null and void in its entirety.
- 8.07 <u>Waiver.</u> No consent or waiver, express or implied, by the Town to or of any breach or default by Contractor in the performance by Contractor of its obligations hereunder shall be deemed or construed to be a consent or waiver to or of any other breach or default by the Town. Failure on the part of the Town to complain of any act or failure to act or to declare Contractor in default, irrespective of how long such failure continues, shall not constitute a waiver by the Town of its rights hereunder.
- 8.08 <u>Governmental Immunity</u>. The Parties agree that the Town is relying on, and does not waive or intend to waive by any provision of the Agreement, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §§ 24-10-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., as amended from time, or otherwise available to the Town, its elected officials, employees or agents.
- 8.09 Applicable Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Colorado. Venue for any claim, proceeding or action arising out of this Agreement shall be in Weld County, State of Colorado.
- 8.10 <u>Mediation</u>. In the event of any dispute arising under this Agreement, except in the case of an action for injunctive relief, the Parties shall submit the matter to mediation prior to commencing legal action and shall share equally in the cost of the mediation.
- 8.11 <u>Costs and Attorney's Fees</u>. If any judicial proceedings may hereafter be brought to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement, the Town, if the prevailing party, shall be entitled to recover the costs of such proceedings, including reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable expert witness fees.
- 8.12 <u>Entire Agreement.</u> The provisions of this Agreement represent the entire and integrated agreement between the Town and Contractor and supersede all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.
- 8.13 <u>Public Official Personal Liability</u>. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any elected official, employee or agent of the Town.
- 8.14 <u>No Presumption.</u> Each Party acknowledges that it has carefully read and reviewed the terms of this Agreement. Each Party acknowledges that the entry into and execution of this Agreement is of its own free and voluntary act and deed, without compulsion. Each Party acknowledges that it has obtained, or has had the opportunity to obtain, the advice of

legal counsel of its own choosing in connection with the negotiation and execution of this Agreement and with respect to all matters set forth herein. The Parties agree that this Agreement reflects the joint drafting efforts of all Parties and in the event of any dispute, disagreement or controversy arising from this agreement, the Parties shall be considered joint authors and no provision shall be interpreted against any Party because of authorship.

- 8.15 <u>Controlling Document.</u> In the event of a conflict between the provisions in this Agreement and <u>Exhibit A</u>, the provisions in this Agreement shall control.
- 8.16 <u>Headings</u>. The headings in this Agreement are inserted only for the purpose of convenient reference and in no way define, limit or prescribe the scope or intent of this Agreement or any part thereof.
- 8.17 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which, together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date first written above.

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

By:  Docusigned by:  Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	BY:BocuSigned by: Matt Luff 68903B4415604FF Matt LeCerf, Town Manager
Mark Young Construction, LLC	
By: Name: Dennis Wolfe Title: President	
STATE OF COLROADO)	
COUNTY OF Word )ss	
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before Dennis Wolfe as the President of Man	me this 12 <sup>th</sup> day of <u>December</u> , 20 <u>23</u> by 1900 on truction
WITNESS my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires:l0/20/2024	
	Notary Public
	LAYLA BETTS NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20004031056 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10/20/2024

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EXHIBIT A SERVICES



December 6, 2023

Matt LeCerf Town Manager

Johnstown YMCA - Steam Room Wall & Ceiling Panel Replacement

Dear Mr. LeCerf:

We are pleased to submit for your review our Proposal to perform the scope of work set forth herein as a separate contract or work order between Mark Young Construction, Inc. (MYC) and Town of Johnstown ("Owner").

#### **Scope of Work**

Selective Demolition of Wall and Ceiling Panels
Remove and Reset Benches, Replace Legs
Install New Wall and Ceiling Moisture Resistant Sheetrock
Install Waterproof Membrane
Install New Wall, Floor, Ceiling Tile, Epoxy Grout – Pricing based on Keystone Mosaic Group 1
(Attached)

#### **Price and Payment**

The price to perform the work set forth above is for the price as stated below with monthly billings to be issued on or before the  $25^{th}$  day of the month and payment on such billing to be received by MYC on or before the  $10^{th}$  day of the following month with no retainage to be withheld.

\$24,037

#### **Exclusions**

Asbestos Removal or Remediation Mold Removal or Remediation Design or Engineering Fire Alarm or Fire Sprinkler modifications Electrical, Plumbing, or Mechanical scope Insulation or Framing replacement Painting Permitting

#### PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Proposal is predicated upon the following specific clarifications:

- 1. The schedule is based on an approximate construction duration of 2-3 weeks with work to commence in 4-6 weeks after written acceptance of this Proposal by Owner.
- 2. It is assumed that on-site water and power will be made available for the Contractors use at no cost to MYC.
- 3. On-site parking to be provided for Contractor's use.

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- 4. Owner shall cooperate with MYC to avoid scheduling conflicts and will allow MYC to have full access to the site to perform work on a continuous basis.
- 5. MYC proposes to complete project in single mobilization.
- 6. Project to be completed by a mutually agreed upon schedule between MYC and Owner.
- 7. This proposal is valid for 30 days.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal.

Sincerely,

Garrett Burrell Chief Estimator 720-383-5480

MARK YOUNG CONSTRUCTION

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

DATE: 12/11/23

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# Town of Johnstown

#### TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

**AGENDA DATE**: December 18, 2023

SUBJECT: Contribution Agreement Mountain View West Master Association

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Contribution Agreement

PRESENTED BY: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

#### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Included for your review and consideration is a Contribution Agreement between the Town and the Mountain View West Master Association. This contribution agreement is associated with the Town's recreation center. In February 2019, the Town and Parish, LLC (the developer) entered into an agreement that allowed the Town to opt out of the Homeowners Association (HOA) for the Mountain View West Subdivision. The agreement from February 2019 also obligated the Town to participate in the maintenance of the common areas and that payment would be provided on a proportionate basis. Accordingly, the Contribution Agreement includes the financial obligations and structure of payment by the Town to the HOA for maintenance of these common areas for each year starting in 2023. Our annual obligation is 26.82% of the total expenditures and this represents the percentage of the total land owned by the Town within the subdivision. Funds will be regularly budgeted into the Recreation Fund since the payments are associated with this asset.

#### **LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney drafted the agreement presented.

#### FINANCIAL ADVICE:

HOA dues will be paid by the Town at 26.82% of the total expenditures annually to maintain the common areas in the subdivision.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Approve the agreement as presented.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

## The Community That Cares

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#### CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

THIS CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 1st day of Decmber 2023 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, a Colorado home-rule municipality (the "Town"), and Mountain View West Master Association, a Colorado common interest association ("Association") (collectively, the "Parties").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Association governs a planned community known as Mountain View West located on the property described on <u>Exhibit A</u>, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is adjacent to and contiguous with property owned by the Town, described on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Town Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property contains Outlots, including a detention pond, depicted on Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, that are maintained by the Association; and

WHEREAS, the Town Property benefits from the Association's maintenance of the Outlots; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain First Amendment to Subdivision Development and Improvement Agreement for Town of Johnstown (Mountain View West Subdivision), dated on or about February 20, 2019, the Town agreed to pay the proportionate share of the expense of the maintenance of the Outlots attributable to the Town Property based on the acreage of the Town Property compared to the acreage of the Property as a whole; and

WHEREAS, to effectuate the foregoing, the Parties desire to execute this Agreement.

#### **AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, incorporating the foregoing Recitals herein and in consideration of the mutual promises, agreements, undertakings and covenants set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby mutually agree as follows:

- 1. The Town hereby agrees to pay 26.82% of the Association's annual cost of maintaining the Outlots.
- 2. On or before July 31 of each year, the Association shall provide an invoice to the Town for the maintenance expenses associated with the Outlots for the first six months of such calendar year (January through June). On or before January 31 of each year, the Association shall provide an invoice to the Town for the maintenance expenses associated with the Outlots for the

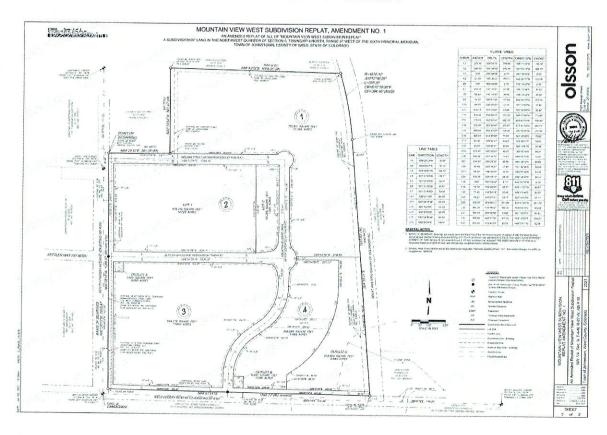
last six months of the preceding calendar year (July through December). The Town shall provide payment to the Association within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. In its discretion, the Town may withhold payment for disputed portions of invoices on the condition that the Town provides written notice to the Association of the dispute.

- 3. Notwithstanding the terms of Paragraph 2, within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, the Town agrees to pay the Association \$2,874.36 for the maintenance expenses associated with the Outlots for the 2023 calendar year. (For the avoidance of doubt, the first invoice that the Association may provide to the Town shall be submitted on or before July 31, 2024, for January through June of 2024.)
- 4. The Parties recognize and agree that, by the Town's payment of a portion of the cost of maintenance of the Outlots, the Town does not accept any responsibility for the ownership or maintenance of the Outlots. The Association assumes full responsibility for such maintenance and for all damages and liability that may be associated therewith. The Association agrees that it will at all times protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its elected officials, employees, agents, and their successors and assigns, from and against all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, actions and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees), arising from or related to loss or damage to property or injury to or death to any persons arising from or resulting in any manner from the Association's actions or failures to act related to the Outlots.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 29-1-110, C.R.S., as amended, financial obligations of the Town payable as set forth herein, after the current fiscal year, are contingent upon funds for that purpose being budgeted, appropriated and otherwise made available. This Agreement shall be terminated effective January 1 of the first fiscal year for which funds are not budgeted and appropriated.
- 6. The Parties do not intend to confer any benefit hereunder on any person or entity other than the Parties hereto.
- 7. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by a subsequent written instrument signed by the Parties.
- 8. The Parties agree that the Town is relying on and does not waive by any provision of this Agreement, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §§ 24-10-101 et seq., C.R.S., as amended from time, or otherwise available to the Town, its elected officials, employees or agents.
- 9. This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Colorado. Venue for any claim, proceeding or action arising out of this Agreement shall be in Weld County, State of Colorado.
- 10. In the event of any dispute arising under this Agreement, the Parties shall submit the matter to mediation prior to commencing legal action and shall share equally in the cost of the mediation.

- 11. The provisions of this Agreement represent the entire and integrated agreement between the Town and Association with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.
- 12. Each Party acknowledges that it has carefully read and reviewed the terms of this Agreement. Each Party acknowledges that the entry into and execution of this Agreement is of its own free and voluntary act and deed, without compulsion. Each Party acknowledges that it has obtained, or has had the opportunity to obtain, the advice of legal counsel of its own choosing in connection with the negotiation and execution of this Agreement and with respect to all matters set forth herein. The Parties agree that this Agreement reflects the joint drafting efforts of all Parties and in the event of any dispute, disagreement or controversy arising from this agreement, the Parties shall be considered joint authors and no provision shall be interpreted against any Party because of authorship.

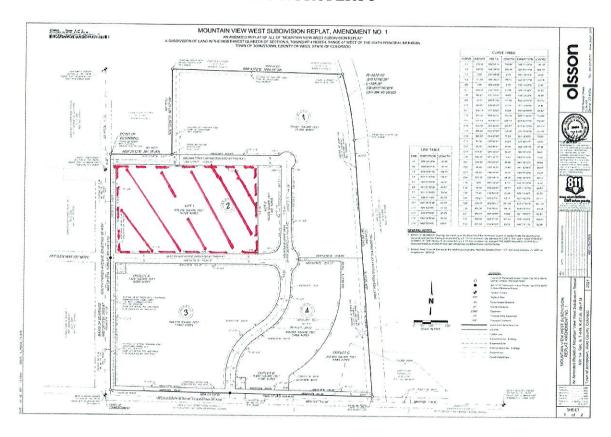
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date first written above.

# EXHIBIT A ASSOCIATION PROPERTY



The Association Property is a portion of the entire Mountain View West Subdivision Replat shown above all lying outside of Block 1, Block 2, Block 3 and Block 5 on the above drawing as later on Exibit C to this Agreement.

# EXHIBIT B TOWN PROPERTY



The Town Property is a that portion of the Mountain View West Subdivision Replat as shown above known as Lot 1, Block 2 of the Mountain View West Subdivision Replat containing approximately 10 acres of land area.

# EXHIBIT C MASTER ASSOCIATION OUTLOTS



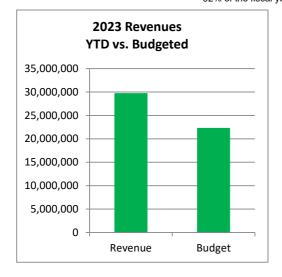
The Master Association Outlots are as shown above and colored in red that include that area between the separated sidewalks that run along the entire frontage of Paish Avenue and E Centennial Drive from the curb to the sidewalk. It shall also include the 1.90 acre detention pond parcel as well as the landscaped portion of the roundabout at the junction of Mountain Bluebird Drive and Settler Way. Mountain View West Master Association shall be responsible for the regular maintenance of landscaping within these areas so as to provide a unified and consistent look for the perimeter of the subdivision.

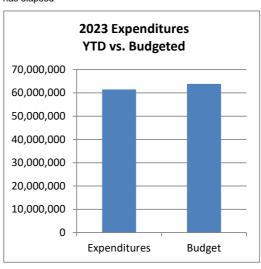
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

General Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	89,263,737	89,263,737	
Revenues:			
Taxes & Fees	22,376,730	19,417,534	115.2%
Licenses & Permits	3,674,378	1,963,700	187.1%
Fines & Forfeitures	265,047	175,500	151.0%
Intergovernmental	196,222	25,000	784.9%
Earnings on Investment	2,214,305	15,000	14762.0%
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,039,782	757,500	137.3%
Transfers In	-		
Total Operating Revenues	29,766,466	22,354,234	133.2%
Expenditures:	4 400 000	004.440	4.40.00/
Legislative	1,168,638	831,440	140.6%
Town Manager	1,155,372	1,442,430	80.1%
Town Clerk	381,750	441,910	86.4%
Finance	355,610	450,870	78.9%
Planning	351,791	566,310	62.1%
Reimbursements	631,732	700,000	90.2%
Building Inspections Police	345,241	413,820	83.4%
Public Works	4,741,101 642,727	6,006,610 761,350	78.9% 84.4%
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Buildings Transfers Out	295,981 51,421,987	288,100 51,945,508	99.0%
Transfers Out	51,421,967	51,945,506	99.0%
Total Expenditures	61,491,929	63,848,348	96.3%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	(31,725,463)	(41,494,114)	
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Prior Period Adjustment			
Ending Fund Balance*	57,538,274	47,769,623	

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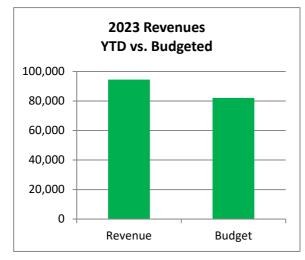
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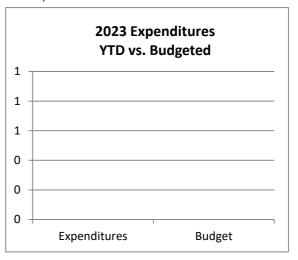
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Conservation Trust Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Conservation Trust Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	132,112	132,112	
Revenues: Intergovernmental Earnings on Investment	89,835 4,660	82,000 50	109.6% 9319.2%
Total Operating Revenues	94,495	82,050	115.2%
Expenditures: Operations Capital Outlay	<del>-</del>	- -	
Total Expenditures	-	-	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	94,495	82,050	
Ending Fund Balance*	226,607	214,162	

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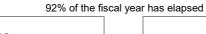


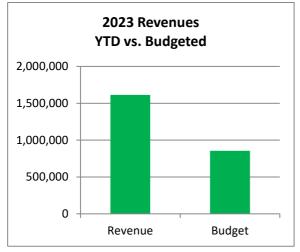


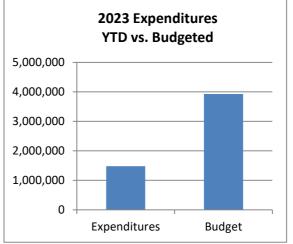
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Parks and Open Space Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Parks and Open Space Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	7,992,579	7,992,579	
Revenues: Taxes & Fees	1,357,772	786,030	172.7%
License & Permit Earnings on Investment Miscellaneous Revenue Transfers In	745 137,690 67,341 50,000	500 2,000 17,000 50,000	149.0% 6884.5% 396.1% 100.0%
Total Operating Revenues	1,613,548	855,530	188.6%
Expenditures: Operations Capital Outlay Transfers Out	672,621 806,833 -	2,905,000 1,024,940	23.2% 78.7%
Total Expenditures	1,479,453	3,929,940	37.6%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	134,095	(3,074,410)	
Ending Fund Balance*	8,126,674	4,918,169	

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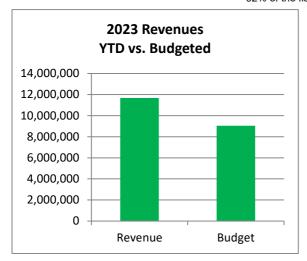


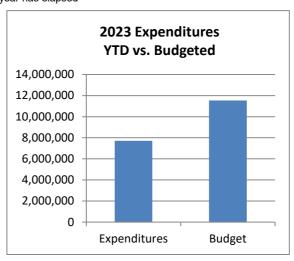
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Street and Alley Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

	2023 Actuals	2023 Adopted	%
Street and Alley Fund	November	Budget	Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	17,863,626	17,863,626	
Revenues:			
Taxes & Fees	5,275,919	4,171,405	126.5%
Intergovernmental	988,409	1,290,000	76.6%
Charges for Services	931,031	945,000	98.5%
Capital Investment Fees	2,688,141	1,174,000	229.0%
Earnings on Investment	338,866	10,200	3322.2%
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,675	-	
Tranfers In	1,450,000	1,450,000	100.0%
Total Operating Revenues	11,678,041	9,040,605	129.2%
Expenditures:			
Operations & Maintenance	2,113,379	3,698,790	57.1%
Capital	5,602,259	7,848,000	71.4%
Total Expenditures	7,715,638	11,546,790	66.8%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and			
Other Sources over Expenditures	3,962,403	(2,506,185)	
Ending Fund Balance*	21,826,029	15,357,441	

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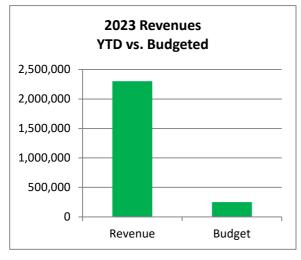


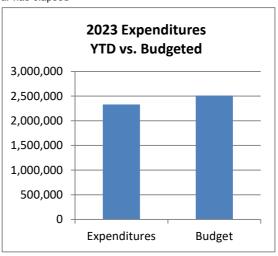
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Capital Projects Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Capital Projects Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	10,868,807	10,868,807	
Revenues: Taxes and Fees Miscellaneous Revenue	1,793,174	300,000	597.7%
Interest Transfers In	509,155	2,200 (50,000)	23143.4%
Total Operating Revenues	2,302,330	252,200	912.9%
Expenditures: Capital Outlay Transfers Out	2,332,665	2,511,500	92.9% 0.0%
Total Expenditures	2,332,665	2,511,500	92.9%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	(30,335)	(2,259,300)	
Ending Fund Balance*	10,838,472	8,609,507	

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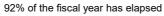


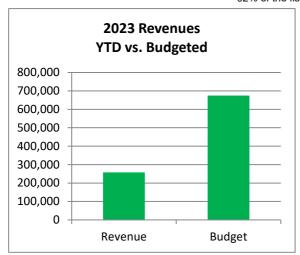
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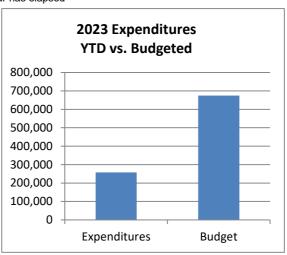
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Tax Allocation Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Tax Allocation Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	41,435	41,435	
Revenues: Taxes & Fees Earnings on Investment	257,587 -	675,000 -	38.2%
Total Operating Revenues	257,587	675,000	38.2%
Expenditures: Miscellaneous	257,587	675,000	38.2%
Total Expenditures	257,587	675,000	38.2%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	-	-	
Ending Fund Balance*	41,435	41,435	

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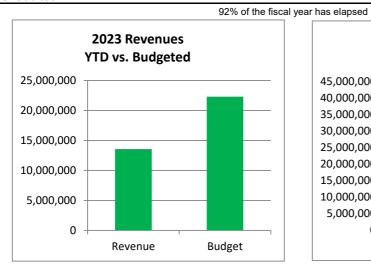


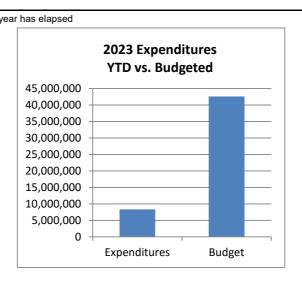


# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Water Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Water Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Cash Balance	18,030,853	18,030,853	
Revenues: Charges for Services	4,706,440	4,555,000	103.3%
Total Operating Revenues	4,706,440	4,555,000	103.3%
Expenses: Administration Operations Capital Outlay	209,360 3,338,610 3,691,133	235,300 4,365,350 36,417,280	89.0% 76.5% 10.1%
Depreciation Transfers Out	498,806 600,000	970,000 600,000	51.4% 100.0%
Total Operating Expenses	8,337,909	42,587,930	19.6%
Operating Income (Loss)	(3,631,469)	(38,032,930)	
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Tap Fees Capital Investment Fees Misc. Revenues Interest Expense	3,013,296 2,585,342 2,531,350 723,663	1,357,605 1,147,945 15,226,500 20,000	222.0% 225.2% 16.6% 3618.3%
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	8,853,651	17,752,050	49.9%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenses	5,222,182	(20,280,880)	
Ending Cash Balance*	23,253,035	\$ (2,250,027)	

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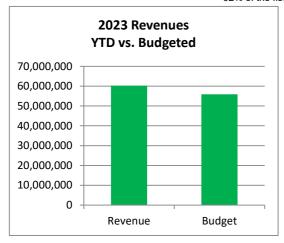


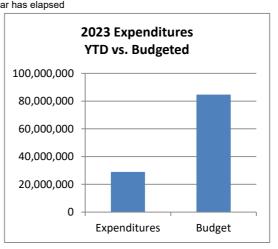
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Sewer Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Sewer Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Cash Balance	42,699,361	42,699,361	
Revenues: Charges for Services	3,095,145	3,181,500	97.3%
Total Operating Revenues	3,095,145	3,181,500	97.3%
Expenses: Administration Operations Capital Outlay Depreciation Debt Service	197,283 1,820,483 23,649,308 481,030 2,763,150	227,750 2,111,211 78,381,000 1,200,000 2,764,000	86.6% 86.2% 30.2% 40.1% 100.0%
Total Operating Expenses	28,911,254	84,683,961	34.1%
Operating Income (Loss)	(25,816,110)	(81,502,461)	
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Capital Improvement Fees Misc. Revenues Interest Expense Transfers In/(Out)	4,840,788 47,650 2,869,800 49,400,000	3,218,560 18,900 100,000 49,400,000	150.4% 252.1% 2869.8%
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	57,158,238	52,737,460	108.4%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenses	31,342,129	(28,765,001)	
Ending Cash Balance*	74,041,490	13,934,360	

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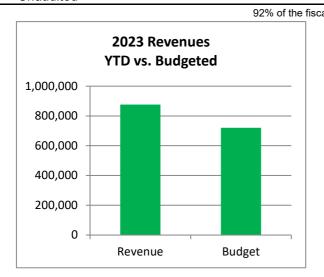


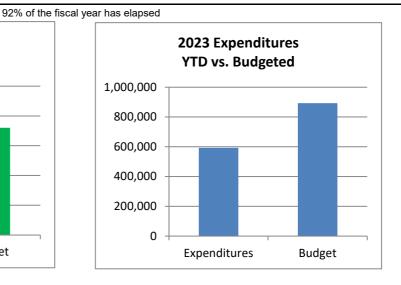


# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Drainage Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Drainage Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Cash Balance	3,977,376	3,977,376	
Revenues: Charges for Services	485,566	500,000	97.1%
Total Operating Revenues	485,566	500,000	97.1%
Expenses: Administration Operations Capital Improvements Transfer Out  Total Operating Expenses	117,452 224,916 - 250,000 592,368	150,400 493,025 - 250,000 893,425	78.1% 45.6% 100.0% 66.3%
Operating Income (Loss)	(106,802)	(393,425)	
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Capital Revenues	293,865	220,000	133.6%
Misc. Revenues Interest Expense	96,768	1,000	9676.8%
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	390,633	221,000	176.8%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenses	283,830	(172,425)	
Ending Cash Balance*	4,261,206	3,804,951	

# \* - Unaudited





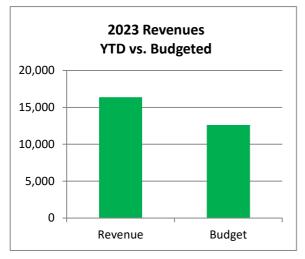
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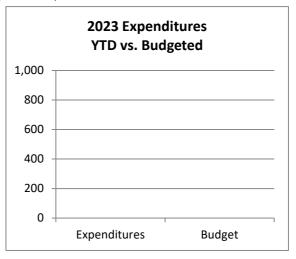
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Cemetery Perpetual Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Cemetery Perpetual Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	168,889	168,889	
Revenues: Miscellaneous Revenue Earnings on Investment	10,707 5,669	12,560 60	85.2% 9447.9%
Total Operating Revenues	16,376	12,620	129.8%
Expenditures: Operations & Maintenance Capital Outlay Transfers Out	- - -	- - -	
Total Expenditures		-	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	16,376	12,620	
Ending Fund Balance*	185,265	181,509	

# \* - Unaudited

92% of the fiscal year has elapsed

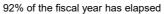


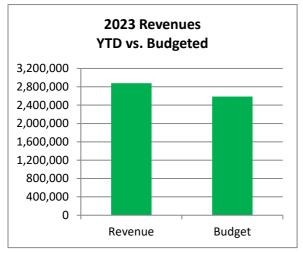


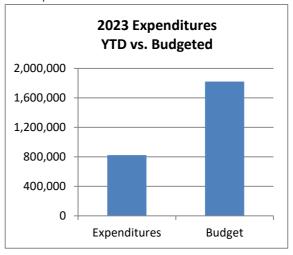
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Library Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Library Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	8,539,939	8,539,939	
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	827,921	819,186	101.1%
Miscellaneous Revenue	13,813	11,000	125.6%
Capital Investment Fees	764,450	439,410	174.0%
Interest	293,813	75,000	391.8%
Transfers In	977,459	1,243,246	78.6%
Total Operating Revenues	2,877,456	2,587,842	111.2%
Expenditures:			
Operations	824,275	1,821,000	45.3%
Capital Outlay		-	
Total Expenditures	824,275	1,821,000	45.3%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	2,053,181	766,842	
Ending Fund Balance*	10,593,120	9,306,781	
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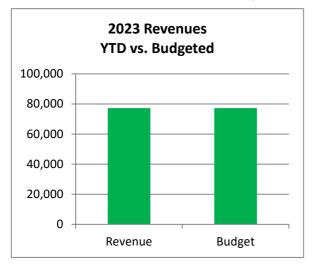


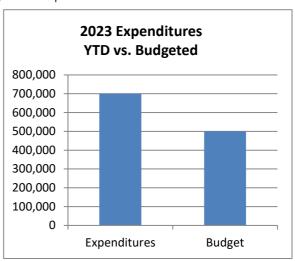
# Town of Johnstown, Colorado Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Recreation Center Fund Period Ending November 30, 2023 Unaudited

Recreation Center Fund	2023 Actuals November	2023 Adopted Budget	% Complete
Beginning Fund Balance	422,738	422,738	
Revenues: State Grants Transfers In Earnings on Investment	- 77,262 -	0 77,262 -	100.0%
Total Operating Revenues	77,262	77,262	
Expenditures: Operations & Maintenance Capital Outlay	699,960 -	500,000 -	140.0%
Total Expenditures	699,960	500,000	140.0%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	(622,698)	(422,738)	
Ending Fund Balance*	(199,960)	0	

### \* - Unaudited

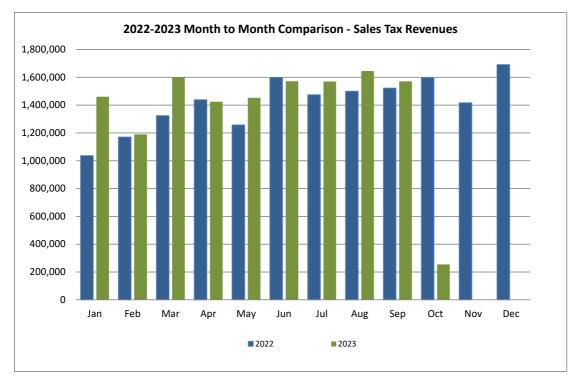
92% of the fiscal year has elapsed





# Sales Tax Analysis and Comparison 2023

		Motor Vehicle	
	Sales Tax	Sales Tax	<u>Total Sales</u>
Month/Year	Collected*	Collected*	Taxes Collected*
Jan-22	860,076	176,235	1,036,312
Feb-22	1,039,339	131,014	1,170,353
Mar-22	1,140,339	183,753	1,324,092
Apr-22	1,225,967	212,749	1,438,716
May-22	1,081,813	175,308	1,257,121
Jun-22	1,387,474	211,390	1,598,864
Jul-22	1,314,434	159,699	1,474,133
Aug-22	1,301,869	197,915	1,499,784
Sep-22	1,339,168	182,866	1,522,033
Oct-22	1,333,815	263,755	1,597,569
Nov-22	1,228,245	188,305	1,416,551
Dec-22	1,506,874	184,930	1,691,804
2022 Total	14,759,413	2,267,919	17,027,332
Jan-23	1,253,344	206,448	1,459,793
Feb-23	1,031,160	158,696	1,189,856
Mar-23	1,371,163	228,725	1,599,889
Apr-23	1,207,378	216,749	1,424,127
May-23	1,221,469	231,435	1,452,904
Jun-23	1,357,563	214,427	1,571,991
Jul-23	1,367,884	201,692	1,569,576
Aug-23	1,379,555	265,284	1,644,839
Sep-23	1,406,057	164,870	1,570,927
Oct-23	0	254,030	254,030
Nov-23	0	0	0
Dec-23	0	0	0
2023 Total	11,595,573	2,142,357	13,737,931
- Sep 2022	10,690,478	1,630,930	12,321,408
-Sep 2023	11,595,573	1,888,327	13,483,900
ncrease (Decrease)	8.47%	15.78%	9.43%



<sup>\*</sup> Amounts shown reflect different reporting periods for various entities.



# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Town of Johnstown Strategic Plan

**ACTION PROPOSED:** Consider Adopting the Town of Johnstown Strategic Plan

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Town of Johnstown Strategic Plan

**PRESENTED BY**: Mitzi McCoy, Deputy Town Manager

### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of a strategic plan is to build consensus around a singular vision for the future of a community or organization. For local governments, this process is designed to achieve efficiency and effectiveness in the administration and delivery of municipal services to fulfill this shared vision. A successful strategic planning process is inclusive and brings together multiple internal and external stakeholders to examine opportunities for improving all areas for which a municipality has responsibility.

This strategic plan encapsulates the collective insights of over 1,000 participants, including citizens, business leaders, municipal staff members, management, community groups, and Council. The goal was to construct a community-based plan, incorporating crucial information gleaned from a community survey, dialogues with department leaders, workshops with elected officials, one-on-one interviews with citizens, and engagements with community groups and staff. Through these varied activities, a wealth of ideas, concerns, themes goals, and strategies emerged, all aimed at enhancing the Town of Johnstown and the municipal organization. Themes that emerged as a result of these activities include:

- Safety and related services
- Community design and housing availability
- Parks and recreation opportunities
- Utility infrastructure concerns
- Concerns for the economy
- Education, arts, and culture

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- Transportation/mobility
- Health and wellness
- Natural environment
- Inclusivity and engagement

After pinpointing these themes, the Town pursued the development of the plan through four primary steps. The initial phase involved conducting a comprehensive assessment of the current state, which included the completion of a SWOT analysis. The subsequent step was dedicated to initiating the design phase, during which overarching functions were identified, ultimately forming the foundation for our Strategic Pillars. Moving on to the third step, the focus shifted to construction of the plan, involving a thorough examination of all collected input and feedback. This step aimed to identify specific goals, action items supporting those goals, and realistic timeframes for implementation. The fourth and final stage revolves around plan management, emphasizing the regular monitoring of strategic plan goals and action items. The plan undergoes periodic reviews and updates to adapt to changing circumstances. If the presented Strategic Plan receives approval from the Council, the implementation of the fourth step will commence.

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NA

### FINANCIAL ADVICE:

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Staff supports approval of the Town of Johnstown Strategic Plan.

### **SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

**For Approval:** I move to adopt the Town of Johnstown Strategic Plan as presented.

**For Denial:** I move to deny the Town of Johnstown Strategic Plan as presented.

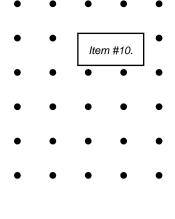
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Town Manager









# TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN

# STRATEGIC PLAN

2023 - 2032











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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



This ten-year Strategic Plan serves as a comprehensive roadmap, intended to accurately mirror the priorities of Johnstown residents and local businesses. Although the strategic actions primarily rest with the Municipality, their success hinges on forging meaningful partnerships with organizations in the community, advisory committees, and an unwavering commitment to working together for the betterment of the community.

We are grateful to the residents who took the time to participate in our community survey and outreach events, and we appreciate the insightful conversations our team had with stakeholders. The collaborative essence of this Strategic Plan is a culmination of perspectives shared by residents, businesses, community groups, staff, management, and Council members who actively engaged in the process.

We would like to thank our residents, businesses, community members, committees, and staff for your active engagement in, and commitment to, the development of this Strategic Plan. Your passion for our community and its future is genuinely inspiring, and your unwavering commitment to preserving what is invaluable is truly impressive.

We invite you to explore this plan, hoping that you connect with it, and encourage you to join us in the upcoming endeavors. While we may face challenges on the journey, the satisfaction derived from the progress will undoubtedly be rewarding.



# Creating Positive Outcomes

A well-executed strategic plan serves as a roadmap that enables us to work toward our goals, improve services, and enhance the quality of life for our constituents.



# The purpose of a strategic plan:

- Create a Shared Vision among stakeholders within our community and organization: This consensus is critical for alignment and moving forward effectively.
- Increase Efficiency and Effectiveness: By setting clear goals and strategies, we can allocate resources more efficiently and achieve better outcomes.
- Ensure Common Goals: Engaging both internal and external stakeholders ensures that a wide range of perspectives and needs are considered, leading to a more comprehensive and robust plan.
- Identifies Improvement Opportunities:
   Strategic planning involves a thorough examination of current practices, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and uncovering opportunities for improvement. This datadriven approach helps us make informed decisions.
- Define Identity and Services: Through strategic planning, we can define our identity by clarifying our mission, vision, and values.
   We can also specify the services we intend to provide.
- Service Delivery: Determining how best to provide services is a critical aspect of strategic planning. This may involve evaluating different service delivery models, considering technology advancements, and optimizing resource allocation.

# Mission

Enhancing the quality of life of our residents, businesses, and visitors through community focused leadership.





# Vision

Johnstown will be/will be known for connecting community with opportunity.

# Guiding Principals

# Service Excellence

We put our community at the center of everything we do. We are dedicated to delivering the best outcomes for our community.

# **Teamwork**

We have a "One-Town, One Team" approach that promotes collaboration.

# **Communication**

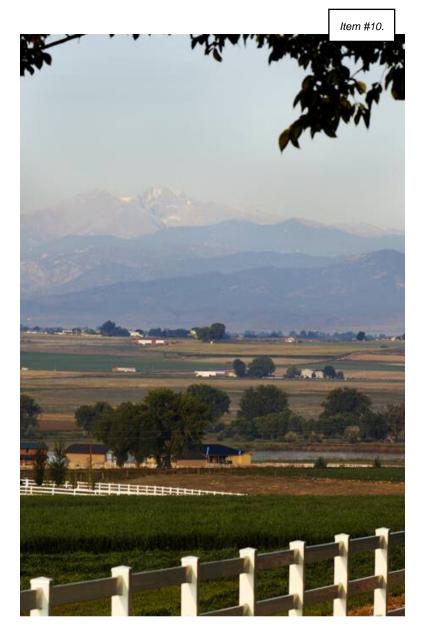
We invite participation and exchange reliable information.

# **Integrity**

We do the right thing and hold ourselves accountable.

# <u>Innovation</u>

We foster creativity that challenges constraints and drives progress.





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# Strategic Pillars

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Organizational Excellence & Public Trust



Safe & Welcoming Community



Healthy & Resilient Economy



Natural & Built Environment



Quality Infrastructure & Facilities



# Organizational Excellence & Public Trust

We support and empower a team that builds public confidence through transparency, integrity, service innovation, and fiscal responsibility. Our team ensures our values are aligned with continuing to move the organization in a positive direction as we work together with the community.

# Goal: Strengthen public trust and confidence

# Strategies:

- Provide value to our customers by balancing efficiency and cost management with innovation and customer convenience.
- Seek out customer service enhancement opportunities.
- Maintain Records Management program that is compliant and sustainable.
- Maintain financial sustainability.
- Pursue and maintain accreditations and certifications.
- Strengthen election process through development and implementation of processes and software.

# Goal: Engage, inform and involve the community.

# Strategies:

- Increase positive engagement and interaction with members of the public.
- Identify and develop a consistent brand for the Town.
- Continue to develop and expand communication programming.
- Work to improve ease of use and accessibility of material.

# Goal: Be an employer of choice that attracts dedicated team members, passionate about Johnstown.

- Invest in an organizational culture that values development, creative problem solving, and service.
- Improve organizational capabilities and effectiveness through leadership, professional development, organizational literacy, and employee engagement.
- Develop and implement recruiting strategies, increasing diversity, and succession planning.



# Safe & Welcoming Community

The Town is committed to creating a safe, friendly, and connected experience for residents and visitors. We value the role that Johnstown's unique charm and character play in our community.

Goal: Provide and maintain public safety services and awareness in our community.

# Strategies:

- Deliver the highest level of police services to ensure that residents feel safe and secure.
- Provide comprehensive municipal safety services.
- Collaborate with regional partners in response and education.
- Engage the community in safety preparedness.
- Develop resiliency plans and establish a local emergency management program for continuity of operations.

Goal: Partner in creating more community based, community service, and action opportunities.

# Strategies:

- Provide volunteer resources to the community.
- Work with regional partners to develop or implement programming.
- Develop a needs study for community services such as arts, culture, recreation, and educational opportunities.

Goal: Create arts and culture opportunities that connect the community.

# Strategies:

- Create community events.
- Promote community-wide art initiatives.
- Honor our agricultural heritage and work to celebrate Johnstown's history.

Goal: Grow an open, inclusive environment where all residents have the opportunity to flourish.

- Conduct an independent DEI study to identify growth areas.
- Implement DEI growth suggestions.
- Provide reasonable accommodations to non-english speaking residents.



# Healthy & Resilient Economy

We are committed to a sustainable and growing business community, skilled workforce, and regional cooperation. Our healthy economy provides residents and visitors access to goods, services, and jobs.

Goal: Invest in the development of a vibrant and interconnected downtown.

# Strategies:

- Create a visitor experience.
- Develop a Downtown Master Plan.
- Complete a financial improvement study for the downtown to determine financing mechanisms that can support the vision of the downtown.
- Assist with the creation of an improvement district.
- Drive development to expand the downtown corridor.

Goal: Drive projects and initiatives that promote Johnstown as a premier destination for business.

# Strategies:

- Maintain a strong business retention and expansion program.
- Develop a business attraction strategy that focuses on attracting quality employers to the area.
- Identify and drive future development areas that can provide opportunities for employment, flex, and industrial space.
- Develop and implement marketing strategies that encourage the best uses and users of activity areas including commercial and employment centers.

Goal: Cultivate local and regional partnerships that ensure the long term success and growth of Northern Colorado.

- Partner with regional entities that support local development.
- Focus on economic development by maintaining partnerships with local, regional, and state partners.



# Healthy & Resilient Economy

We are committed to a sustainable and growing business community, skilled workforce, and regional cooperation. Our healthy economy provides residents and visitors access to goods, services, and jobs.

Goal: Support the local labor market and work with partners to grow diverse employment opportunities.

- Cultivate partnerships with school districts and county agencies to develop a local talent force.
- Connect Johnstown employers with local talent force.
- Create strong partnerships with post-secondary institutions to create local learning opportunities.



# Natural & Built Environment

We create amazing community spaces by balancing and blending Johnstown's agricultural heritage, natural environment, and innovative development.

Goal: Invest in, enhance, and conserve our parks, open spaces, agricultural areas, and natural environment.

# Strategies:

- Acquire and dedicate land for open space and trails.
- Prioritize, expand, and maintain park and recreational amenities.
- Development of new parks and gathering spaces that serve the entire Johnstown community.
- Develop programs and partnerships that prioritize sustainability.

# Goal: Expect and encourage community centered design.

# Strategies:

- Create and maintain neighborhoods and activity centers with high standards of site and architectural design.
- Create a cohesive community through connectivity.
- Implement the Town-wide wayfinding sign plan.
- Guide growth in the community through appropriate annexation, zoning, planning, and land use development.

# Goal: Support a broad range of housing options.

- Perform a Housing Needs Study and create policy as necessary.
- Preserve, stabilize, and enhance all neighborhoods.
- Determine different funding methods for affordable and attainable housing.



# Quality Infrastructure & Facilities

We provide essential services to the community by investing in, operating, and maintaining, quality facilities and infrastructure.

Goal: Establish and maintain levels of service.

# Strategies:

- Perform a condition assessment of assets and infrastructure.
- Collaborate with Council to identify programs and desired level of service.
- Meet or exceed all State and Federal standards for water, sewer, and storm water.

# Goal: Ensure future viability of infrastructure and facilities.

### Strategies:

- Create, update, and administer infrastructure plans and studies that prioritize resiliency and stability.
- Dedicate resources to build and deploy a comprehensive fiber network that will serve the entire community.
- Expect high-quality infrastructure construction.

# Goal: Repair and maintain existing infrastructure, facilities, and equipment.

- Develop and implement Maintenance Programs to improve and extend the life of existing public assets.
- Implement replacement programs.
- Improve accuracy of Mapping System to assist with maintaining and replacing infrastructure.

# Short-Term (Up to 3 Yrs)

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		Identify and develop a consistent brand for the Town.
		Work to develop ease of use and accessibility of material.
		Strengthen election process through development and implementation of processes and software.
		Develop and implement recruiting and retention strategies, increasing diversity, and succession planning.
		Acquire and dedicate land for open space and trails.
		Prioritize, expand and maintain park and recreational amenities.
		Perform a Housing Needs Study and create policy as necessary.
		Determine different funding methods for affordable and attainable housing.
		Develop a Downtown Master Plan.
		Complete a financial improvement study for the downtown to determine financing mechanisms that can support the vision of downtown.
		Assist with the creation of such improvement district.
		Work with regional partners to develop or implement programming.
		Develop a needs study for community services such as arts, culture, recreation and educational opportunities.
		Promote community wide art initiatives.
		Conduct an independent DEI study to identify growth areas.
		Implement DEI growth suggestions.
		Provide reasonable accommodations to non-english speaking residents.
		Perform a condition assessment of assets and infrastructure.
		Dedicate resources to build and deploy a comprehensive fiber network that will serve the entire community.
		Develop and implement Maintenance Programs to improve and extend the life of existing public assets.

# Mid-Term (4 - 6 Yrs)

	S		Strategy
			Development of new parks and gathering spaces that serve the entire Johnstown community.
			Develop programs and partnerships that prioritize sustainability.
			Develop a business attraction strategy that focuses on attracting quality employers to the area.
			Identify and drive future development areas that can provide opportunities for employment, flex, and industrial space.
			Develop and implement marketing strategies that encourage the best uses and users of activity areas including commercial and industrial centers.
			Collaborate with regional partners in response and education.
			Provide volunteer resources to the community.
			Implement Replacement Programs.

# Long-Term (7+ Yrs)

	S	<b>***</b>	Strategy
			Create a cohesive community through connectivity.
			Implement the Town-wide wayfinding sign plan.
			Create strong partnerships with post-secondary institutions to create local learning opportunities.

# Constant Focus

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	\$	圖的		Strategy
				Increase positive engagement and interaction with members of the public.
				Continue to develop and expand communication programming.
				Provide value to our customers by balancing efficiency and cost management with innovation and customer convenience.
				Seek out customer service enhancement opportunities.
				Maintain Records Management program that is compliant and sustainable.
				Maintain financial sustainability.
				Pursue and maintain accreditations and certifications.
				Invest in an organizational culture that values employee development, creative problem solving, and service.
				Improve organizational capabilities and effectiveness through leadership, professional development, organizational literacy, and employee engagement.
				Create and maintain neighborhoods and activity centers with high standards of site and architectural design.
				Guide growth in the community through appropriate annexation, zoning, planning and land use development.
				Preserve, stabilize, and enhance all neighborhoods.
				Create a visitor experience.
				Drive development to expand the downtown corridor.
				Maintain a strong business retention and expansion program.
				Partner with regional entities that support local development.
				Focus on economic development by maintaining partnerships with existing local, regional and state partners.
				Cultivate partnerships with school districts and county agencies to develop a local talent force.
				Connect Johnstown employers with local talent force.
				Deliver the highest level of police services to ensure residents feel safe and secure.
				Provide comprehensive municipal safety services.

# Constant Focus

	\$	Strategy
		Engage the community in safety preparedness.
		Create community events.
		Collaborate with Council to identify programs and desired levels of service.
		Honor our agricultural heritage and work to celebrate Johnstown's history.
		Meet or exceed all State and Federal standards for water, sewer, and storm water.
		Create, update, and administer infrastructure plans and studies that prioritize resilience and scalability.
		Expect high-quality infrastructure and construction.
		Develop resiliency plans and establish a local emergency management program for continuity of operations.
		Improve accuracy of Mapping System to assist with maintaining and replacing infrastructure.



# Town of Johnstown

# TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

**AGENDA DATE**: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Public Hearing – First Reading Ordinance 2023-264: An

Ordinance Submitting To The Registered Electors Of The Town Of Johnstown At The General Municipal Election To Be Held On April 2, 2024, A Charter Amendment Conforming The Limits On Allowing Persons With Felony Convictions To Hold Council Office To Those Set Forth In The Colorado Constitution

**ACTION PROPOSED**: Consider Approval of Ordinance 2023-264 on First Reading

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Ordinance 2023-264

**PRESENTED BY**: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Proposed for Council's review and consideration is an ordinance that would authorize a ballot measure at the April 2, 2024 election. This ballot measure would propose a modification to individuals running for elected office in the Town of Johnstown to be compliant with the qualifications outline in the Colorado Constitution. If the ballot were to be approved by the voters, it would amend our Home Rule Charter (HRC).

Based on recent court cases, there is a high probability that our current HRC which identifies that an individual convicted of any felony does not qualify to run for office is not legal. In an effort to be compliant both legally and with the Colorado Constitution the following modification to the HRC is proposed.

### **FROM**

No person who has been convicted of a felony or a willful violation of this Charter shall be qualified to serve as Mayor or Councilmember.

### TO

No person prohibited by the Colorado Constitution from serving in public office or who has been convicted of a willful violation of this Charter shall be qualified to serve as Mayor or Councilmember.

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#### **LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney drafted the Ordinance based on feedback from Town Council.

#### FINANCIAL ADVICE:

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Approve Ordinance 2023-264 upon first reading.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

**For Approval:** I move to approve Ordinance No. 2023-264, upon first reading.

**For Denial:** I move to deny Ordinance No. 2023-264, upon first reading.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

## TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO ORDINANCE NO. 2023-264

An Ordinance Submitting To The Registered Electors Of The Town Of Johnstown At The General Municipal Election To Be Held On April 2, 2024, A Charter Amendment Conforming The Limits On Allowing Persons With Felony Convictions To Hold Council Office To Those Set Forth In The Colorado Constitution

- **WHEREAS**, the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Town") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under its Home Rule Charter ("Charter") adopted pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town Council is vested with authority to administer the affairs of the Town; and
- **WHEREAS**, Section 2.3.D of Article 2 of the Charter disqualifies a person convicted of a felony from serving as the Mayor or a Councilmember; and
- **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the Colorado Supreme Court have determined that the right to seek and hold public office is a fundamental civil right under federal and state law; and
- **WHEREAS**, under Colorado law, individuals lose the rights to vote and run for public office during their incarceration for a felony conviction, and upon completion of a sentence, rights of citizenship, such as the right to run for public office, are restored; and
- **WHEREAS**, Colorado Constitution Article XII, Section 4, provides a permanent exception to the restoration of rights where the underlying felony conviction was for: (i) embezzlement of public monies; (ii) bribery; (iii) perjury; (iv) solicitation of bribery; or (v) subornation of perjury; and
- **WHEREAS**, broad and permanent disqualifications from office for any felony conviction, like that included in the Charter, have been subject to criticism and legal attack in recent years; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Aurora recently lost a lawsuit challenging its broad disqualification provision based on the conflicting provision in the Colorado Constitution; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to amend the Charter to address the legal issue posed by the current overbroad disqualification of those with any felony conviction from running for or serving on the Town Council; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town, that it is promulgated for the preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, safety and property and that this Ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Town Council hereby submits and refers to the registered electors of the Town a proposed amendment to Article 2 of the Charter to amend Section 2.3.D, to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICE 2 – TOWN COUNCIL

Section 2.3. - Mayor and Councilmembers – Qualifications

. . .

- D. No person prohibited by the Colorado Constitution from serving in public office or who has been convicted of a willful violation of this Charter shall be qualified to serve as Mayor or Councilmember.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The question of amending the Charter for the purposes stated herein shall be submitted to the registered electors of the Town in substantially the following form:

SHALL SECTION 2.3.D OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE JOHNSTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER, DISQUALIFYING A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM SERVING ON THE TOWN COUNCIL, BE AMENDED TO CONFORM THE CHARTER TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, WHICH SPECIFIES THE FELONIES RESULTING IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM SERVING IN PUBLIC OFFICE (CURRENTLY INCLUDING EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC MONIES, BRIBERY, PERJURY, SOLICITATION OF BRIBERY AND SUBORNATION OF PERJURY)?

\_\_\_ YES

Section 3. The election shall be a general municipal election conducted by mail ballot on April 2, 2024. Pursuant to Section 6.4 of Article 6 of the Charter, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to be in charge of all activities and duties related to the election. In addition, the officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance.

<u>Section 4</u>. If any part or provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such part, provision, or application shall not affect any of the remaining parts, provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, part or application, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

<u>Section 5.</u> This Ordinance, after its passage on final reading, shall be numbered, recorded, published and posted as required by the Charter and the adoption, posting and publication shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the Town Clerk and by the

Certificate of Publication. This Ordinance shall by the Charter. Copies of the entire Ordinance at	become effective upon final passage as provided re available at the office of the Town Clerk.
INTRODUCED, AND APPROVED on	a first reading by the Town Council of the Town
of Johnstown, Colorado, this day of	, 2023.
ATTEST:	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
By:	
Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor
PASSED UPON FINAL APPROVAL Town Council of the Town of Johnstown, Colo 2024.	AND ADOPTED on second reading by the orado, this day of,
	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
ATTEST:	
By:	By:
Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor



# Town of Johnstown

#### TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Public Hearing – First Reading Ordinance 2023-265: An

Ordinance Submitting To The Registered Electors Of The Town Of Johnstown At The General Municipal Election To Be Held On April 2, 2024, A Charter Amendment Setting Forth The Source Of

The Population Count For Councilmember Residency Qualifications And Providing For The Election Of

Councilmembers From Three Electoral Districts Rather Than From Two Districts And Four Wards Amending Article IV of Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code Concerning Trash Collection

**ACTION PROPOSED**: Consider Approval of Ordinance 2023-265 on First Reading

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Ordinance 2023-265

**PRESENTED BY**: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

#### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Proposed for Council's review and consideration is an ordinance that would authorize a ballot measure at the April 2, 2024, election. This ballot measure would propose to clarify and adjust two issues within the Johnstown Home Rule Charter (HRC).

First, currently in the Home Rule Charter, the Town is required to establish a new method for election of Councilmembers upon the Town's population reaching 20,000. There is no clarity within the HRC about which source is to be used to determine the Town's population. The ballot measure would clarify that the decennial census conducted every ten (10) years by the U.S. Census shall be the metric from which to determine the Town's official population and subsequently determine if the election method for Councilmembers will change.

Second, upon reaching the population of 20,000, the HRC requires Councilmembers to be elected in two districts and four wards. In an effort to provide a cleaner method to elect Councilmembers, the ballot measure would change this method. Instead, Councilmembers would

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be elected from three electoral districts -2 from each district. In either case of the election of Councilmembers for the Town of Johnstown, the Mayor will continue to be elected at-large.

The adjustments presented provide clarity to the HRC and will help eliminate any confusion on issues related to means and methods for conducting elections. If approved, the HRC would change:

#### **FROM**

The Town Council shall consist of six (6) Councilmembers nominated and elected from the Town at large, and a Mayor, who shall be nominated and elected from the Town at large. The Town Council may enact by ordinance for the nomination and election of six (6) Councilmembers from wards and districts; provided, however, the Mayor shall be elected at large. If and/or when the population of the Town reaches twenty thousand (20,000), the Town Council shall provide by ordinance, to be effective at the next general municipal election, for the election of six (6) Councilmembers to be nominated and elected by wards and districts, and a Mayor, who shall be nominated and elected from the Town at large.

#### TO

The Town Council shall consist of six (6) Councilmembers nominated and elected from the Town at large, and a Mayor, who shall be nominated and elected from the Town at large. When the population of the Town reaches or exceeds twenty thousand (20,000) based on a decennial census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Town Council shall provide by ordinance, to be effective at the next general municipal election, for the election of six (6) Councilmembers to be nominated and elected from three districts, with two (2) Councilmembers serving from each district, and a Mayor, who shall be nominated and elected from the Town at large.

#### **LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney drafted the Ordinance based on feedback from Town Council.

#### FINANCIAL ADVICE:

NA

**RECCOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve Ordinance 2023-265 upon first reading.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

**For Approval:** I move to approve Ordinance No. 2023-265, upon first reading.

For Denial: I move to deny Ordinance No. 2023-265, upon first reading.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

## TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO ORDINANCE NO. <u>2023-265</u>

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 2, 2024, A CHARTER AMENDMENT SETTING FORTH THE SOURCE OF THE POPULATION COUNT FOR COUNCILMEMBER RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS FROM THREE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS RATHER THAN FROM TWO DISTRICTS AND FOUR WARDS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Town") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under its Home Rule Charter ("Charter") adopted pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is vested with authority to administer the affairs of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.1.B of Article 2 of the Charter provides that "when the population of the Town reaches twenty thousand (20,000), the Town Council shall provide by ordinance . . for the election of six (6) Councilmembers to be nominated and elected by wards and districts;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to clarify that the proper method for determining the population count shall be based on a decennial census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide a more straightforward electoral process, the Town Council also seeks to modify Section 2.1.B of Article 2 of the Charter to provide that, when the population reaches or exceeds twenty thousand (20,000), councilmembers would be elected from three electoral districts rather than from two districts and four wards; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town, that it is promulgated for the preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, safety and property and that this Ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Town Council hereby submits and refers to the registered electors of the Town a proposed amendment to Article 2 of the Charter to amend Section 2.1.B, to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICE 2 – TOWN COUNCIL

Section 2.1. - Town Council.

. . .

- B. The Town Council shall consist of six (6) Councilmembers nominated and elected from the Town at large, and a Mayor, who shall be nominated and elected from the Town at large. When the population of the Town reaches or exceeds twenty thousand (20,000) based on a decennial census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Town Council shall provide by ordinance, to be effective at the next general municipal election, for the election of six (6) Councilmembers to be nominated and elected from three districts, with two (2) Councilmembers serving from each district, and a Mayor, who shall be nominated and elected from the Town at large.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The question of amending the Charter for the purposes stated herein shall be submitted to the registered electors of the Town in substantially the following form:

SHALL SECTION 2.1.B OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE JOHNSTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE: (I) THAT THE POPULATION COUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING COUNCILMEMBER RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE BASED ON A DECENNIAL CENSUS CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU AND (II) FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS FROM THREE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS RATHER THAN FROM TWO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND FOUR ELECTORAL WARDS?

\_\_\_ YES

Section 3. The election shall be a general municipal election conducted by mail ballot on April 2, 2024. Pursuant to Section 6.4 of Article 6 of the Charter, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to be in charge of all activities and duties related to the election. In addition, the officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. If any part or provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such part, provision, or application shall not affect any of the remaining parts, provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, part or application, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

<u>Section 5.</u> This Ordinance, after its passage on final reading, shall be numbered, recorded, published and posted as required by the Charter and the adoption, posting and publication shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the Town Clerk and by the Certificate of Publication. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage as provided by the Charter. Copies of the entire Ordinance are available at the office of the Town Clerk.

**INTRODUCED, AND APPROVED** on first reading by the Town Council of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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ATTEST:	
By:	By:
Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor
PASSED UPON FINAL AP	PROVAL AND ADOPTED on second reading by the
Town Council of the Town of Johnston	own, Colorado, this day of,
2024.	
	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
ATTEST:	
By:	By:
Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor



# Town of Johnstown

#### TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

**AGENDA DATE**: December 18, 2023

**SUBJECT**: Consideration and Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-266, an

Ordinance Approving the Grant of a Cable Franchise to TDS Broadband Service, LLC, and Approving a Cable Franchise Agreement Between TDS Broadcast Service, LLC and the Town

of Johnstown, Colorado

**ACTION PROPOSED**: Approve Ordinance 2023-266.

**ATTACHMENTS**: 1. Ordinance 2023-266

2. Cable Franchise Agreement

**PRESENTED BY**: Mitzi McCoy, Deputy Town Manager

#### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for review and consideration is a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Town of Johnstown and TDS Broadband Service, LLC. This agreement will allow TDS to continue to provide cable services to the residents and businesses in the Town of Johnstown. This agreement is intended to be a 10-year agreement that begins on January 1, 2024. This franchise agreement includes a 5% franchise fee. Additional details can be found in the Attorney Client Privileged Memorandum.

#### **LEGAL ADVICE:**

Ordinance was prepared by the Town Attorney.

Consulting counsel, Ken Fellman, Esq. of Kissinger and Fellman P.C. prepared the cable franchise agreement.

#### **FINANCIAL ADVICE:**

NA

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Approve Ordinance 2023-266 upon first reading.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

<u>For Approval:</u> I move to approve Ordinance No. 2023-266, an ordinance approving the grant of a cable franchise to TDS Broadband Service, LLC, and approving a cable franchise agreement between TDS Broadcast Service, LLC and the Town of Johnstown on first reading.

<u>For Denial:</u> I move to deny Ordinance No. 2023-266, an ordinance approving the grant of a cable franchise to TDS Broadband Service, LLC, and approving a cable franchise agreement between TDS Broadcast Service, LLC and the Town of Johnstown.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

### TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO ORDINANCE NO. 2023-266

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT OF A CABLE FRANCHISE TO TDS BROADBAND SERVICE, LLC, AND APPROVING A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TDS BROADCAST SERVICE, LLC, AND THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Johnstown (the "Charter"), the Municipal Code for the Town of Johnstown (the "Code), and the authority granted to home-rule municipalities under the Colorado Constitution, the Town of Johnstown (the "Town") may enter into franchise agreements and adopt and amend ordinances;

**WHEREAS**, the Town is authorized generally pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution, as well as C.R.S § 31-15-702, to regulate and manage the use, maintenance, and repair of public streets, roads, sidewalks, and public places under its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, the Town previously granted a non-exclusive franchise for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a cable television system within the Town to Baja Broadband, LLC;

**WHEREAS**, TDS Broadband Service LLC, known locally as TDS ("TDS") is the successor in interest to Baja Broadband, LLC;

**WHEREAS**, TDS is agreeable to continue providing cable television service in the Town:

**WHEREAS**, TDS seeks a new cable television franchise, and a proposed new Cable Franchise Agreement acceptable to both the Town and TDS has been prepared (the "Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference;

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed performance under the prior franchise and the quality of service during the prior franchise term, has identified the future cable-related needs and interests of the Town and its citizens, has considered the financial, technical, and legal qualifications of TDS, and has determined that TDS plans for operating and maintaining its Cable Systems are adequate, in a full public proceeding affording due process to all parties;

**WHEREAS**, the public has had adequate notice and opportunity to comment on TDS's proposal to provide cable television service within the Town;

**WHEREAS**, the Town has a legitimate and necessary regulatory role in ensuring the availability of cable communications service, and reliability of cable systems in its jurisdiction, the availability of local programming and quality customer service;

- **WHEREAS**, diversity in cable service programming is an important policy goals and TDS's cable system should offer a wide range of programming services;
- **WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Johnstown (the "Council") has considered this Ordinance authorizing the cable television system franchise and the Agreement;
- **WHEREAS**, the Council hereby finds that the public has had adequate notice and opportunity to comment upon the proposed cable television system franchise and the Agreement;
- **WHEREAS**, the Council hereby finds that it serves the public interest of the citizens of the Town to grant a cable television franchise to TDS pursuant to the terms of the Agreement;
- **WHEREAS**, the Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare.

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1.</u> <u>Grant of Franchise.</u> The Town of Johnstown hereby grants to TDS Broadband Service LLC, effective January 1, 2024, a nonexclusive Cable Franchise subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Cable Franchise Agreement between TDS Broadband Service, LLC, and the Town of Johnstown, Colorado.
- <u>Section 2.</u> Franchise Agreement. The Town of Johnstown hereby approves and adopts the attached Cable Franchise Agreement between TDS Broadband Service, LLC, and the Town of Johnstown, Colorado. The Cable Franchise Agreement shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Town Clerk at the offices of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado.
- Section 3. Severability. If any part or provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such part, provision, or application shall not affect any of the remaining parts, provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, part or application, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.
- <u>Section 4.</u> <u>Publication; Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance, after its passage on final reading, shall be numbered, recorded, published, and posted as required by the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Charter") and the adoption, posting and

publication shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the Town Clerk. This ordinance shall become effective upon final passage as provided by the Charter. Copies of the entire Ordinance are available at the office of the Town Clerk.

<b>INTRODUCED, AND APPROVED</b> on first reading by the Town Council Town of Johnstown, Colorado, this day of, 2023.		
ATTEST:	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO	
Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor	
	APPROVAL AND ADOPTED on second reading by hnstown, Colorado, this day of	
ATTEST:	TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO	
Hannah Hill, Town Clerk	Troy D. Mellon, Mayor	

# EXHIBIT A TDS BROADBAND SERVICE LLC AND THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

# TDS BROADBAND SERVICE LLC AND TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

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#### TDS BROADBAND SERVICE LLC AND TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

#### **CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

#### **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND EXHIBITS**

#### (A) **DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Franchise, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- 1.1 "Access Programming" means the creation and distribution of video programming and other services and signals where governmental institutions or their designees are the primary users having editorial control over programming and services.
- 1.2 "<u>Activated</u>" means the status of any capacity or part of the Cable System in which any Cable Service requiring the use of that capacity or part is available without further installation of system equipment, whether hardware or software.
- 1.3 "<u>Affiliate</u>," when used in connection with Grantee, means any Person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, Grantee.
- 1.4 "Applicable Law" means any statute, ordinance, judicial decision, executive order or regulation having the force and effect of law that determines the legal standing of a case or issue.
- 1.5 "Bad Debt" means amounts lawfully owed by the Subscriber for Cable Service and accrued as revenues on the books of Grantee, but not collected after reasonable efforts have been made by Grantee to collect the charges.
- 1.6 "<u>Basic Service</u>" is the lowest priced Tier of Video Programming which includes, at a minimum, all Broadcast Channels, the Channel(s) required by this Franchise for Public, Educational, or Governmental Access use, and any additional Video Programming added by the Grantee, and is made available to all Cable Services Subscribers in the Franchise Area.
- 1.7 "Broadcast Channel" means local commercial television stations, qualified low power stations and qualified local noncommercial educational television stations, as referenced under 47 USC § 534 and 535.

- 1.8 "<u>Broadcast Signal</u>" means a television or radio signal transmitted over the air to a wide geographic audience, and received by a Cable System by antenna, microwave, satellite dishes or any other means.
- 1.9 "Cable Act" means the Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- 1.10 "<u>Cable Operator</u>" means any Person or groups of Persons, including Grantee, who provide(s) Cable Service over a Cable System and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such Cable System or who otherwise control(s) or is (are) responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a Cable System.
- 1.11 "<u>Cable Service</u>" means the one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or other programming service, and Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service.
- 1.12 "Cable System" means any facility, including Grantee's, consisting of a set of closed transmissions paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within a community, but such term does not include (A) a facility that serves only to retransmit the television signals of one or more television broadcast stations; (B) a facility that serves Subscribers without using any Right-of-Way; (C) a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title II of the federal Communications Act (47 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), except that such facility shall be considered a Cable System (other than for purposes of Section 621(c) of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. 541(c)) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of Video Programming directly to Subscribers, unless the extent of such use is solely to provide interactive on-demand services; (D) an open video system that complies with federal statutes; or (E) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.
- 1.13 "<u>Channel</u>" means a portion of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum which is used in the Cable System and which is capable of delivering a television channel (as television channel is defined by the FCC by regulation).
- 1.14 "Commercial Subscribers" means any Subscribers other than Residential Subscribers.
- 1.15 "<u>Designated Access Provider</u>" means the entity or entities designated now or in the future by the Town to manage or co-manage Access Channel and facilities. The Town may be a Designated Access Provider.
- 1.16 "<u>Downstream</u>" means carrying a transmission from the Headend to remote points on the Cable System or to Interconnection points on the Cable System.
- 1.17 "<u>Dwelling Unit</u>" means any building, or portion thereof, that has independent living facilities, including provisions for cooking, sanitation and sleeping, and that is designed for residential occupancy. Buildings with more than one set of facilities for cooking shall be considered Multiple Dwelling Units unless the additional facilities are clearly accessory.

- 1.18 "Effective Date" means January 1, 2024.
- 1.19 "Expanded Basic Service" means the Tier of optional Cable Services Video Programming services which is the level of Cable Service received by most Subscribers above Basic Service and does not include Premium Services.
- 1.20 "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission or its lawful successor.
- 1.21 "<u>Fiber Optic</u>" means a transmission medium of optical fiber cable, along with all associated electronics and equipment, capable of carrying Cable Service by means of electric lightwave impulses.
- 1.22 "<u>Franchise</u>" means the document in which this definition appears, *i.e.*, the contractual agreement, executed between the Town of Johnstown and Grantee, containing the specific provisions of the authorization granted, including references, specifications, requirements and other related matters.
- 1.23 "<u>Franchise Area</u>" means the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado.
- 1.24 "Franchise Fee" means that fee payable to the Town described in subsection 3.1.
- 1.25 "Grantee" means TDS Broadband Service LLC, or its lawful successors, transferees or assignees, as transferees and assignees of this Franchise.
- 1.26 "Gross Revenues" means, and shall be construed broadly to include all revenues derived directly or indirectly by Grantee and/or an Affiliated Entity that is the cable operator of the Cable System, from the operation of Grantee's Cable System to provide Cable Services within the Town. Gross revenues include, by way of illustration and not limitation:
  - monthly fees for Cable Services, regardless of whether such Cable Services are provided to Residential Subscribers or Commercial Subscribers, including revenues derived from the provision of all Cable Services (including but not limited Premium Services and digital Cable Services;
  - installation, reconnection, downgrade, upgrade or similar charges associated with changes in Subscriber Cable Service levels;
  - fees paid to Grantee for Channels designated for Leased Access use and shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using total Cable Service Subscribers within the Town;
  - converter, remote control, and other Cable Service equipment rentals, leases, or sales;
  - Advertising Revenues as defined herein;

- late fees, convenience fees and administrative fees which shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using Cable Services revenue as a percentage of total Subscriber revenues within the Town;
- revenues from program guides;
- Franchise Fees;
- FCC regulatory fees; and,
- commissions from home shopping Channels and other Cable Service revenue sharing arrangements which shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using total Cable Service Subscribers within the Town.
- (A) "Advertising Revenues" shall mean revenues derived from sales of advertising that are made available to Grantee's Cable System Subscribers within the Town and shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using total Cable Service Subscribers reached by the advertising. Additionally, Grantee agrees that Gross Revenues subject to Franchise Fees shall include all commissions, rep fees, Affiliated Entity fees, or rebates paid to National Cable Communications ("NCC") or their successors associated with sales of advertising on the Cable System within the Town allocated according to this paragraph using total Cable Service subscribers reached by the advertising.
  - (B) "Gross Revenues" shall not include:
  - actual bad debt write-offs, except any portion which is subsequently collected which shall be allocated on a *pro rata* basis using Cable Services revenue as a percentage of total subscriber revenues within the Town;
  - any taxes and/or fees on services furnished by Grantee imposed by any municipality, State or other governmental unit, provided that Franchise Fees and the FCC regulatory fee shall not be regarded as such a tax or fee;
  - fees imposed by any municipality, state or other governmental unit on Grantee including but not limited to Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Fees;
  - launch fees and marketing co-op fees; and,
  - unaffiliated third party advertising sales agency fees which are reflected as a deduction from revenues.
- (C) To the extent revenues are received by Grantee for the provision of a discounted bundle of services which includes Cable Services and non-Cable Services, Grantee shall calculate revenues to be included in Gross Revenues using the allocation methodology set forth in Section 3.5 of this Franchise. It is expressly understood that equipment may be subject to inclusion in the bundled price at full rate card value. This calculation shall be applied to every bundled service

package containing Cable Service from which Grantee derives revenues in the Town. The Town reserves its right to review and to challenge Grantee's calculations as provided in Section 3.6.

- 1.27 "<u>Headend</u>" means any facility for signal reception and dissemination on a Cable System, including cables, antennas, wires, satellite dishes, monitors, switchers, modulators, processors for Broadcast Signals, equipment for the Interconnection of the Cable System with adjacent Cable Systems and Interconnection of any networks which are part of the Cable System, and all other related equipment and facilities.
- 1.28 "<u>Leased Access Channel</u>" means any Channel or portion of a Channel commercially available for video programming by Persons other than Grantee, for a fee or charge, in accordance with Section 612 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. 532).
- 1.29 "Manager" means the Town Manager of the Town or designee.
- 1.30 "Person" means any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, or corporation, or any other form of entity or organization.
- 1.31 "<u>Premium Service</u>" means Video Programming choices (such as movie Channels, pay-perview programs, or video on demand) offered to Subscribers on a per-Channel, per-program or perevent basis.
- 1.32 "<u>Residential Subscriber</u>" means any Subscriber who receives Cable Service delivered to Dwelling Units or Multiple Dwelling Units, excluding such Multiple Dwelling Units billed on a bulk-billing basis.
- 1.33 "<u>Right-of-Way</u>" means each of the following which have been dedicated to the public or are hereafter dedicated to the public and maintained under public authority and located within the Town: streets, roadways, highways, avenues, lanes, alleys, bridges, sidewalks, and easements. The term does not include any parkland, trails or open space.
- 1.34 "<u>Standard Installation</u>" means the connection of Cable Service to a Subscriber's premises with a drop of one hundred twenty-five (125) feet or less from the Grantee's existing distribution system.
- 1.35 "State" means the State of Colorado.
- 1.36 "Subscriber" means any Person who or which elects to subscribe to Cable Service provided by Grantee by means of or in connection with the Cable System and whose premises are physically wired and lawfully Activated to receive Cable Service from Grantee's Cable System, and who is in compliance with Grantee's regular and nondiscriminatory terms and conditions for receipt of service.
- 1.37 "<u>Subscriber Network</u>" means that portion of the Cable System used primarily by Grantee in the transmission of Cable Services to Residential Subscribers.

- 1.38 "<u>Telecommunications</u>" means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received (as provided in 47 U.S.C. Section 153(43)).
- 1.39 "<u>Telecommunications Service</u>" means the offering of Telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used (as provided in 47 U.S.C. Section 153(46)).
- 1.40 "Tier" means a group of Channels for which a single periodic subscription fee is charged.
- 1.41 "Town" is the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, a home rule municipality and body politic and corporate under the laws of the State of Colorado.
- 1.42 "<u>Town Council</u>" means the Johnstown Town Council, or its successor, the governing body of Johnstown, Colorado.
- 1.43 "<u>Two-Way</u>" means that the Cable System is capable of providing both Upstream and Downstream transmissions.
- 1.44 "<u>Upstream</u>" means carrying a transmission to the Headend from remote points on the Cable System or from Interconnection points on the Cable System.
- 1.45 "Video Programming" means programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

#### (B) EXHIBITS

The following documents, which are occasionally referred to in this Franchise, are formally incorporated and made a part of this Franchise by this reference:

- 1) **Exhibit** A, Entitled "Franchise Fee Summary Report Form".
- 2) *Exhibit B*, Entitled "Customer Service Standards".

#### **SECTION 2. GRANT OF FRANCHISE**

#### 2.1 Grant

- (A) The Town hereby grants to Grantee a nonexclusive authorization to make reasonable and lawful use of the Right-of-Way within the Town to construct, operate, maintain, reconstruct and rebuild a Cable System for the purpose of providing Cable Service subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Franchise and in any prior utility or use agreements entered into by Grantee with regard to any individual property.
- (B) Nothing in this Franchise shall be deemed to waive the lawful requirements of any generally applicable Town ordinance existing as of the Effective Date, as defined in Section 1.18.

- (C) Each term, provision or condition herein is subject to the provisions of State law, federal law, the Charter of the Town, and the ordinances and regulations enacted pursuant thereto. The Charter and Municipal Code of the Town, as the same may be amended from time to time, are hereby expressly incorporated into this Franchise as if fully set out herein by this reference. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Town may not unilaterally alter the material rights and obligations of Grantee under this Franchise.
- (D) This Franchise shall not be interpreted to prevent the Town from imposing additional lawful conditions, including additional compensation conditions for use of the Right-of-Way, should Grantee provide service other than Cable Service.
- (E) Grantee promises and guarantees, as a condition of exercising the privileges granted by this Franchise, that any Affiliate of the Grantee directly involved in the offering of Cable Service in the Franchise Area, or directly involved in the management or operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area, will also comply with the obligations of this Franchise.
- (F) No rights shall pass to Grantee by implication. Without limiting the foregoing, by way of example and not limitation, this Franchise shall not include or be a substitute for:
  - (1) Any other permit or authorization required for the privilege of transacting and carrying on a business within the Town that may be required by the ordinances and laws of the Town:
  - (2) Any permit, agreement, or authorization required by the Town for Right-of-Way users in connection with operations on or in Right-of-Way or public property including, by way of example and not limitation, street cut permits; or
  - (3) Any permits or agreements for occupying any other property of the Town or private entities to which access is not specifically granted by this Franchise including, without limitation, permits and agreements for placing devices on poles, in conduits or in or on other structures.
- (G) This Franchise is intended to convey limited rights and interests only as to those Right-of-Way in which the Town has an actual interest. It is not a warranty of title or interest in any Right-of-Way; it does not provide the Grantee with any interest in any particular location within the Right-of-Way; and it does not confer rights other than as expressly provided in the grant hereof.
- (H) This Franchise does not authorize or prohibit the provision by Grantee of Telecommunications Service, or the construction, operation or maintenance of Telecommunications facilities. This Franchise does not relieve Grantee of any obligation it may have to obtain from the Town an authorization to provide Telecommunications Services, or to construct, operate or maintain Telecommunications facilities, or relieve Grantee of its obligation to comply with any such authorizations that may be lawfully required.

#### 2.2 Use of Right-of-Way

- (A) Subject to the Town's supervision and control, Grantee may erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, and retain in, on, over, under, upon, across, and along the Right-of-Way within the Town such wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, pedestals, attachments and other property and equipment as are necessary and appurtenant to the operation of a Cable System within the Town. Grantee, through this Franchise, is granted extensive and valuable rights to operate its Cable System for profit using the Town's Right-of-Way in compliance with all applicable Town construction codes and procedures. As trustee for the public, the Town is entitled to fair compensation as provided for in Section 3 of this Franchise to be paid for these valuable rights throughout the term of the Franchise.
- (B) Grantee must follow Town established nondiscriminatory requirements for placement of Cable System facilities in Right-of-Way, including the specific location of facilities in the Right-of-Way, and must in any event install Cable System facilities in a manner that minimizes interference with the use of the Right-of-Way by others, including others that may be installing communications facilities. Within limits reasonably related to the Town's role in protecting public health, safety and welfare, the Town may require that Cable System facilities be installed at a particular time, at a specific place or in a particular manner as a condition of access to a particular Right-of-Way; may deny access if Grantee is not willing to comply with Town's requirements; and may remove, or require removal of, any facility that is not installed by Grantee in compliance with the requirements established by the Town, or which is installed without prior Town approval of the time, place or manner of installation, and charge Grantee for all the costs associated with removal; and may require Grantee to cooperate with others to minimize adverse impacts on the Right-of-Way through joint trenching and other arrangements.

#### 2.3 Term of Franchise

The term of the Franchise granted hereunder shall be ten (10) years, commencing upon the Effective Date of the Franchise, unless the Franchise is renewed or is lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Franchise and the Cable Act, or is extended by mutual agreement of the Town and Grantee.

#### 2.4 Franchise Nonexclusive

This Franchise shall be nonexclusive, and subject to all prior rights, interests, easements or licenses granted by the Town to any Person to use any property, Right-of-Way, right, interest or license for any purpose whatsoever, including the right of the Town to use same for any purpose it deems fit, including the same or similar purposes allowed Grantee hereunder. The Town may at any time grant authorization to use the Right-of-Way for any purpose not incompatible with

Grantee's authority under this Franchise and for such additional franchises for Cable Systems as the Town deems appropriate.

#### 2.5 Police Powers

Grantee's rights hereunder are subject to the police powers of the Town to adopt and enforce ordinances necessary to the safety, health, and welfare of the public, and Grantee agrees to comply with all laws and ordinances of general applicability enacted, or hereafter enacted, by the Town or any other legally constituted governmental unit having lawful jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof. The Town shall have the right to adopt, from time to time, such ordinances as may be deemed necessary in the exercise of its police power, provided that such hereinafter enacted ordinances shall be reasonable and not materially modify the terms of this Franchise. Any conflict between the provisions of this Franchise and any other present or future lawful exercise of the Town's police powers shall be resolved in favor of the latter.

#### 2.6 Competitive Equity

- The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the Town reserves the right to grant one (1) or more additional franchises or other similar lawful authorization to utilize the Rights-of-Way in order to provide Cable Services within the Town. If the Town grants such an additional franchise or other similar lawful authorization that permits a new entrant to utilize the Rights-of-Way for Cable Services containing material terms and conditions that differ from Grantee's material obligations under this Franchise, or declines to require such franchise or other similar lawful authorization where it has the legal authority to do so, then the parties agree that the obligations in this Franchise will, pursuant to the process set forth in this Section, be amended to include any material terms or conditions that it imposes upon the new entrant, or provide relief from existing material terms or conditions, so as to insure that the regulatory and financial burdens on each entity are materially equivalent. "Material terms and conditions" include, but are not limited to: Franchise Fees and Gross Revenues; complimentary services; insurance; build-out requirements; security instruments; Public, Education and Government Access Channel and support; customer service standards; required reports and related record keeping; competitive equity (or its equivalent); audits; dispute resolution; remedies; and notice and opportunity to cure breaches. The parties agree that this provision shall not require a word for word identical franchise or authorization for a competitive entity so long as the regulatory and financial burdens on each entity are materially equivalent.
- (B) The modification process of this Franchise as provided for in Section 2.6 (A) shall only be initiated by written notice by the Grantee to the Town regarding specified franchise obligations. Grantee's notice shall address the following: (1) identifying the specific terms or conditions in the competitive Cable Services franchise or similar lawful authorization which are materially different from Grantee's obligations under this Franchise; (2) identifying the Franchise terms and conditions for which Grantee is seeking amendments; (3) providing text for any proposed Franchise amendments to the Town, with a written explanation of why the proposed amendments are necessary and consistent.

- (C) Upon receipt of Grantee's written notice as provided in Section 2.6 (B), the Town and Grantee agree that they will use best efforts in good faith to negotiate Grantee's proposed Franchise modifications, and that such negotiation will proceed and conclude within a ninety (90) day time period, unless that time period is reduced or extended by mutual agreement of the parties. If the Town and Grantee reach agreement on the Franchise modifications pursuant to such negotiations, then the Town shall amend this Franchise to include the modifications.
- (D) In the alternative to Franchise modification negotiations as provided for in Section 2.6 (C), or if the Town and Grantee fail to reach agreement in such negotiations, Grantee may, at its option, elect to replace this Franchise by opting into the franchise or other similar lawful authorization that the Town grants to another provider of Cable Services (with the understanding that Grantee will use its current Cable System design and technology infrastructure to meet any requirements of the new franchise), so as to insure that the regulatory and financial burdens on each entity are equivalent. If Grantee so elects, the Town shall immediately commence proceedings to replace this Franchise with the franchise or similar lawful authorization issued to the other provider of Cable Services.
- (E) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 2.6(A) through (D) to the contrary, the Town shall not be obligated to amend or replace this Franchise unless the new entrant makes Cable Services available for purchase by Subscribers under its franchise or similar lawful authorization with the Town.
- (F) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, at any time that a wireline-based entity with facilities used to deliver Cable Services located in the Town's Rights of Way makes available for purchase by Subscribers Cable Services within the Franchise Area without a franchise or other similar lawful authorization that permits a new entrant to utilize the Rights of Way granted by the Town, then:
  - (1) Grantee may negotiate with the Town to seek Franchise modifications as per Section 2.6(B)-(D) above; or
    - (a) the term of Grantee's Franchise shall, upon ninety (90) days written notice from Grantee, be shortened so that the Franchise shall be deemed to expire on a date eighteen (18) months from the first day of the month following the date of Grantee's notice and Grantee shall be deemed to have timely invoked the renewal process under Section 626 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. 546); or,
    - (b) Grantee may assert, at Grantee's option, that this Franchise is rendered "commercially impracticable," and invoke the modification procedures set forth in Section 625 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. 545).

#### 2.7 Familiarity with Franchise

The Grantee acknowledges and warrants by acceptance of the rights, privileges and agreements granted herein, that it has carefully read and fully comprehends the terms and

conditions of this Franchise and is willing to and does accept all lawful and reasonable risks of the meaning of the provisions, terms and conditions herein. The Grantee further acknowledges and states that it has fully studied and considered the requirements and provisions of this Franchise, and finds that the same are commercially practicable at this time, and consistent with all local, State and federal laws and regulations currently in effect, including the Cable Act.

#### 2.8 Effect of Acceptance

By accepting the Franchise, the Grantee: (1) acknowledges and accepts the Town's legal right to issue and enforce the Franchise; (2) accepts and agrees to comply with each and every provision of this Franchise subject to Applicable Law; (3) agrees that it will not oppose the Town's intervening, to the extent that the Town is legally entitled to do so, in any legal or regulatory proceeding affecting the Cable System; and (4) agrees that the Franchise was granted pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with Applicable Law, and that it will not raise any claim to the contrary.

#### SECTION 3. FRANCHISE FEE PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTROLS

#### 3.1 Franchise Fee

As compensation for the benefits and privileges granted under this Franchise and in consideration of permission to use the Town's Right-of-Way, Grantee shall within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date of this agreement pay as a Franchise Fee to the Town, throughout the duration of and consistent with this Franchise, an amount equal to five percent (5%) of Grantee's Gross Revenues.

#### 3.2 Payments

Grantee's Franchise Fee payments to the Town shall be computed quarterly for the preceding calendar quarter ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. Each quarterly payment shall be due and payable no later than forty-five (45) days after said dates.

#### 3.3 Acceptance of Payment and Recomputation

No acceptance of any payment shall be construed as an accord by the Town that the amount paid is, in fact, the correct amount, nor shall any acceptance of payments be construed as a release of any claim the Town may have for further or additional sums payable or for the performance of any other obligation of Grantee.

#### 3.4 Quarterly Franchise Fee Reports

Each payment shall be accompanied by a written report to the Town, or concurrently sent under separate cover, verified by an authorized representative of Grantee, containing an accurate statement in summarized form of Grantee's Gross Revenues and the computation of the payment amount. Such report shall be substantially comparable in form and substance to Exhibit A attached hereto.

#### 3.5 Allocation of Revenues From Bundled Packages of Service

- (A) In accordance with GAAP, if Cable Services subject to the Franchise Fee required by this Franchise are provided to Subscribers in conjunction with non-Cable Services and the total cost of the bundle reflects a discount from the aggregate retail prices of the services contained therein, the Franchise Fee shall be applied to the retail price of the Cable Services in the bundle reduced by no more than a proportionate share of the overall discount. The allocations shall be done for each separate bundled package of Cable Services and non-Cable Services offered to Subscribers. To the extent a bundled package, or an element in a bundled package, is changed in a way that alters the allocation methodology described herein, Grantee shall provide written notice to the Town of the new methodology within ninety (90) days of such change.
- (B) By way of illustrative example of the formula described above, if Cable Service A is sold separately at a price of \$40 per month, Non-Cable Service B is sold separately at a price of \$40 per month, and Non-Cable Service C is sold separately at a price of \$40 per month, but the three services when purchased together are sold for a single aggregate price of \$100 per month, the amount of the \$100 per month collected by Grantee from each Subscriber purchasing the bundle which is to be included under Gross Revenues under this Franchise (i.e., the amount attributable to Cable Service) shall be \$33.33 per month. As a second example, if Cable Service A is sold separately at a price of \$50 per month, Non-Cable Service B is sold separately at a price of \$63 per month, and Non-Cable Service C is sold separately at a price of \$74 per month, but the three services when purchased together are sold for a single aggregate price of \$150 per month, the amount of the \$150 per month collected by Grantee from each Subscriber purchasing the bundle which is to be included under Gross Revenues under this Franchise (i.e., the amount attributable to Cable Service) shall be \$40.11 per month.
- (C) Grantee reserves the right to change the allocation methodologies set forth in Subsection 3.5(A) in order to meet the standards required by governing accounting principles as promulgated and defined by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") and/or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Grantee will explain and document the required changes to the Town as part of any audit or review of franchise fee payments, and any such changes shall be subject to 3.5(D) below.
- (D) Resolution of any disputes over the classification of revenue should first be attempted by agreement of the Parties, but should no resolution be reached, the Parties agree that reference shall be made to generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") as promulgated and defined by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") and/or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Town reserves its right to challenge Grantee's calculation of Gross Revenues, including the interpretation of GAAP as promulgated and defined by the FASB, EITF and/or the SEC.

#### 3.6 Audit

On an annual basis, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice, the Town, including the

Town's Auditor or his/her authorized representative, shall have the right to conduct an independent audit/review of Grantee's records reasonably related to the administration or enforcement of this Franchise. Pursuant to subsection 1.26 and Section 3.5, as part of the Franchise Fee audit/review the Town shall specifically have the right to review relevant data related to the allocation of revenue to Cable Services in the event Grantee offers Cable Services bundled with non-Cable Services. For purposes of this section, "relevant data" shall include, at a minimum, Grantee's records, produced and maintained in the ordinary course of business, showing the Subscriber counts per package and the revenue allocation per package for each package that was available for Town Subscribers during the audit period. To the extent that the Town does not believe that the relevant data supplied is sufficient for the Town to complete its audit/review, the Town may require other relevant data. For purposes of this Section 3.6, the "other relevant data" shall generally mean all: (1) billing reports, (2) financial reports (such as General Ledgers) and (3) sample Subscriber bills used by Grantee to determine Gross Revenues for the Franchise Area that would allow the Town to recompute the Gross Revenue determination. If the audit/review shows that Franchise Fee payments have been underpaid by five percent (5%) or more (or such other contract underpayment threshold as set forth in a generally applicable and enforceable regulation or policy of the Town related to audits), Grantee shall pay the total cost of the audit/review, such cost not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each year of the audit period. The Town's right to audit/review and the Grantee's obligation to retain records related to this subsection shall expire three (3) years after each Franchise Fee payment has been made to the Town, unless the Grantee has been notified of an audit/franchise fee review, in which case all records must be retained until the audit/review is complete.

#### 3.7 Late Payments

In the event any payment due quarterly is not received within forty-five (45) days from the end of the calendar quarter, Grantee shall pay interest on the amount due (at the prime rate as listed in the Wall Street Journal on the date the payment was due), compounded daily, calculated from the date the payment was originally due until the date the Town receives the payment.

#### 3.8 Underpayments

If a net Franchise Fee underpayment is discovered as the result of an audit, Grantee shall pay interest on the underpayment at the prime rate as listed in the Wall Street Journal, compounded quarterly, calculated from the date each portion of the underpayment was originally due until the date Grantee remits the underpayment to the Town.

#### 3.9 Alternative Compensation

In the event the obligation of Grantee to compensate the Town through Franchise Fee payments is lawfully suspended or eliminated, in whole or part, then Grantee shall pay to the Town compensation equivalent to the compensation paid to the Town by other similarly situated users of the Town 's Right-of-Way for Grantee's use of the Town's Right-of-Way, provided that in no event shall such payments exceed the equivalent of five percent (5%) of Grantee's Gross Revenues.

#### 3.10 Maximum Legal Compensation

The parties acknowledge that, at present, applicable federal law limits the Town to collection of a maximum permissible Franchise Fee of five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues. In the event that at any time during the duration of this Franchise, the Town is lawfully permitted to collect an amount in excess of five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues, then the is Franchise may be amended unilaterally by the Town to provide that such excess amount shall be added to the Franchise Fee payments to be paid by Grantee to the Town hereunder provided that Grantee has received at least ninety (90) days prior written notice from the Town of such amendment, so long as all entities providing Cable Service in the Town pursuant to a franchise or similar lawful authorization granted by the Town are paying the same Franchise Fee amount.

#### 3.11 Additional Commitments

The Access Contribution pursuant to Section 9.2, as well as any charges incidental to the awarding or enforcing of this Franchise (including, without limitation, payments for bonds, security funds, letters of credit, insurance, indemnification, penalties or liquidated damage) and Grantee's costs of compliance with customer service standards and build out obligations shall not be offset against Franchise Fees. Furthermore, the Grantor and Grantee agree that any local tax of general applicability shall be in addition to any Franchise Fees required herein, and there shall be no offset against Franchise Fees.

#### 3.12 Tax Liability

The Franchise Fees shall be in addition to any and all taxes or other levies or assessments which are now or hereafter required to be paid by businesses in general by any law of the Town, the State or the United States including, without limitation, sales, use and other taxes, business license fees or other payments. Payment of the Franchise Fees under this Franchise shall not exempt Grantee from the payment of any other license fee, permit fee, tax or charge on the business, occupation, property or income of Grantee that may be lawfully imposed by the Town. Any other license fees, taxes or charges shall be of general applicability in nature and shall not be levied against Grantee solely because of its status as a Cable Operator, or against Subscribers, solely because of their status as such.

#### 3.13 Financial Records

Grantee agrees to meet with a representative of the Town upon twenty-one (21) days of the Town's advance written request to review Grantee's methodology of record-keeping, financial reporting, the computing of Franchise Fee obligations and other procedures, the understanding of which the Town deems necessary for reviewing reports and records.

#### 3.14 Payment on Termination

If this Franchise terminates for any reason, the Grantee shall file with the Town within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of the termination, a financial statement, certified by an independent certified public accountant, showing the Gross Revenues received by the Grantee since the end of the previous fiscal year. The Town reserves the right to satisfy any remaining financial obligations of the Grantee to the Town by utilizing the funds available in any security provided by the Grantee.

#### SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

#### 4.1 Authority

- (A) The Town shall be vested with the power and right to reasonably regulate the exercise of the privileges permitted by this Franchise in the public interest, or to delegate that power and right, or any part thereof, to the extent permitted under Federal, State and local law, to any agent, in its sole discretion, including without limitation, the Colorado Communications and Utility Alliance.
- (B) Nothing in this Franchise shall limit nor expand the Town's right of eminent domain under State law.

#### 4.2 Rates and Charges

All of Grantee's rates and charges related to or regarding Cable Services shall be subject to regulation by the Town to the full extent authorized by applicable federal, State and local laws.

#### 4.3 Rate Discrimination

All of Grantee's rates and charges shall be published (in the form of a publicly-available rate card) and be non-discriminatory as to all Persons and organizations of similar classes, under similar circumstances and conditions. Grantee shall apply its rates in accordance with Applicable Law, with identical rates and charges for all Subscribers receiving identical Cable Services, without regard to race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital, military or economic status, or physical or mental disability or geographic location within the Town. Grantee shall offer the same Cable Services to all Residential Subscribers at identical rates to the extent required by Applicable Law and to Multiple Dwelling Unit Subscribers to the extent authorized by FCC rules or applicable Federal law. Grantee shall permit Subscribers to make any lawful in-residence connections the Subscriber chooses without additional charge nor

penalizing the Subscriber therefor. However, if any in-home connection requires service from Grantee due to signal quality, signal leakage or other factors, caused by improper installation of such in-home wiring or faulty materials of such in-home wiring, the Subscriber may be charged reasonable service charges by Grantee. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit:

- (A) The temporary reduction or waiving of rates or charges in conjunction with valid promotional campaigns; or,
- (B) The offering of reasonable discounts to senior citizens or economically disadvantaged citizens; or,
  - (C) The offering of rate discounts for Cable Service; or,
- (D) The Grantee from establishing different and nondiscriminatory rates and charges and classes of service for Commercial Subscribers.

## 4.4 Publication of Services, Rates and Charges

- (A) Throughout the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall maintain online a complete list of Services (including Channel line-ups) and a schedule of applicable rates and charges for Cable Services provided under this Franchise. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require Grantee to maintain online a schedule of rates and charges under temporary reductions or waivers of rates and charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns.
- (B) Upon request of the Town, Grantee shall provide a complete schedule of current rates and charges for any and all Leased Access Channels, provided by Grantee. The schedule shall include a description of the price, terms, and conditions established by Grantee for Leased Access Channels.

## 4.5 Cross Subsidization

Grantee shall comply with all Applicable Laws regarding rates for Cable Services and all Applicable Laws covering issues of cross subsidization.

# 4.6 Reserved Authority

Both Grantee and the Town reserve all rights they may have under the Cable Act and any other relevant provisions of federal, State, or local law.

## 4.7 Franchise Amendment Procedure

Either party may at any time seek an amendment of this Franchise by so notifying the other party in writing. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice, the Town and Grantee shall meet to discuss the proposed amendment(s). If the parties reach a mutual agreement upon the suggested amendment(s), such amendment(s) shall be submitted to the Town Council for its approval. If so

approved by the Town Council and the Grantee, then such amendment(s) shall be deemed part of this Franchise. If mutual agreement is not reached, there shall be no amendment.

## 4.8 Performance Evaluations

- (A) The Town may hold performance evaluation sessions upon ninety (90) days written notice, provided that such evaluation sessions shall be held no more frequently than once every two (2) years. All such evaluation sessions shall be conducted by the Town.
- (B) Special evaluation sessions may be held at any time by the Town during the term of this Franchise, upon ninety (90) days written notice to Grantee.
- (C) All regular evaluation sessions shall be open to the public and announced at least two (2) weeks in advance in any manner within the discretion of the Town. Grantee shall also include with or on the Subscriber billing statements for the billing period immediately preceding the commencement of the session, written notification of the date, time, and place of the regular performance evaluation session, and any special evaluation session as required by the Town, provided Grantee receives appropriate advance notice.
- (D) Topics which may be discussed at any evaluation session may include, but are not limited to, Cable Service rate structures; Franchise Fee payments; liquidated damages; free or discounted Cable Services; application of new technologies; Cable System performance; Cable Services provided; programming offered; Subscriber complaints; privacy; amendments to this Franchise; judicial and FCC rulings; line extension policies; and the Town or Grantee's rules; provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the renegotiation of this Franchise.
- (E) During evaluations under this subsection, Grantee shall fully cooperate with the Town and shall provide such information and documents maintained in the ordinary course of business as the Town may reasonably require to perform the evaluation.

#### 4.9 Late Fees

- (A) For purposes of this subsection, any assessment, charge, cost, fee or sum, however characterized, that the Grantee imposes upon a Subscriber solely for late payment of a bill is a late fee and shall be applied in accordance with the Town's Customer Service Standards, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Town Council acting by ordinance or resolution, or as the same may be superseded by legislation or final court order.
- (B) Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to create, limit or otherwise affect the ability of the Grantee, if any, to impose other assessments, charges, fees or sums other than those permitted by this subsection, for the Grantee's other services or activities it performs in compliance with Applicable Law, including FCC law, rule or regulation.
- (C) The Grantee's late fee and disconnection policies and practices shall be nondiscriminatory and such policies and practices, and any fees imposed pursuant to this

subsection, shall apply equally in all parts of the Town without regard to the neighborhood or income level of the Subscriber.

# 4.10 Force Majeure

In the event Grantee is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under this Franchise by reason beyond the control of Grantee, Grantee shall have a reasonable time, under the circumstances, to perform the affected obligation under this Franchise or to procure a substitute for such obligation which is satisfactory to the Town. Those conditions which are not within the control of Grantee include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, work stoppages or labor disputes, power outages, telephone network outages, local and national declared emergencies, including health emergencies, and severe or unusual weather conditions which have a direct and substantial impact on the Grantee's ability to provide Cable Services in the Town and which was not caused and could not have been avoided by the Grantee which used its best efforts in its operations to avoid such results.

If Grantee believes that a reason beyond its control has prevented or delayed its compliance with the terms of this Franchise, Grantee shall provide documentation as reasonably required by the Town to substantiate the Grantee's claim. If Grantee has not yet cured the deficiency, Grantee shall also provide the Town with its proposed plan for remediation, including the timing for such cure.

# SECTION 5. FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

#### 5.1 Indemnification

- (A) General Indemnification. Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold the Town, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, agents and employees, harmless from any action or claim for injury, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense, including court and appeal costs and reasonable attorneys' fees or reasonable expenses, arising from any casualty or accident to Person or property, including, without limitation, copyright infringement, defamation, and all other damages in any way arising out of, or by reason of, any construction, excavation, operation, maintenance, reconstruction, or any other act done under this Franchise, by or for Grantee, its agents, or its employees, or by reason of any neglect or omission of Grantee. Grantee shall consult and cooperate with the Town while conducting its defense of the Town. Grantee shall not be obligated to indemnify the Town to the extent of the Town's negligence or willful misconduct.
- (B) <u>Indemnification for Relocation</u>. Grantee shall indemnify the Town for any damages, claims, additional costs or reasonable expenses assessed against, or payable by, the Town arising out of, or resulting from, directly or indirectly, Grantee's failure to remove, adjust or relocate any of its facilities in the Rights-of-Way in a timely manner in accordance with any relocation required by the Town.
- (C) <u>Additional Circumstances</u>. Grantee shall also indemnify, defend and hold the Town harmless for any claim for injury, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense, including court and appeal costs and reasonable attorneys' fees or reasonable expenses in any way arising out of:

- (1) The lawful actions of the Town in granting this Franchise to the extent such actions are consistent with this Franchise and Applicable Law.
- (2) Damages arising out of any failure by Grantee to secure consents from the owners, authorized distributors, or licensees/licensors of programs to be delivered by the Cable System, whether or not any act or omission complained of is authorized, allowed or prohibited by this Franchise.
- (D) Procedures and Defense. If a claim or action arises, the Town or any other indemnified party shall promptly tender the defense of the claim to Grantee, which defense shall be at Grantee's expense. The Town may participate in the defense of a claim, but if Grantee provides a defense at Grantee's expense then Grantee shall not be liable for any attorneys' fees, expenses or other costs that Town may incur if it chooses to participate in the defense of a claim, unless and until separate representation as described below in Paragraph 5.1(F) is required. In that event the provisions of Paragraph 5.1(F) shall govern Grantee's responsibility for Town's attorney's fees, expenses or other costs. In any event, Grantee may not agree to any settlement of claims affecting the Town without the Town's approval.
- (E) <u>Non-waiver</u>. The fact that Grantee carries out any activities under this Franchise through independent contractors shall not constitute an avoidance of or defense to Grantee's duty of defense and indemnification under this subsection.
- (F) Expenses. If separate representation to fully protect the interests of both parties is or becomes necessary, such as a conflict of interest between the Town and the counsel selected by Grantee to represent the Town, Grantee shall pay, from the date such separate representation is required forward, all reasonable expenses incurred by the Town in defending itself with regard to any action, suit or proceeding indemnified by Grantee. Provided, however, that in the event that such separate representation is or becomes necessary, and Town desires to hire counsel or any other outside experts or consultants and desires Grantee to pay those expenses, then the Town shall be required to obtain Grantee's consent to the engagement of such counsel, experts or consultants, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. The Town's expenses shall include all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, such as consultants' fees, and shall also include the reasonable value of any services rendered by the Town Attorney or his/her assistants or any employees of the Town or its agents but shall not include outside attorneys' fees for services that are unnecessarily duplicative of services provided the Town by Grantee.

#### 5.2 Insurance

- (A) Grantee shall maintain in full force and effect at its own cost and expense each of the following policies of insurance, but in no event shall occurrence basis minimum limits be less than provided for by C.R.S. §24-10-114(1)(b):
  - (1) Commercial General Liability insurance with limits of no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence and four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) general aggregate. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that provided by ISO CG 00 01 04 13 or its equivalent and include severability of interests. Such insurance shall name the

Town, its officers, officials and employees as additional insureds per ISO CG 2026 or its equivalent. There shall be a waiver of subrogation and rights of recovery against the Town, its officers, officials and employees. Coverage shall apply as to claims between insureds on the policy, if applicable.

- (2) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) each occurrence with respect to each of Grantee's owned, hired and non-owned vehicles assigned to or used in the operation of the Cable System in the Town. The policy shall contain a severability of interests provision.
  - (3) Employer's Liability: Two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).
- (4) Workers Compensation Insurance: In accordance with State law requirements.
- (5) Excess Liability or Umbrella Coverage: Five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).
- (B) The insurance shall not be canceled or materially changed so as to be out of compliance with these requirements without thirty (30) days' written notice first provided to the Town, via certified mail, and ten (10) days' notice for nonpayment of premium. If the insurance is canceled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this subsection within the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall provide a replacement policy. Grantee agrees to maintain continuous uninterrupted insurance coverage, in at least the amounts required, for the duration of this Franchise and, in the case of the Commercial General Liability, for at least one (1) year after expiration of this Franchise.
- (C) The Town shall be designated as an additional insured or endorsed on all Grantee's insurance policies. Grantee's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the Town, its officers, officials, employees and agents. Any insurance maintained by the Town shall be in excess of TDS's insurance and shall not contribute to it.

## **5.3** Letter of Credit

(A) If there is a claim by the Town of an uncured breach by Grantee of a material provision of this Franchise or pattern of repeated violations of any provision(s) of this Franchise, then the Town may require and Grantee shall establish and provide within thirty (30) days from receiving notice from the Town, to the Town as security for the faithful performance by Grantee of all of the provisions of this Franchise, a letter of credit from a financial institution satisfactory to the Town in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

- (B) In the event that Grantee establishes a letter of credit pursuant to the procedures of this Section, then the letter of credit shall be maintained at twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) until the allegations of the uncured breach have been resolved.
- (C) As an alternative to the provision of a Letter of Credit to the Town as set forth in Subsections 5.3 (A) and (B) above, if the Town is a member of CCUA, and if Grantee provides a Letter of Credit to CCUA in an amount agreed to between Grantee and CCUA for the benefit of its members, in order to collectively address claims reference in 5.3 (A), Grantee shall not be required to provide a separate Letter of Credit to the Town.
- (D) After completion of the procedures set forth in Section 13.1 or other applicable provisions of this Franchise, the letter of credit may be drawn upon by the Town for purposes including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Failure of Grantee to pay the Town sums due under the terms of this Franchise:
  - (2) Reimbursement of costs borne by the Town to correct Franchise violations not corrected by Grantee;
  - (3) Monetary remedies or damages assessed against Grantee due to default or breach of Franchise requirements; and,
  - (4) Failure to comply with the Customer Service Standards of the Town, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Town Council acting by ordinance or resolution.
- (E) The Town shall give Grantee written notice of any withdrawal under this subsection upon such withdrawal. Within seven (7) days following receipt of such notice, Grantee shall restore the letter of credit to the amount required under this Franchise.
- (F) Grantee shall have the right to appeal to the Town Council for reimbursement in the event Grantee believes that the letter of credit was drawn upon improperly. Grantee shall also have the right of judicial appeal if Grantee believes the letter of credit has not been properly drawn upon in accordance with this Franchise. Any funds the Town erroneously or wrongfully withdraws from the letter of credit shall be returned to Grantee with interest, from the date of withdrawal at a rate equal to the prime rate of interest as quoted in the Wall Street Journal.

## **SECTION 6. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

## 6.1 Customer Service Standards

Grantee shall comply with Customer Service Standards of the Town, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Town Council in its sole discretion, acting by ordinance. Any

requirement in Customer Service Standards for a "local" telephone number may be met by the provision of a toll-free number. The Customer Services Standards in effect as of the Effective Date of this Franchise are attached as Exhibit B. Grantee reserves the right to challenge any customer service ordinance which it believes is inconsistent with its contractual rights under this Franchise or with Applicable Law.

## **6.2** Subscriber Privacy

The Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local privacy laws, including Section 631 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. 551) and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

#### **6.3** Subscriber Contracts

Grantee shall not enter into a contract with any Subscriber which is in any way inconsistent with the terms of this Franchise, or any Exhibit hereto, or the requirements of any applicable Customer Service Standard. Upon request, Grantee will provide to the Town a sample of the Subscriber contract or service agreement then in use.

# 6.4 Identification of Local Franchise Authority on Subscriber Bills

Within sixty (60) days after written request from the Town, Grantee shall place the Town's phone number on its Subscriber bills, to identify where a Subscriber may call to address escalated complaints.

# **SECTION 7. BOOKS AND RECORDS**

## 7.1 Open Records

Grantee shall manage all of its operations in accordance with a policy of keeping its documents and records open and accessible to the Town. The Town, including the Town's Auditor or his/her authorized representative, shall have access to, and the right to inspect, any books and records of Grantee, its parent corporations and Affiliates which are reasonably related to the administration or enforcement of the terms of this Franchise. Grantee shall not deny the Town access to any of Grantee's records on the basis that Grantee's records are under the control of any parent corporation, Affiliate or a third party. The Town may, in writing, request copies of any such records or books and Grantee shall provide the Town with access to such copies within thirty (30) days of the transmittal of such request. Such access may be provided by electronic means at the discretion of Grantee. If Grantee elects to provide access to physical copies of requested books and records and the requested books and records are too voluminous, or for security reasons cannot be copied or removed, then Grantee may request, in writing within ten (10) days, that the Town inspect them at Grantee's local offices. If any books or records of Grantee are not kept in a local office and not made available to the Town electronically upon written request as set forth above, and if the Town determines that an examination of such records is necessary or appropriate for the performance of any of the Town's duties, administration or enforcement of this Franchise, then all reasonable travel and related expenses incurred in making such examination shall be paid by Grantee.

# 7.2 Confidentiality

The Town agrees to treat as confidential any books or records that constitute proprietary or confidential information under federal or State law, to the extent Grantee makes the Town aware of such confidentiality. Grantee shall be responsible for clearly and conspicuously stamping the word "Confidential" on each page that contains confidential or proprietary information, and shall provide a brief written explanation as to why such information is confidential under State or federal law. If the Town believes it must release any such confidential books and records in the course of enforcing this Franchise, or for any other reason, it shall advise Grantee in advance so that Grantee may take appropriate steps to protect its interests. If the Town receives a demand from any Person for disclosure of any information designated by Grantee as confidential, the Town shall, so far as consistent with Applicable Law, advise Grantee and provide Grantee with a copy of any written request by the party demanding access to such information within a reasonable time. Until otherwise ordered by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, the Town agrees that, to the extent permitted by State and federal law, it shall deny access to any of Grantee's books and records marked confidential as set forth above to any Person. Grantee shall reimburse the Town for all reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred in any legal proceedings pursued under this Section.

# 7.3 Records Required

- (A) Grantee shall at all times maintain, and shall furnish to the Town upon thirty (30) days' written request, made no more than once every twelve (12) months, and subject to Applicable Law:
  - (1) A complete set of maps showing the exact location of all Cable System equipment and facilities in the Right-of-Way, but excluding detail on proprietary electronics contained therein and Subscriber drops. As-built maps including proprietary electronics shall be available at Grantee's offices for inspection by the Town's authorized representative(s) or agent(s) and made available to such during the course of technical inspections as reasonably conducted by the Town. These maps shall be certified as accurate by an appropriate representative of the Grantee; and
  - (2) A log of Cable Services added or dropped, Channel location changes, number of Subscribers added or terminated, all construction activity, and total homes passed for the previous twelve (12) months; and
    - (3) A list of Cable Services, rates and Channel line-ups.
- (B) Subject to subsection 7.2, all information furnished to the Town is public information, and shall be treated as such, except for information involving the privacy rights of individual Subscribers.

# 7.4 Annual Reports

Within sixty (60) days of the Town's written request, Grantee shall submit to the Town a written report, in a form acceptable to the Town, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information for the Town:

- (A) A summary of the previous year's activities in the development of the Cable System, including, but not limited to, Cable Services begun or discontinued during the reporting year, and the number of Subscribers for each class of Cable Service (*i.e.*, Basic, Digital Starter, and Premium);
- (B) The number of homes passed, beginning and ending plant miles, any services added or dropped, and any technological changes occurring in the Cable System;
  - (C) A statement of planned construction, if any, for the next year; and,
- (D) A copy or hyperlink of the most recent annual financial report required by law to be filed by the Grantee with the SEC or other federal or state governmental body.

The parties agree that the Town's request for these annual reports shall remain effective, and need only be made once. Such a request shall require the Grantee to continue to provide the reports annually, until further written notice from the Town to the contrary.

# 7.5 Copies of Federal and State Reports

Within thirty (30) days of a written request, Grantee shall submit to the Town copies of all pleadings, applications, notifications, communications and documents of any kind, submitted by Grantee or its parent corporation(s), to any federal, State or local courts, regulatory agencies and other government bodies if such documents directly relate to the operations of Grantee's Cable System within the Town. Grantee shall not claim confidential, privileged or proprietary rights to such documents unless under federal, State, or local law such documents have been determined to be confidential by a court of competent jurisdiction, or a federal or State agency.

# 7.6 Complaint File and Service Interruption Report

- (A) Grantee shall keep accurate and comprehensive records of any escalated Subscriber complaints received by Grantee regarding the operation of the Cable System in the Town, in a manner consistent with the privacy rights of Subscribers, and Grantee's actions in response to those complaints. These records shall maintained for three (3) years and be made available to the Town upon request.
- (B) Within thirty (30) days of a written request, where the Town has reason to believe there is an ongoing problem of widespread or repeated service interruptions or other service call issues, Grantee shall provide the Town a report containing the following information from the preceding quarter:

- (1) A summary of service calls, identifying the number and nature of the requests and their disposition. For the purposes of this Section, "service calls" means an in person visit to a Subscriber premise or some other part of the Cable System to investigate, test, repair or evaluate any concern with the quality of the Cable Services provided by Grantee, in response to a report or request of any Person If Grantee is not able to provide such service call information reflecting requests within the Town, it may provide the information on a regional basis, together with a description of the complete boundaries of the region.
- (2) A log of all service interruptions affecting three or more subscribers lasting more than 24 hours during the previous quarter.

## 7.7 Failure to Report

The failure or neglect of Grantee to comply with the requirements of this Section 7 (not including clerical errors or errors made in good faith), may, at the Town's option, be deemed a breach of this Franchise.

#### 7.8 False Statements

Any false or misleading statement or representation in any report required by this Franchise (not including clerical errors or errors made in good faith) may be deemed a material breach of this Franchise and may subject Grantee to all remedies, legal or equitable, which are available to the Town under this Franchise or otherwise.

## **SECTION 8. PROGRAMMING**

## 8.1 Broad Programming Categories

Grantee shall provide or enable the provision of at least the following broad categories of programming to the extent such categories are reasonably available:

- (A) Educational programming;
- (B) Colorado news, weather & information;
- (C) Sports;
- (D) General entertainment (including movies);
- (E) Children/family-oriented;
- (F) Arts, culture and performing arts;
- (G) Foreign language;

- (H) Science/documentary; and
- (I) National news, weather and information.

## 8.2 Elimination of Broad Programming Categories

- (A) Except where the elimination of a category of Video Programming is not within Grantee's control, Grantee shall not completely eliminate or so limit as to effectively completely eliminate any of the broad categories of programming enumerated in Section 8.1 without first requesting the written consent of the Town, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- (B) In the event that the Town makes an adverse determination with respect to a request to eliminate any of the broad categories of programming enumerated in Section 8.1, such determination shall be in writing, along with a concise statement of the reasons therefore. In the event the Town fails to make a determination within sixty (60) days after a receipt from Grantee, Grantee shall have the right to eliminate the broad category of programming as requested.
- (C) For purposes of this Section 8.2, the elimination of a broad category of programming will be deemed not to be within Grantee's control where it is occasioned by the interruption of cessation of a Channel's operations due to a technical or other equipment failure not directly caused by Grantee or the refusal of the vendor of a Channel to extend or renew an expiring agreement for the carriage of such Channel.
- (D) In the event of a modification proceeding under federal law, the mix and quality of Cable Services provided by Grantee on the Effective Date of this Franchise shall be deemed the mix and quality of Cable Services required under this Franchise throughout its term.

# 8.3 Obscenity

Grantee shall not transmit, or permit to be transmitted over any Channel subject to its editorial control, any programming which is obscene under, or violates any provision of, Applicable Law relating to obscenity, and is not protected by the Constitution of the United States. Grantee shall be deemed to have transmitted or permitted a transmission of obscene programming only if a court of competent jurisdiction has found that any of Grantee's officers or employees or agents have permitted programming which is obscene under, or violative of, any provision of Applicable Law relating to obscenity, and is otherwise not protected by the Constitution of the United States, to be transmitted over any Channel subject to Grantee's editorial control. Grantee shall comply with all relevant provisions of federal law relating to obscenity.

## **8.4** Parental Control Device

Upon request by any Subscriber, Grantee shall make available a parental control or lockout device, traps or filters to enable a Subscriber to control access to both the audio and video portions of any or all Channels. Grantee shall inform its Subscribers of the availability of the lockout device at the time of their initial subscription and periodically thereafter. Any device offered shall be at a rate, if any, in compliance with Applicable Law.

## 8.5 Continuity of Service Mandatory

- (A) It shall be the right of all Subscribers to continue to receive Cable Service from Grantee insofar as their financial and other obligations to Grantee are honored and they are in compliance with Grantee's terms of services, residential service agreement or other such provisions. The Grantee shall act so as to ensure that all Subscribers receive continuous, uninterrupted Cable Service regardless of the circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, "uninterrupted" does not include short-term outages of the Cable System for maintenance or testing.
- (B) In the event of a change of grantee, or in the event a new Cable Operator acquires the Cable System in accordance with this Franchise, Grantee shall cooperate with the Town, new franchisee or Cable Operator in maintaining continuity of Cable Service to all Subscribers. During any transition period, Grantee shall be entitled to the revenues for any period during which it operates the Cable System, and shall be entitled to reasonable costs for its services when it no longer operates the Cable System.
- (C) In the event Grantee fails to operate the Cable System for four (4) consecutive days without prior approval of the Manager, or without just cause, the Town may, at its option, operate the Cable System itself or designate another Cable Operator until such time as Grantee restores service under conditions acceptable to the Town or a permanent Cable Operator is selected. If the Town is required to fulfill this obligation for Grantee, Grantee shall reimburse the Town for all reasonable costs or damages that are the result of Grantee's failure to perform.

## 8.6 Services for the Disabled

Grantee shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any amendments thereto.

## **SECTION 9. ACCESS**

# 9.1 Designated Access Providers

The Town shall have the sole and exclusive responsibility for identifying the Designated Access Provider, including itself for Access purposes, to control and manage the use of Access Facilities provided by Grantee under this Franchise. As used in this Section, such "Access Facilities" includes the services, facilities, equipment, technical components and/or financial support provided under this Franchise, which is used or useable by and for Public Access, Educational Access, and Government Access ("PEG" or "PEG Access").

# 9.2 Support for Access Costs

In recognition of the Grantor's demonstration of its community needs and interests related to the startup of an online Access Programming operation, Grantee agrees to provide an Access Contribution of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars ("Access Contribution") to the Grantor. One-third of the first ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars of the Access Contribution shall be delivered within

one hundred twenty (120) days of written request made after January 1, 2024. The remaining two-thirds of the first ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars shall be made in equal installments and due no later than the anniversary date of the first payment. The second ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars of the Access Contribution may be requested by Grantor on or after three (3) years from the date of the request for the first Access Contribution, and shall be delivered in three (3) equal installments, consistent with the manner in which the first ten thousand (\$10,000) Access Contribution was made. Grantee shall be entitled to recover the Grant in any manner consistent with Applicable Law.

## 9.3 Access Support Not Franchise Fees

Grantee agrees that support for Access Costs arising from or relating to the obligations set forth in this Section shall in no way modify or otherwise affect Grantee's obligations to pay Franchise Fees to the Town. Grantee agrees that although the sum of Franchise Fees plus the payments set forth in this Section may total more than five percent (5%) of Grantee's Gross Revenues in any 12-month period, the additional commitments shall not be offset or otherwise credited in any way against any Franchise Fee payments under this Franchise Agreement so long as such support is used for capital Access purposes consistent with this Franchise and federal law. Upon sixty (60) days' advance written request by Grantee, made no more than once per calendar year, the Town shall provide Grantee with documentation showing expenditures for capital costs related to PEG Access during the previous fiscal year.

## SECTION 10. GENERAL RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AND CONSTRUCTION

## 10.1 Right to Construct

Subject to Applicable Law, regulations, rules, resolutions and ordinances of the Town and the provisions of this Franchise, Grantee may perform all construction in the Rights-of-Way for any facility needed for the maintenance or extension of Grantee's Cable System.

## 10.2 Right-of-Way Meetings

Upon receipt of at least one week's advance written notice, Grantee will attend and participate in meetings of the Town regarding Right-of-Way issues that may impact the Cable System.

## **10.3 Joint Trenching/Boring Meetings**

Grantee will regularly attend and participate in planning meetings of the Town, of which the Grantee is made aware, to anticipate joint trenching and boring. Whenever it is possible and reasonably practicable to joint trench or share bores or cuts, Grantee shall work with other providers, licensees, permittees, and franchisees so as to reduce so far as possible the number of Right-of-Way cuts within the Town.

## 10.4 General Standard

All work authorized and required hereunder shall be done in a safe, thorough and workmanlike manner. All installations of equipment shall be permanent in nature, durable and installed in accordance with good engineering practices and comply with all federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

## 10.5 Permits Required for Construction

Prior to doing any work in the Right-of Way or other public property, Grantee shall apply for, and obtain, appropriate permits from the Town. As part of the permitting process, the Town may impose such conditions and regulations as are necessary for the purpose of protecting any structures in such Rights-of-Way, proper restoration of such Rights-of-Way and structures, the protection of the public, and the continuity of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Such conditions may also include the provision of a construction schedule and maps showing the location of the facilities to be installed in the Right-of-Way. Grantee shall pay all applicable fees for the requisite Town permits received by Grantee.

## 10.6 Emergency Permits

In the event that emergency repairs are necessary, Grantee shall immediately notify the Town of the need for such repairs. Grantee may initiate such emergency repairs, and shall apply for appropriate permits within forty-eight (48) hours after discovery of the emergency.

# **10.7** Compliance with Applicable Codes

- (A) <u>Town Construction Codes</u>. Grantee shall comply with all applicable Town construction codes, including, without limitation, the International Building Code and other building codes, the International Fire Code, the International Mechanical Code, the Electronic Industries Association Standard for Physical Location and Protection of Below-Ground Fiber Optic Cable Plant, and zoning codes and regulations.
- (B) <u>Tower Specifications</u>. Antenna supporting structures (towers) shall be designed for the proper loading as specified by the Electronics Industries Association (EIA), as those specifications may be amended from time to time. Antenna supporting structures (towers) shall be painted, lighted, erected and maintained in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and all other applicable federal, State, and local codes or regulations.
- (C) <u>Safety Codes</u>. Grantee shall comply with all federal, State and Town safety requirements, rules, regulations, laws and practices, and employ all necessary devices as required by Applicable Law during construction, operation and repair of its Cable System. By way of illustration and not limitation, Grantee shall comply with the National Electric Code, National Electrical Safety Code and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards.

## 10.8 GIS Mapping

Grantee shall comply with any generally applicable ordinances, rules and regulations of the Town regarding geographic information mapping systems for users of the Rights-of-Way.

## 10.9 Minimal Interference

Work in the Right-of-Way, on other public property, near public property, or on or near private property shall be done in a manner that causes the least interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners and residents. Grantee's Cable System shall be constructed and maintained in such manner as not to interfere with sewers, water pipes, or any other property of the Town, or with any other pipes, wires, conduits, pedestals, structures, or other facilities that may have been laid in the Rights-of-Way by, or under, the Town's authority. The Grantee's Cable System shall be located, erected and maintained so as not to endanger or interfere with the lives of Persons, or to interfere with new improvements the Town may deem proper to make or to unnecessarily hinder or obstruct the free use of the Rights-of-Way or other public property, and shall not interfere with the travel and use of public places by the public during the construction, repair, operation or removal thereof, and shall not obstruct or impede traffic. In the event of such interference, the Town may require the removal or relocation of Grantee's lines, cables, equipment and other appurtenances from the property in question at Grantee's expense.

# 10.10 Prevent Injury/Safety

Grantee's signals so as to prevent injury to the Town's property or property belonging to any Person. Grantee, at its own expense, shall repair, renew, change and improve its facilities to keep them in good repair, and safe and presentable condition. All excavations made by Grantee in the Rights-of-Way shall be properly safeguarded for the prevention of accidents by the placement of adequate barriers, fences or boarding, the bounds of which, during periods of dusk and darkness, shall be clearly designated by warning lights.

## 10.11 Hazardous Substances

- (A) Grantee shall comply with any and all Applicable Laws, statutes, regulations and orders concerning hazardous substances relating to Grantee's Cable System in the Rights-of-Way.
- (B) Upon reasonable notice to Grantee, the Town may inspect Grantee's facilities in the Rights-of-Way to determine if any release of hazardous substances has occurred, or may occur, from or related to Grantee's Cable System. In removing or modifying Grantee's facilities as provided in this Franchise, Grantee shall also remove all residue of hazardous substances related thereto.
- (C) Grantee agrees to indemnify the Town against any claims, costs, and expenses, of any kind, whether direct or indirect, incurred by the Town arising out of a release of hazardous substances caused by Grantee's Cable System.

## 10.12 Locates

Prior to doing any work in the Right-of-Way, Grantee shall give appropriate notices to the Town and to the notification association established in C.R.S. Section 9-1.5-105, as such may be amended from time to time. Grantee will maintain membership in good standing with the organization designated by the State to coordinate underground equipment locations and installations.

Within forty-eight (48) hours after any Town bureau or franchisee, licensee or permittee notifies Grantee of a proposed Right-of-Way excavation, Grantee shall, at Grantee's expense:

- (A) Mark on the surface all of its located underground facilities within the area of the proposed excavation;
- (B) Notify the excavator of any unlocated underground facilities in the area of the proposed excavation; or
- (C) Notify the excavator that Grantee does not have any underground facilities in the vicinity of the proposed excavation.

## **10.13** Notice to Private Property Owners

Except in the case of an emergency involving public safety or an outage, Grantee shall give notice to private property owners of work on or adjacent to private property in accordance with the Town's Customer Service Standards, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Town Council acting by Ordinance or resolution.

## **10.14** Underground Construction and Use of Poles

- (A) When the general ordinances, resolutions, regulations or rules of the Town or applicable State or federal law require all above-ground utilities to relocate facilities underground, Grantee's Cable System shall be placed underground at Grantee's expense unless funding is generally available for such relocation to all users of the Rights-of-Way. Placing facilities underground does not preclude the use of ground-mounted appurtenances.
- (B) Where all electric, telephone, and other above-ground utilities are installed underground at the time of Cable System construction, or when all such wiring is subsequently placed underground, all Cable System lines shall also be placed underground with other wireline service at no expense to the Town or Subscribers unless funding is generally available for such relocation to users of the Rights-of-Way. Related Cable System equipment, such as pedestals, must be placed in accordance with the Town's applicable code requirements and rules. In areas where either electric or telephone utility wiring is aerial, the Grantee may install aerial cable, except when a property owner or resident requests underground installation and agrees to bear the additional cost in excess of aerial installation.

- (C) The Grantee shall utilize existing poles and conduit wherever possible. Grantee shall not erect or authorize or permit others to erect any poles within the streets or Rights-of-Way of the Town for operation of its Cable System.
- (D) In the event Grantee cannot obtain the necessary poles and related facilities pursuant to a pole attachment agreement, and only in such event, then it shall be lawful for Grantee to make all needed excavations in the Rights-of-Way for the purpose of placing, erecting, laying, maintaining, repairing, and removing poles, supports for wires and conductors, and any other facility needed for the maintenance or extension of Grantee's Cable System. All poles of Grantee shall be located as designated by the proper Town authorities.
- (E) This Franchise does not grant, give or convey to the Grantee the right or privilege to install its facilities in any manner on specific utility poles or equipment of the Town or any other Person. Copies of agreements for the use of poles, conduits or other utility facilities must be provided upon request by the Town.

## 10.15 Undergrounding of Multiple Dwelling Unit Drops

In cases of single site Multiple Dwelling Units, Grantee shall minimize the number of individual aerial drop cables by installing multiple drop cables underground between the pole and Multiple Dwelling Unit where determined to be technologically feasible in agreement with the owners and/or owner's association of the Multiple Dwelling Units.

#### 10.16 Burial Standards

(A) <u>Depths.</u> Unless otherwise required by law, Grantee, and its contractors, shall comply with the following burial depth standards. In no event shall Grantee be required to bury its cable deeper than electric or gas facilities, or existing telephone facilities in the same portion of the Right-of-Way, so long as those facilities have been buried in accordance with Applicable Law:

Underground cable drops from the curb shall be buried at a minimum depth of twelve (12) inches, unless a sprinkler system or other construction concerns preclude it, in which case, underground cable drops shall be buried at a depth of at least six (6) inches.

Feeder lines shall be buried at a minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches.

Trunk lines shall be buried at a minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches.

Fiber Optic cable shall be buried at a minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches.

In the event of a conflict between this subsection and the provisions of any customer service standard, this subsection shall control.

(B) <u>Timeliness.</u> Cable drops installed by Grantee to residences shall be buried according to these standards within one calendar week of initial installation, or at a time mutually-agreed upon between the Grantee and the Subscriber. When freezing surface conditions prevent Grantee from achieving such timetable, Grantee shall apprise the Subscriber of the circumstances and the revised schedule for burial, and shall provide the Subscriber with Grantee's telephone number and instructions as to how and when to call Grantee to request burial of the line if the revised schedule is not met.

# 10.17 Cable Drop Bonding

Grantee shall ensure that all cable drops are properly bonded at the home, consistent with applicable code requirements.

# 10.18 Prewiring

Any ordinance or resolution of the Town which requires prewiring of subdivisions or other developments for electrical and telephone service shall be construed to include wiring for Cable Systems.

## 10.19 Repair and Restoration of Property

- (A) The Grantee shall protect public and private property from damage. If damage occurs, the Grantee shall promptly notify the property owner within twenty-four (24) hours in writing.
- (B) Whenever Grantee disturbs or damages any Right-of-Way, other public property or any private property, Grantee shall promptly restore the Right-of-Way or property to at least its prior condition, normal wear and tear excepted, at its own expense.
- (C) <u>Rights-of-Way and Other Public Property</u>. Grantee shall warrant any restoration work performed by or for Grantee in the Right-of-Way or on other public property in accordance with Applicable Law. If restoration is not satisfactorily performed by the Grantee within a reasonable time, the Town may, after prior notice to the Grantee, or without notice where the disturbance or damage may create a risk to public health or safety, cause the repairs to be made and recover the cost of those repairs from the Grantee. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of an itemized list of those costs, including the costs of labor, materials and equipment, the Grantee shall pay the Town.
- (D) <u>Private Property</u>. Upon completion of the work which caused any disturbance or damage, Grantee shall promptly commence restoration of private property, and will use best efforts to complete the restoration within seventy-two (72) hours, considering the nature of the work that must be performed. Grantee shall also perform such restoration in accordance with the Town's Customer Service Standards, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Town Council acting by ordinance or resolution.

## 10.20 Acquisition of Facilities

Upon Grantee's acquisition of Cable System-related facilities in any Town Right-of-Way, or upon the addition to the Town of any area in which Grantee owns or operates any such facility, Grantee shall, at the Town's request, submit to the Town a statement describing all such facilities involved, whether authorized by franchise, permit, license or other prior right, and specifying the location of all such facilities to the extent Grantee has possession of such information. Such Cable System-related facilities shall immediately be subject to the terms of this Franchise.

## 10.21 Discontinuing Use/Abandonment of Cable System Facilities

Whenever Grantee intends to discontinue using any facility within the Rights-of-Way, Grantee shall submit for the Town's approval a complete description of the facility and the date on which Grantee intends to discontinue using the facility. Grantee may remove the facility or request that the Town permit it to remain in place. Notwithstanding Grantee's request that any such facility remain in place, the Town may require Grantee to remove the facility from the Right-of-Way or modify the facility to protect the public health, welfare, safety, and convenience, or otherwise serve the public interest. The Town may require Grantee to perform a combination of modification and removal of the facility. Grantee shall complete such removal or modification in accordance with a schedule set by the Town. Until such time as Grantee removes or modifies the facility as directed by the Town, or until the rights to and responsibility for the facility are accepted by another Person having authority to construct and maintain such facility, Grantee shall be responsible for all necessary repairs and relocations of the facility, as well as maintenance of the Right-of-Way, in the same manner and degree as if the facility were in active use, and Grantee shall retain all liability for such facility. If Grantee abandons its facilities, the Town may choose to use such facilities for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, Access purposes.

## 10.22 Movement of Cable System Facilities for Town Purposes

The Town shall have the right to require Grantee to relocate, remove, replace, modify or disconnect Grantee's facilities and equipment located in the Rights-of-Way or on any other property of the Town for public purposes, in the event of an emergency, or when the public health, safety or welfare requires such change (for example, without limitation, by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, Right-of-Way vacation, Right-of-Way construction, change or establishment of Right-of-Way grade, installation of sewers, drains, gas or water pipes, or any other types of structures or improvements by the Town for public purposes). Such work shall be performed at the Grantee's expense. Except during an emergency, the Town shall provide reasonable notice to Grantee, not to be less than thirty (30) business days, and allow Grantee with the opportunity to perform such action. In the event of any capital improvement project exceeding \$500,000 in expenditures by the Town which requires the removal, replacement, modification or disconnection of Grantee's facilities or equipment, the Town shall provide at least sixty (60) days' written notice to Grantee. Following notice by the Town, Grantee shall relocate, remove, replace, modify or disconnect any of its facilities or equipment within any Right-of-Way, or on any other property of the Town. If the Town requires Grantee to relocate its facilities located within the Rights-of-Way, the Town shall make a reasonable effort to provide Grantee with an alternate

location within the Rights-of-Way. If funds are generally made available to users of the Rights-of-Way for such relocation, Grantee shall be entitled to its pro rata share of such funds.

If the Grantee fails to complete this work within the time prescribed and to the Town's satisfaction, the Town may cause such work to be done and bill the cost of the work to the Grantee, including all costs and expenses incurred by the Town due to Grantee's delay. In such event, the Town shall not be liable for any damage to any portion of Grantee's Cable System. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of an itemized list of those costs, the Grantee shall pay the Town.

## 10.23 Reimbursement of Grantee Costs

Grantee specifically reserves any rights it may have under Applicable Law for reimbursement of costs related to undergrounding or relocation of the Cable System and nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of such rights.

## 10.24 Movement of Cable System Facilities for Other Franchise Holders

If any removal, replacement, modification or disconnection of the Cable System is required to accommodate the construction, operation or repair of the facilities or equipment of another Town franchise holder, Grantee shall, after at least thirty (30) days' advance written notice, take action to effect the necessary changes requested by the responsible entity. Grantee may require that the costs associated with the removal or relocation be paid by the benefited party, and Grantee may require a reasonable deposit of the estimated payment in advance.

## 10.25 Temporary Changes for Other Permittees

At the request of any Person holding a valid permit and upon reasonable advance notice, Grantee shall temporarily raise, lower or remove its wires as necessary to permit the moving of a building, vehicle, equipment or other item. The expense of such temporary changes must be paid by the permit holder, and Grantee may require a reasonable deposit of the estimated payment in advance.

## 10.26 Reservation of Town Use of Right-of-Way

Nothing in this Franchise shall prevent the Town or public utilities owned, maintained or operated by public entities other than the Town from constructing sewers; grading, paving, repairing or altering any Right-of-Way; laying down, repairing or removing water mains; or constructing or establishing any other public work or improvement. All such work shall be done, insofar as practicable, so as not to obstruct, injure or prevent the use and operation of Grantee's Cable System.

## **10.27** Tree Trimming

Grantee may prune or cause to be pruned, using proper pruning practices, any tree in the Town's Rights-of-Way which interferes with Grantee's Cable System. Grantee shall comply with any general ordinance or regulations of the Town regarding tree trimming. Except in emergencies,

Grantee may not prune trees at a point below thirty (30) feet above sidewalk grade until one (1) week written notice has been given to the owner or occupant of the premises abutting the Right-of-Way in or over which the tree is growing. The owner or occupant of the abutting premises may prune such tree at his or her own expense during this one (1) week period. If the owner or occupant fails to do so, Grantee may prune such tree at its own expense. For purposes of this subsection, emergencies exist when it is necessary to prune to protect the public or Grantee's facilities from imminent danger only.

## 10.28 Inspection of Construction and Facilities

The Town may inspect any of Grantee's facilities, equipment or construction at any time upon at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice, or, in case of emergency, upon demand without prior notice. The Town shall have the right to charge generally applicable inspection fees therefore. If an unsafe condition is found to exist, the Town, in addition to taking any other action permitted under Applicable Law, may order Grantee, in writing, to make the necessary repairs and alterations specified therein forthwith to correct the unsafe condition by a time the Town establishes. The Town has the right to correct, inspect, administer and repair the unsafe condition if Grantee fails to do so, and to charge Grantee therefore.

# 10.29 Stop Work

- (A) On notice from the Town that any work is being performed contrary to the provisions of this Franchise, or in an unsafe or dangerous manner as determined by the Town, or in violation of the terms of any applicable permit, laws, regulations, ordinances, or standards, the work may immediately be stopped by the Town.
  - (B) The stop work order shall:
    - (1) Be in writing;
    - (2) Be given to the Person doing the work, or posted on the work site;
    - (3) Be sent to Grantee by overnight delivery at the address given herein;
    - (4) Indicate the nature of the alleged violation or unsafe condition; and
    - (5) Establish conditions under which work may be resumed.

#### 10.30 Work of Contractors and Subcontractors

Grantee's contractors and subcontractors shall be licensed and bonded in accordance with the Town's ordinances, regulations and requirements. Work by contractors and subcontractors is subject to the same restrictions, limitations and conditions as if the work were performed by Grantee. Grantee shall be responsible for all work performed by its contractors and subcontractors and others performing work on its behalf as if the work were performed by it, and shall ensure that all such work is performed in compliance with this Franchise and other Applicable Law, and shall

be jointly and severally liable for all damages and correcting all damage caused by them. It is Grantee's responsibility to ensure that contractors, subcontractors or other Persons performing work on Grantee's behalf are familiar with the requirements of this Franchise and other Applicable Law governing the work performed by them.

## SECTION 11. CABLE SYSTEM, TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND TESTING

#### 11.1 Subscriber Network

- (A) Grantee's Cable System shall be equivalent to or exceed technical characteristics of an HFC 860 MHz Cable System. and provide Activated Two-Way capability. The Cable System shall be capable of supporting video and audio. The Cable System shall be capable of delivering no less than two hundred (200) Channels of digital Video Programming services to Subscribers, provided that the Grantee reserves the right to use the bandwidth in the future for other uses based on market factors.
- (B) Equipment must be installed so that all closed captioning programming received by the Cable System shall include the closed caption signal so long as the closed caption signal is provided consistent with FCC standards. Equipment must be installed so that all local signals received in stereo or with secondary audio tracks are retransmitted in those same formats.
- (C) Grantee will take prompt corrective action if it finds that any facilities or equipment on the Cable System are not operating as expected, or if it finds that facilities and equipment do not comply with the requirements of this Franchise or Applicable Law.
- (D) Grantee's construction decisions shall be based solely upon legitimate engineering decisions and shall not take into consideration the income level of any particular community within the Franchise Area.

## 11.2 Standby Power

Grantee's Cable System Headend shall be capable of providing at least twelve (12) hours of emergency operation. In addition, throughout the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall have a plan in place, along with all resources necessary for implementing such plan, for dealing with outages of more than four (4) hours. This outage plan and evidence of requisite implementation resources shall be presented to the Town no later than thirty (30) days following receipt of a request.

## 11.3 Emergency Alert Capability

Grantee shall provide an operating Emergency Alert System ("EAS") throughout the term of this Franchise in compliance with FCC standards. Grantee shall test the EAS as required by the FCC. Upon request, the Town shall be permitted to participate in and/or witness the EAS testing up to twice a year on a schedule formed in consultation with Grantee. If the test indicates that the

EAS is not performing properly, Grantee shall make any necessary adjustment to the EAS, and the EAS shall be retested.

## 11.4 Technical Performance

The technical performance of the Cable System shall meet or exceed all applicable federal (including, but not limited to, the FCC), and State technical standards, as they may be amended from time to time, regardless of the transmission technology utilized. The Town shall have the full authority permitted by Applicable Law to enforce compliance with these technical standards.

# 11.5 Cable System Performance Testing

- (A) Grantee shall provide to the Grantor a copy of its current written process for resolving complaints about the quality of the Video Programming services signals delivered to Subscribers and shall provide the Grantor with any amendments or modifications to the process at such time as they are made.
- (B) Grantee shall, at Grantee's expense, maintain all aggregate data of Subscriber complaints related to the quality of the Video Programming service signals delivered by Grantee in the Franchise Area for a period of at least one (1) year, and individual Subscriber complaints from the Franchise Area for a period of at least three (3) years, and make such information available to the Grantor at Grantee's office upon reasonable request.
- (C) Grantee shall maintain written records of all results of its Cable System tests performed by or for Grantee. Copies of such test results will be provided to the Grantor upon reasonable request.
  - (D) Grantee shall perform any tests required by the FCC.

## 11.6 Additional Tests

Where there exists other evidence which in the judgment of the Town casts doubt upon the reliability or technical quality of Cable Service, the Town shall have the right and authority to require Grantee to test, analyze and report on the performance of the Cable System. Events that may lead to a requirement for additional testing include three (3) or more citizen and/or Grantor complaints related to the reliability or technical quality of the Cable System and/or Cable Service over a ninety (90) day period, two (2) or more outages affecting at least four (4) Subscribers over a thirty (30) day period, or comparable issues impacting reliability and technical quality issues. Grantee shall fully cooperate with the Town in performing such testing and shall prepare the results and a report, if requested, within thirty (30) days after testing. Such report shall include the following information:

- (A) the nature of the complaint or problem which precipitated the special tests;
- (B) the Cable System component tested;

- (C) the equipment used and procedures employed in testing;
- (D) the method, if any, in which such complaint or problem was resolved; and
- (E) any other information pertinent to said tests and analysis which may be required.

# SECTION 12. SERVICE AVAILABILITY, INTERCONNECTION AND SERVICE TO SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

## 12.1 Service Availability

- (A) <u>In General</u>. Except as otherwise provided in herein, Grantee shall provide Cable Service within seven (7) days of a request by any Person within the Town where such Person meets the requirement for Standard Installation. For purposes of this Section, a request shall be deemed made on the date of signing a service agreement, receipt of funds by Grantee, receipt of a written request by Grantee or receipt by Grantee of a verified verbal request. Except as otherwise provided herein, Grantee shall provide such service:
  - (1) With no line extension charge except as specifically authorized elsewhere in this Franchise.
  - (2) At a non-discriminatory installation charge for a Standard Installation, with additional charges for installations other than Standard Installations computed according to a non-discriminatory methodology for such installations, adopted by Grantee and provided in writing to the Town;
  - (3) At non-discriminatory monthly rates for Residential Subscribers.
- (B) <u>Service to Multiple Dwelling Units</u>. Consistent with this Section 12.1, the Grantee shall offer the individual units of a Multiple Dwelling Unit all Cable Services offered to other Dwelling Units in the Town and shall individually wire units upon request of the property owner or renter who has been given written authorization by the owner; provided, however, that any such offering is conditioned upon the Grantee having legal access to said unit in the form of an access and wiring agreement that is mutually satisfactory to the Grantee and the property owner. The Town acknowledges that the Grantee cannot control the dissemination of particular Cable Services beyond the point of demarcation at a Multiple Dwelling Unit.
- (C) <u>Subscriber Charges for Extensions of Service</u>. Grantee agrees to extend its Cable System to all persons living in areas with a residential density of thirty (30) residences per mile of Cable System plant and if the area is within 1,320 cable-bearing strand feet of Grantee's existing distribution plant. If the residential density is less than thirty (30) residences per 5,280 cable-bearing strand feet of trunk or distribution cable, service may be made available on the basis of a capital contribution in aid of construction, including cost of material, labor and easements. For the purpose of determining the amount of capital contribution in aid of construction to be borne by the Grantee and Subscribers in the area in which service may be expanded, the Grantee will contribute an amount equal to the construction and other costs per mile, multiplied by a fraction whose

numerator equals the actual number of residences per 5,280 cable-bearing strand feet of its trunk or distribution cable and whose denominator equals thirty (30). Subscribers who request service hereunder will bear the remainder of the construction and other costs on a pro rata basis. The Grantee may require that the payment of the capital contribution in aid of construction borne by such potential Subscribers be paid in advance.

#### 12.2 Connection of Public Facilities

- Grantee shall, at no cost to the Town, provide one outlet of Expanded Basic Service (A) to all Town owned and occupied buildings, schools and public libraries located in areas where Grantee provides Cable Service, so long as these facilities are already served or the interconnection point on these facilities is located within 150 feet from the distribution point on the Cable System, from which Cable Service can be provided to these facilities. For purposes of this subsection, "school" means all State-accredited K-12 public and private schools. Such obligation to provide free Cable Service shall not extend to areas of Town buildings where the Grantee would normally enter into a commercial contract to provide such Cable Service (e.g., golf courses, airport restaurants and concourses, and recreation center work out facilities). Outlets of Expanded Basic Service provided in accordance with this subsection may be used to distribute Expanded Basic Service throughout such buildings, provided such distribution can be accomplished without causing Cable System disruption and general technical standards are maintained. Such outlets of Expanded Basic Service shall not be located in public waiting areas or used to entertain the public nor shall they be used in a way that might violate copyright laws. The outlets may only be used for lawful purposes. The Expanded Basic Service provided shall not be distributed beyond the originally installed outlets without authorization from Grantee, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Grantee is not required to provide free reception equipment for any complimentary account provided pursuant to this subsection. Grantee does not waive any rights under applicable law regarding complimentary service. Should Grantee elect to begin offsetting the value of complimentary service against Franchise Fees, Grantee shall first provide Town with ninety (90) days' prior written notice.
- (B) The Town acknowledges that the provision of one outlet of Expanded Basic Service to all Town owned and occupied buildings that are not schools and public libraries may be terminated by Grantee if a competitive cable operator with a franchise granted by the Town does not have a comparable franchise obligation. Additionally, Grantee reserves whatever rights it has under Applicable Law to deduct the value of the complimentary Expanded Basic Service it provides to Town owned and occupied buildings from its payment of Franchise Fees. The Town likewise reserves all rights it has under Applicable Law to assert the maximum calculation of Gross Revenues permitted under Section 1.26 of this Franchise and the manner in which the value of the complimentary Expanded Basic Service is calculated. Subject to Applicable Law, should Grantee elect to offset complimentary Expanded Basic Services provided to Town owned and occupied buildings against Franchise Fees, Grantee shall first provide the Town with ninety (90) days' prior written notice. To the extent that the parties are engaged in good faith negotiations to determine the amount of an offset, if any, and such negotiations extend past ninety (90) days, no such offset shall be taken until the parties reach agreement or alternatively, until the matter is resolved through other legal means.

## SECTION 13. FRANCHISE VIOLATIONS

## 13.1 Procedure for Remedying Franchise Violations

- (A) If the Town reasonably believes that Grantee has failed to perform any obligation under this Franchise or has failed to perform in a timely manner, the Town shall notify Grantee in writing, stating with reasonable specificity the nature of the alleged default. Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to:
  - (1) respond to the Town, contesting the Town's assertion that a default has occurred, and requesting a meeting in accordance with subsection (B), below;
    - (2) cure the default; or,
  - (3) notify the Town that Grantee cannot cure the default within the thirty (30) days, because of the nature of the default. In the event the default cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, Grantee shall promptly take all reasonable steps to cure the default and notify the Town in writing and in detail as to the exact steps that will be taken and the projected completion date. In such case, the Town may set a meeting in accordance with subsection (B) below to determine whether additional time beyond the thirty (30) days specified above is indeed needed, and whether Grantee's proposed completion schedule and steps are reasonable.
- (B) If Grantee does not cure the alleged default within the cure period stated above, or by the projected completion date under subsection (A)(3), or denies the default and requests a meeting in accordance with (A)(1), or the Town orders a meeting in accordance with subsection (A)(3), the Town shall set a meeting to investigate said issues or the existence of the alleged default. The Town shall notify Grantee of the meeting in writing and such meeting shall take place no less than thirty (30) days after Grantee's receipt of notice of the meeting. At the meeting, Grantee shall be provided an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence in its defense.
- (C) If, after the meeting, the Town determines that a default exists, the Town may seek any remedy available to it pursuant to Applicable Law, including revocation of the Franchise.

## 13.2 Purchase of Cable System

- (A) If at any time this Franchise is revoked, terminated, or not renewed upon expiration in accordance with the provisions of federal law, the Town shall have the option to purchase the Cable System.
- (B) The Town may, at any time thereafter, offer in writing to purchase Grantee's Cable System. Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of a written offer from the Town within which to accept or reject the offer.

- (C) In any case where the Town elects to purchase the Cable System, the purchase shall be closed within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date of the Town's audit of a current profit and loss statement of Grantee. The Town shall pay for the Cable System in cash or certified funds, and Grantee shall deliver appropriate bills of sale and other instruments of conveyance.
- (D) For the purposes of this subsection, the price for the Cable System shall be determined as follows:
  - (1) In the case of the expiration of the Franchise without renewal, at fair market value determined on the basis of Grantee's Cable System valued as a going concern, but with no value allocated to the Franchise itself. In order to obtain the fair market value, this valuation shall be reduced by the amount of any lien, encumbrance, or other obligation of Grantee which the Town would assume.
  - (2) In the case of revocation for cause, the equitable price of Grantee's Cable System.

## 13.3 Receivership and Foreclosure

- (A) At the option of the Town, subject to Applicable Law, this Franchise may be revoked one hundred twenty (120) days after the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take over and conduct the business of Grantee whether in a receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy or other action or proceeding, unless:
  - (1) The receivership or trusteeship is vacated within one hundred twenty (120) days of appointment; or
  - (2) The receivers or trustees have, within one hundred twenty (120) days after their election or appointment, fully complied with all the terms and provisions of this Franchise, and have remedied all defaults under the Franchise. Additionally, the receivers or trustees shall have executed an agreement duly approved by the court having jurisdiction, by which the receivers or trustees assume and agree to be bound by each and every term, provision and limitation of this Franchise.
- (B) If there is a foreclosure or other involuntary sale of the whole or any part of the plant, property and equipment of Grantee, the Town may serve notice of revocation on Grantee and to the purchaser at the sale, and the rights and privileges of Grantee under this Franchise shall be revoked thirty (30) days after service of such notice, unless:
  - (1) The Town has approved the transfer of the Franchise, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Franchise and as provided by law; and
  - (2) The purchaser has covenanted and agreed with the Town to assume and be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Franchise.

## 13.4 No Monetary Recourse Against the Town

Grantee shall not have any monetary recourse against the Town or its officers, officials, boards, commissions, agents or employees for any loss, costs, expenses or damages arising out of any provision or requirement of this Franchise or the enforcement thereof, in accordance with the provisions of applicable federal, State and local law. The rights of the Town under this Franchise are in addition to, and shall not be read to limit, any immunities the Town may enjoy under federal, State or local law.

#### 13.5 Alternative Remedies

No provision of this Franchise shall be deemed to bar the right of the Town to seek or obtain judicial relief from a violation of any provision of the Franchise or any rule, regulation, requirement or directive promulgated thereunder. Neither the existence of other remedies identified in this Franchise nor the exercise thereof shall be deemed to bar or otherwise limit the right of the Town to recover monetary damages for such violations by Grantee, or to seek and obtain judicial enforcement of Grantees' obligations by means of specific performance, injunctive relief or mandate, or any other remedy at law or in equity.

#### 13.6 Effect of Abandonment

If the Grantee abandons its Cable System during the Franchise term, or fails to operate its Cable System in accordance with its duty to provide continuous service, the Town, at its option, may operate the Cable System; designate another entity to operate the Cable System temporarily until the Grantee restores service under conditions acceptable to the Town, or until the Franchise is revoked and a new franchisee is selected by the Town; or obtain an injunction requiring the Grantee to continue operations. If the Town is required to operate or designate another entity to operate the Cable System, the Grantee shall reimburse the Town or its designee for all reasonable costs, expenses and damages incurred.

#### 13.7 What Constitutes Abandonment

The Town shall be entitled to exercise its options in subsection 13.6 if:

- (A) The Grantee fails to provide Cable Service in accordance with this Franchise over a substantial portion of the Franchise Area for four (4) consecutive days, unless the Town authorizes a longer interruption of service; or
- (B) The Grantee, for any period, willfully and without cause refuses to provide Cable Service in accordance with this Franchise.

## SECTION 14. FRANCHISE RENEWAL AND TRANSFER

## 14.1 Renewal

(A) The Town and Grantee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the Town that relate to the renewal of the Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Cable Act, unless the procedures and substantive protections set forth therein

shall be deemed to be preempted and superseded by the provisions of any subsequent provision of federal or State law.

- (B) In addition to the procedures set forth in said Section 626(a), the Town agrees to notify Grantee of the completion of its assessments regarding the identification of future cable-related community needs and interests, as well as the past performance of Grantee under the then current Franchise term. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, Grantee and the Town agree that at any time during the term of the then current Franchise, while affording the public adequate notice and opportunity for comment, the Town and Grantee may agree to undertake and finalize negotiations regarding renewal of the then current Franchise and the Town may grant a renewal thereof. Grantee and the Town consider the terms set forth in this subsection to be consistent with the express provisions of Section 626 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. 546).
- (C) Should the Franchise expire without a mutually agreed upon renewed Franchise and Grantee and the Town are engaged in an informal or formal renewal process, the Franchise shall continue on a month-to-month basis, with the same terms and conditions as provided in the Franchise, and the Grantee and the Town shall continue to comply with all obligations and duties under the Franchise until final Town action is taken to renew or terminate the Franchise pursuant to this Franchise and Applicable Law.

# 14.2 Transfer of Ownership or Control

- (A) The Cable System and this Franchise shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, leased or disposed of, either in whole or in part, either by involuntary sale or by voluntary sale, merger or consolidation; nor shall title thereto, either legal or equitable, or any right, interest or property therein pass to or vest in any Person or entity without the prior written consent of the Town, which consent shall be by the Town Council, acting by ordinance or resolution.
- (B) The Grantee shall promptly notify the Town of any actual or proposed change in, or transfer of, or acquisition by any other party of control of the Grantee. The word "control" as used herein is not limited to majority stockholders but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised. Every change, transfer or acquisition of control of the Grantee shall make this Franchise subject to cancellation unless and until the Town shall have consented in writing thereto.
- (C) The parties to the sale or transfer shall make a written request to the Town for its approval of a sale or transfer and furnish all information required by law and the Town.
- (D) In seeking the Town's consent to any change in ownership or control, the proposed transferee shall indicate whether it:
  - (1) Has ever been convicted or held liable for acts involving deceit including any violation of federal, State or local law or regulations, or is currently under an indictment, investigation or complaint charging such acts;

- (2) Has ever had a judgment in an action for fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation entered against the proposed transferee by any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) Has pending any material legal claim, lawsuit, or administrative proceeding arising out of or involving a cable system or a broadband system;
- (4) Is financially solvent, by submitting financial data including financial statements that are audited by a certified public accountant who may also be an officer of the transferee, along with any other data that the Town may reasonably require; and
- (5) Has the financial, legal and technical capability to enable it to maintain and operate the Cable System for the remaining term of the Franchise.
- (E) The Town shall act by ordinance on the request within one hundred twenty (120) days of the request, provided it has received all information required by this Franchise and/or by Applicable Law. The Town and the Grantee may by mutual agreement, at any time, extend the one hundred twenty (120) day period. Subject to the foregoing, if the Town fails to render a final decision on the request within one hundred twenty (120) days, such request shall be deemed granted unless the requesting party and the Town agree to an extension of time.
- (F) Within thirty (30) days of any transfer or sale, if approved or deemed granted by the Town, Grantee shall file with the Town a copy of the deed, agreement, lease or other written instrument evidencing such sale or transfer of ownership or control, certified and sworn to as correct by Grantee and the transferee, and the transferee shall file its written acceptance agreeing to be bound by all of the provisions of this Franchise, subject to Applicable Law. In the event of a change in control, in which the Grantee is not replaced by another entity, the Grantee will continue to be bound by all of the provisions of the Franchise, subject to Applicable Law, and will not be required to file an additional written acceptance.
- (G) In reviewing a request for sale or transfer, the Town may inquire into the legal, technical and financial qualifications of the prospective controlling party or transferee, and Grantee shall assist the Town in so inquiring. The Town may condition said sale or transfer upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonably appropriate, in accordance with Applicable Law.
- (H) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this subsection, the prior approval of the Town shall not be required for any sale, assignment or transfer of the Franchise or Cable System to an entity controlling, controlled by or under the same common control as Grantee, provided that the proposed assignee or transferee must show financial responsibility as may be determined necessary by the Town and must agree in writing to comply with all of the provisions of the Franchise. Further, Grantee may pledge the assets of the Cable System for the purpose of financing without the consent of the Town; provided that such pledge of assets shall not impair or

mitigate Grantee's responsibilities and capabilities to meet all of its obligations under the provisions of this Franchise.

## SECTION 15. SEVERABILITY

If any Section, subsection, paragraph, term or provision of this Franchise is determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other Section, subsection, paragraph, term or provision of this Franchise, all of which will remain in full force and effect for the term of the Franchise.

#### SECTION 16. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

## 16.1 Preferential or Discriminatory Practices Prohibited

NO DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. In connection with the performance of work under this Franchise, the Grantee agrees not to refuse to hire, discharge, promote or demote, or discriminate in matters of compensation against any Person otherwise qualified, solely because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability; and the Grantee further agrees to insert the foregoing provision in all subcontracts hereunder. Throughout the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall fully comply with all equal employment or non-discrimination provisions and requirements of federal, State and local laws, and in particular, FCC rules and regulations relating thereto.

## 16.2 Reservation of Rights

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Franchise, Grantee reserves the right to challenge provisions of any ordinance, rule, regulation, or other enactment of the Town that conflicts with its contractual rights under this Franchise, either now or in the future.

#### 16.3 Notices

Throughout the term of the Franchise, each party shall maintain and file with the other an address for the service of notices by mail. All notices shall be sent overnight delivery postage prepaid to such respective address and such notices shall be effective upon the date of mailing. These addresses may be changed by the Town or the Grantee by written notice at any time. At the Effective Date of this Franchise:

Grantee's address shall be:

TDS BROADBAND SERVICE, LLC 525 Junction Road Madison, Wisconsin 53717 Attn: Legal Department

The Town 's address shall be:

Town of Johnstown P.O. Box 609 450 S. Parish Avenue Johnstown, CO 80534 Attn: Town Manager

# 16.4 Descriptive Headings

The headings and titles of the Sections and subsections of this Franchise are for reference purposes only, and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the text herein.

## **16.5** Publication Costs to be Borne by Grantee

Grantee shall reimburse the Town for all costs incurred in publishing this Franchise, if such publication is required.

## **16.6** Binding Effect

This Franchise shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their permitted successors and assigns.

#### 16.7 No Joint Venture

Nothing herein shall be deemed to create a joint venture or principal-agent relationship between the parties, and neither party is authorized to, nor shall either party act toward third Persons or the public in any manner which would indicate any such relationship with the other.

#### 16.8 Waiver

The failure of the Town at any time to require performance by the Grantee of any provision hereof shall in no way affect the right of the Town hereafter to enforce the same. Nor shall the waiver by the Town of any breach of any provision hereof be taken or held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision, or as a waiver of the provision itself or any other provision.

# 16.9 Reasonableness of Consent or Approval

Whenever under this Franchise "reasonableness" is the standard for the granting or denial of the consent or approval of either party hereto, such party shall be entitled to consider public and governmental policy, moral and ethical standards as well as business and economic considerations.

# 16.10 Entire Agreement

This Franchise and all Exhibits represent the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior oral negotiations between the parties.

Item #13.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Franchise is signed in the name of the Johnstown, Colorado this day of, 202					
ATTEST:	JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO:				
Town Clerk	Mayor Gary Lebsack				
Accepted and approved this day of	, 202				
TDS BROADBAND SERVICE LLC					
By: Andrew Petersen  2A98535CSID1E4CO Andrew Petersen	12/13/2023   9:56 AM CST				

Its: <u>Senior Vice President – Corporate Affairs</u>

# **EXHIBIT A:**

## FRANCHISE FEE SUMMARY REPORT FORM

# CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

**Summary of Gross Revenue Calculation Subject to Franchise Fees** 

Period From	to			
REVENUE LINE ITEMS	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	TOTAL
Basic Cable Service				
Installation Charges				
Disconnection Charges				
Bulk Revenue				
Expanded Basic Service				
Premium Service				
Other Cable Service				
Pay per View				
Guide Revenue				
Franchise Fee Revenue				
Advertising Revenue				
Home Shopping Revenue				
Digital Services				
Inside Wiring				
Other Revenue				
Equipment Rental				
Processing Fees				
Late Fees				
FCC Regulatory Fees				
Broadcast Channel Fees				
Regional Sports Channel Fees				
TOTAL Gross Revenues				
From all Cable Services				
Fee Calculations (5%)				
EDANCHISE FEE OWED				

Nothing in this Report Form is intended to modify the definition of Gross Revenues in Section 1.25 of this Franchise.

#### EXHIBIT B

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS**

#### I. POLICY

The Cable Operator should resolve citizen complaints without delay and interference from the Franchising Authority.

Where a given complaint is not addressed by the Cable Operator to the citizen's satisfaction, the Franchising Authority should intervene. In addition, where a pattern of unremedied complaints or noncompliance with the Standards is identified, the Franchising Authority should prescribe a cure and establish a reasonable deadline for implementation of the cure. If the noncompliance is not cured within established deadlines, monetary sanctions should be imposed to encourage compliance and deter future non-compliance.

These Standards are intended to be of general application, and are expected to be met under normal operating conditions; however, the Cable Operator shall be relieved of any obligations hereunder if it is unable to perform due to a region-wide natural emergency or in the event of force majeure affecting a significant portion of the franchise area. The Cable Operator is free to exceed these Standards to the benefit of its Customers and such shall be considered performance for the purposes of these Standards.

These Standards supersede any contradictory or inconsistent provision in federal, state or local law (Source: 47 U.S.C. § 552(a)(1) and (d)), provided, however, that any provision in federal, state or local law, or in any original franchise agreement or renewal agreement, that imposes a higher obligation or requirement than is imposed by these Standards, shall not be considered contradictory or inconsistent with these Standards. In the event of a conflict between these Standards and a Franchise Agreement, the Franchise Agreement shall control.

These Standards apply to the provision of any Cable Service, provided by a Cable Operator over a Cable System, within the Town of Johnstown.

#### II. **DEFINITIONS**

When used in these Customer Service Standards (the "Standards"), the following words, phrases, and terms shall have the meanings given below.

"Adoption" shall mean the process necessary to formally enact the Standards within the Franchising Authority's jurisdiction under applicable ordinances and laws.

"Affiliate" shall mean any person or entity that is owned or controlled by, or under common ownership or control with, a Cable Operator, and provides any Cable Service or Other Service.

"Applicable Law" means, with respect to these standards and any Cable Operator's privacy policies, any statute, ordinance, judicial decision, executive order or regulation having the force and effect of law, that determines the legal standing of a case or issue.

"Cable Operator" shall mean any person or group of persons (A) who provides Cable Service over a Cable System and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such cable system, or (B) who otherwise controls or is responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a Cable System. Source: 47 U.S.C. § 522(5).

"Cable Service" shall mean (A) the one-way transmission to subscribers of (i) video programming, or (ii) other programming service, and (B) subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service. Source: 47 U.S.C. § 522(6). For purposes of this definition, "video programming" is programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by a television broadcast station. Source: 47 U.S.C. § 522(20). "Other programming service" is information that a Cable Operator makes available to all subscribers generally. Source: 47 U.S.C. § 522(14).

"Cable System" shall mean a facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service which includes video programming and which is provided to multiple subscribers within a community, but such term does not include (A) a facility that serves only to retransmit the televisions signals of one or more television broadcast stations, or (B) a facility that serves subscribers without using any public right of way. Source: 47 U.S.C. § 522(7).

"Contractor" shall mean a person or entity that agrees by contract to furnish materials or perform services for another at a specified consideration.

"Customer" shall mean any person who receives any Cable Service from a Cable Operator.

"Customer Service Representative" (or "CSR") shall mean any person employed with or under contract or subcontract to a Cable Operator to assist, or provide service to, customers, whether by telephone, writing service or installation orders, answering customers' questions in person, receiving and processing payments, or performing any other customer service-related tasks.

"Escalated complaint" shall mean a complaint that is referred to a Cable Operator by the Franchising Authority.

"Franchising Authority" shall mean the Town.

"Necessary" shall mean required or indispensable.

"Non-cable-related purpose" shall mean any purpose that is not necessary to render or conduct a legitimate business activity related to a Cable Service or Other Service provided by a Cable Operator to a Customer. Market research, telemarketing, and other marketing of services or products that are not related to a Cable Service or Other Service provided by a Cable Operator to a Customer shall be considered Non-cable-related purposes.

"Normal business hours" shall mean those hours during which most similar businesses in the community are open to serve customers. In all cases, "normal business hours" must include at least some evening hours one night per week, and include some weekend hours. Source: 47 C.F.R. § 76.309.

"Normal operating conditions" shall mean those service conditions which are within the control of a Cable Operator. Conditions which are not within the control of a Cable Operator include, but are not necessarily limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Conditions which are ordinarily within the control of a Cable Operator include, but are not necessarily limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods and maintenance or upgrade to the Cable System.

"Other Service(s)" shall mean any wire or radio communications service provided using any of the facilities of a Cable Operator that are used in the provision of Cable Service.

"Personally Identifiable Information" shall mean specific information about an identified Customer, including, but not be limited to, a Customer's (a) login information for the use of Cable Service and management of a Customer's Cable Service account, (b) extent of viewing of video programming or Other Services, (c) shopping choices, (d) interests and opinions, (e) energy uses, (f) medical information, (g) banking data or information, or (h) any other personal or private information. "Personally Identifiable Information" shall not mean any aggregate information about Customers which does not identify particular persons, or information gathered by a Cable Operator necessary to install, repair or service equipment or Cable System facilities at a Customer's premises.

"Service interruption" or "interruption" shall mean (i) the loss or substantial impairment of picture and/or sound on one or more cable television channels.

"Service outage" or "outage" shall mean a loss or substantial impairment in reception on all channels.

"Subcontractor" shall mean a person or entity that enters into a contract to perform part or all of the obligations of another's contract.

"Town" shall mean the Town of Johnstown, Colorado.

"Writing" or "written" as the term applies to notification shall include electronic communications.

Any terms not specifically defined in these Standards shall be given their ordinary meaning, or where otherwise defined in applicable federal law, such terms shall be interpreted consistent with those definitions.

#### III. CUSTOMER SERVICE

#### A. Courtesy

Cable Operator employees, contractors and subcontractors shall be courteous, knowledgeable and helpful and shall provide effective and satisfactory service in all contacts with customers.

# B. Accessibility

1. A Cable Operator shall provide customer service centers/business offices ("Service Centers") which are conveniently located, and which are open during Normal Business Hours. Service Centers shall be fully staffed with Customer Service Representatives offering the following services to Customers who come to the Service Center: bill payment, equipment exchange, processing of change of service requests, and response to Customer inquiries and request.

Unless otherwise requested by the Town, a Cable Operator shall post a sign at each Service Center, visible from the outside of the Service Center, advising Customers of its hours of operation and of the telephone number at which to contact the Cable Operator if the Service Center is not open at the times posted.

The Cable Operator shall use commercially reasonable efforts to implement and promote "self-help" tools and technology, in order to respond to the growing demand of Customers who wish to interact with the Cable Operator on the Customer's own terms and timeline and at their own convenience, without having to travel to a Service Center. Without limitation, examples of self-help tools or technology may include self-installation kits to Customers upon request; pre-paid mailers for the return of equipment upon Customer request; an automated phone option for Customer bill payments; and equipment exchanges at a Customer's residence in the event of damaged equipment. A Cable Operator shall provide free exchanges of faulty equipment at the customer's address if the equipment has not been damaged in any manner due to the fault or negligence of the customer.

- 2. A Cable Operator shall maintain local telephone access lines that shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week for service/repair requests and billing/service inquiries.
- 3. A Cable Operator shall have dispatchers and technicians on call twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, including legal holidays.
- 4. If a customer service telephone call is answered with a recorded message providing the customer with various menu options to address the customer's concern, the recorded message must provide the customer the option to connect to and speak with a CSR within sixty (60) seconds of the commencement of the recording. During Normal Business Hours, a Cable Operator shall retain sufficient customer service representatives and telephone line capacity to ensure that telephone calls to technical service/repair and billing/service inquiry lines are answered by a customer service representative within thirty (30) seconds or less from the time a customer chooses a menu option to speak directly with a CSR or chooses a menu option that pursuant to the automated voice message, leads to a direct connection with a CSR. Under normal operating conditions, this thirty (30) second telephone answer time requirement standard shall be met no less than ninety (90) percent of the time measured quarterly.
- 5. Under normal operating conditions, a customer shall not receive a busy signal more than three percent (3%) of the time. This standard shall be met ninety (90) percent or more of the time, measured quarterly.

# C. Responsiveness

#### 1. Guaranteed Seven-Day Residential Installation

- a. A Cable Operator shall complete all standard residential installations or modifications to service requested by customers within seven (7) business days after the order is placed, unless a later date for installation is requested. "Standard" residential installations are those located up to one hundred twenty five (125) feet from the existing distribution system. If the customer requests a nonstandard residential installation, or the Cable Operator determines that a nonstandard residential installation is required, the Cable Operator shall provide the customer in advance with a total installation cost estimate and an estimated date of completion.
- b. All underground cable drops to the home shall be buried at a depth of no less than twelve inches (12"), or such other depth as may be required by the Franchise Agreement or local code provisions, or if there are no applicable Franchise or code requirements, at such other depths as may be agreed to by the parties if other construction concerns preclude the twelve inch requirement, and within no more than one calendar week from the initial installation, or at a time mutually agreed upon between the Cable Operator and the customer.

### 2. Residential Installation and Service Appointments

- a. The "appointment window" alternatives for specific installations, service calls, and/or other installation activities will be either a specific time, or at a maximum, a four (4) hour time block between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., six (6) days per week. A Cable Operator may schedule service calls and other installation activities outside of the above days and hours for the express convenience of customers. For purposes of this subsection "appointment window" means the period of time in which the representative of the Cable Operator must arrive at the customer's location.
- b. A Cable Operator may not cancel an appointment with a customer after the close of business on the business day prior to the scheduled appointment, unless the customer's issue has otherwise been resolved.
- c. If a Cable Operator is running late for an appointment with a customer and will not be able to keep the appointment as scheduled, the Cable Operator shall take reasonable efforts to contact the customer promptly, but in no event later than the end of the appointment window. The appointment will be rescheduled, as necessary at a time that is convenient to the customer, within Normal Business Hours or as may be otherwise agreed to between the customer and Cable Operator.
- d. A Cable Operator shall be deemed to have responded to a request for service under the provisions of this section when a technician arrives within the agreed upon time, and, if the customer is absent when the technician arrives, the technician leaves written notification of arrival and return time, and a copy of that notification is kept by the Cable Operator. In such circumstances, the Cable Operator shall contact the customer within forty-eight (48) hours.

# 3. <u>Residential Service Interruptions</u>

- a. In the event of system outages resulting from Cable Operator equipment failure, the Cable Operator shall correct such failure within 2 hours after the 3rd customer call is received.
- b. All other service interruptions resulting from Cable Operator equipment failure shall be corrected by the Cable Operator by the end of the next calendar day.

#### c. Records of Complaints.

- i. A Cable Operator shall keep an accurate and comprehensive file of any complaints regarding the cable system or its operation of the cable system, in a manner consistent with the privacy rights of customers, and the Cable Operator's actions in response to those complaints. These files shall remain available for viewing by the Franchising Authority during normal business hours at the Cable Operator's business office, and shall be retained by the Cable Operator for a period of at least three (3) years.
- ii. Upon written request a Cable Operator shall provide the Franchising Authority an executive summary quarterly, which shall include information concerning customer complaints referred by the Franchising Authority to the Grantee and any other requirements of a Franchise Agreement but no personally identifiable information. These summaries shall be provided within fifteen (15) days after the end of each quarter. Once a request is made, it need not be repeated and quarterly executive summaries shall be provided by the Cable Operator until notified in writing by the Franchising Authority that such summaries are no longer required.
- iii. Upon written request a summary of service requests, identifying the number and nature of the requests and their disposition, shall also be completed by the Cable Operator for each quarter and submitted to the Franchising Authority by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month after each calendar quarter. Once a request is made, it need not be repeated and quarterly summary of service requests shall be provided by the Cable Operator until notified in writing by the Franchising Authority that such summaries are no longer required. Complaints shall be broken out by the nature of the complaint and the type of Cable service subject to the complaint.
- d. Records of Service Interruptions and Outages. A Cable Operator shall maintain records of all outages and reported service interruptions. Such records shall indicate the type of cable service interrupted, including the reasons for the interruptions. A log of all service interruptions shall be maintained and provided to the Franchising Authority quarterly, upon written request, within fifteen (15) days after the end of each quarter. Such records shall be submitted to the Franchising Authority with the records identified in Section 3.c.ii above if so requested in writing, and shall be retained by the Cable Operator for a period of three (3) years.
- e. All service outages and interruptions for any cause beyond the control of the Cable Operator shall be corrected within thirty-six (36) hours, after the conditions beyond its control have been corrected.

### 4. TV Reception

- a. A Cable Operator shall provide clear television reception that meets or exceeds technical standards established by the United States Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC"). A Cable Operator shall render efficient service, make repairs promptly, and interrupt service only for good cause and for the shortest time possible. Scheduled interruptions shall be preceded by notice and shall occur during periods of minimum use of the system, preferably between midnight and six a.m. (6:00 a.m.).
- b. If a customer experiences poor video or audio reception attributable to a Cable Operator's equipment, the Cable Operator shall:
  - i. Assess the problem within one (1) day of notification;
  - ii. Communicate with the customer regarding the nature of the problem and the expected time for repair;
  - iii. Complete the repair within two (2) days of assessing the problem unless circumstances exist that reasonably require additional time.
- c. If an appointment is necessary to address any video or audio reception problem, the customer may choose a block of time described in Section III.C.2.a. At the customer's request, the Cable Operator shall repair the problem at a later time convenient to the customer, during Normal Business Hours or at such other time as may be agreed to by the customer and Cable Operator. A Cable Operator shall maintain periodic communications with a customer during the time period in which problem ascertainment and repair are ongoing, so that the customer is advised of the status of the Cable Operator's efforts to address the problem.

#### 5. Problem Resolution

A Cable Operator's customer service representatives shall have the authority to provide credit for interrupted service, to waive fees, to schedule service appointments and to change billing cycles, where appropriate. Any difficulties that cannot be resolved by the customer service representative shall be referred to the appropriate supervisor who shall contact the customer within four (4) hours and resolve the problem within forty eight (48) hours or within such other time frame as is acceptable to the customer and the Cable Operator.

# 6. <u>Billing, Credits, and Refunds</u>

- a. In addition to other options for payment of a customer's service bill, a Cable Operator shall make available a telephone payment option where a customer without account irregularities can enter payment information through an automated system, without the necessity of speaking to a CSR.
- b. A Cable Operator shall allow at least thirty (30) days from the beginning date of the applicable service period for payment of a customer's service bill for that period. If a customer's service bill is not paid within that period of time the Cable Operator may apply an administrative fee to the customer's account. The administrative fee must reflect the average costs incurred by

the Cable Operator in attempting to collect the past due payment in accordance with applicable law. If the customer's service bill is not paid within forty-five (45) days of the beginning date of the applicable service period, the Cable Operator may perform a "soft" disconnect of the customer's service. If a customer's service bill is not paid within fifty-two (52) days of the beginning date of the applicable service period, the Cable Operator may disconnect the customer's service, provided it has provided two (2) weeks notice to the customer that such disconnection may result.

- c. The Cable Operator shall issue a credit or refund to a customer within 30 days after determining the customer's entitlement to a credit or refund.
- d. Whenever the Cable Operator offers any promotional or specially priced service(s) its promotional materials shall clearly identify and explain the specific terms of the promotion, including but not limited to manner in which any payment credit will be applied.

# 7. <u>Treatment of Property</u>

To the extent that a Franchise Agreement does not contain the following procedures for treatment of property, Operator shall comply with the procedures set forth in this Section.

- a. A Cable Operator shall keep tree trimming to a minimum; trees and shrubs or other landscaping that are damaged by a Cable Operator, any employee or agent of a Cable Operator during installation or construction shall be restored to their prior condition or replaced within seven (7) days, unless seasonal conditions require a longer time, in which case such restoration or replacement shall be made within seven (7) days after conditions permit. Trees and shrubs on private property shall not be removed without the prior permission of the owner or legal tenant of the property on which they are located. This provision shall be in addition to, and shall not supersede, any requirement in any franchise agreement.
- b. A Cable Operator shall, at its own cost and expense, and in a manner approved by the property owner and the Franchising Authority, restore any private property to as good condition as before the work causing such disturbance was initiated. A Cable Operator shall repair, replace or compensate a property owner for any damage resulting from the Cable Operator's installation, construction, service or repair activities. If compensation is requested by the customer for damage caused by any Cable Operator activity, the Cable Operator shall reimburse the property owner one hundred (100) percent of the actual cost of the damage.
- c. Except in the case of an emergency involving public safety or service interruption to a large number of customers, a Cable Operator shall give reasonable notice to property owners or legal tenants prior to entering upon private premises, and the notice shall specify the work to be performed; provided that in the case of construction operations such notice shall be delivered or provided at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to entry, unless such notice is waived by the customer. For purposes of this subsection, "reasonable notice" shall be considered:
  - i. For pedestal installation or similar major construction, seven (7) days.
  - ii. For routine maintenance, such as adding or dropping service, tree trimming and the like, reasonable notice given the circumstances. Unless a

Franchise Agreement has a different requirement, reasonable notice shall require, at a minimum, prior notice to a property owner or tenant, before entry is made onto that person's property.

iii. For emergency work a Cable Operator shall attempt to contact the property owner or legal tenant in person, and shall leave a door hanger notice in the event personal contact is not made. Door hangars must describe the issue and provide contact information where the property owner or tenant can receive more information about the emergency work.

Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing access or entry to private property, or any other property, where such right to access or entry is not otherwise provided by law.

d. Cable Operator personnel shall clean all areas surrounding any work site and ensure that all cable materials have been disposed of properly.

#### D. Services for Customers with Disabilities

- 1. For any customer with a disability, a Cable Operator shall deliver and pick up equipment at customers' homes at no charge unless the malfunction was caused by the actions of the customer. In the case of malfunctioning equipment, the technician shall provide replacement equipment, hook it up and ensure that it is working properly, and shall return the defective equipment to the Cable Operator.
- 2. A Cable Operator shall provide either TTY, TDD, TYY, VRS service or other similar service that are in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and other applicable law, with trained operators who can provide every type of assistance rendered by the Cable Operator's customer service representatives for any hearing-impaired customer at no charge.
- 3. A Cable Operator shall provide free use of a remote control unit to mobility-impaired (if disabled, in accordance with Section III.D.4) customers.
- 4. Any customer with a disability may request the special services described above by providing a Cable Operator with a letter from the customer's physician stating the need, or by making the request to the Cable Operator's installer or service technician, where the need for the special services can be visually confirmed.

#### E. Cable Services Information

- 1. At any time a customer or prospective customer may request, a Cable Operator shall provide the following information, in clear, concise written form, easily accessible and located on Cable Operator's website (and in Spanish, when requested by the customer):
  - a. Products and services offered by the Cable Operator, including its channel lineup;
- b. The Cable Operator's complete range of service options and the prices for these services;

- c. The Cable Operator's billing, collection and disconnection policies;
- d. Privacy rights of customers;
- e. All applicable complaint procedures, including complaint forms and the telephone numbers and mailing addresses of the Cable Operator, and the FCC;
  - f. Use and availability of parental control/lock out device;
  - g. Special services for customers with disabilities;
  - h. Days, times of operation, and locations of the service centers;
- 2. At a Customer's request, a Cable Operator shall make available either a complete copy of these Standards and any other applicable customer service standards, or a summary of these Standards, in a format to be approved by CCUA and the Franchising Authority, which shall include at a minimum, the URL address of a website containing these Standards in their entirety; provided however, that if the CCUA or Franchising Authority does not maintain a website with a complete copy of these Standards, a Cable Operator shall be under no obligation to do so;

If acceptable to a customer, Cable Operator may fulfill customer requests for any of the information listed in this Section by making the requested information available electronically, such as on a website or by electronic mail.

- 3. Upon written request, a Cable Operator shall meet annually with the Franchising Authority to review the format of the Cable Operator's bills to customers. Whenever the Cable Operator makes substantial changes to its billing format, it will contact the Franchising Authority at least thirty (30) days prior to the time such changes are to be effective, in order to inform the Franchising Authority of such changes.
- 4. Copies of notices provided to the customer in accordance with subsection 5 below shall be filed (by fax or email acceptable) concurrently with the Franchising Authority and the CCUA.
- 5. A Cable Operator shall provide customers with written notification of any change in rates for nondiscretionary cable services, and for service tier changes that result in a deletion of programming from a customer's service tier, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of change. For purposes of this section, "nondiscretionary" means the subscribed tier and any other Cable Services that a customer has subscribed to, at the time the change in rates are announced by the Cable Operator.
- 6. All officers, agents, and employees of the Cable Operator or its contractors or subcontractors who are in personal contact with customers and/or when working on public property, shall wear on their outer clothing identification cards bearing their name and photograph and identifying them as representatives of the Cable Operator. The Cable Operator shall account for all identification cards at all times. Every vehicle of the Cable Operator shall be clearly visually identified to the public as working for the Cable Operator. Whenever a Cable Operator work crew is in personal contact with customers or public employees, a supervisor must be able to communicate clearly with the customer or public employee. Every vehicle of a subcontractor or

contractor shall be labeled with the name of the contractor and further identified as contracting or subcontracting for the Cable Operator.

7. Each CSR, technician or employee of the Cable Operator in each contact with a customer shall state the estimated cost of the service, repair, or installation orally prior to delivery of the service or before any work is performed, and shall provide the customer with an oral statement of the total charges before terminating the telephone call or before leaving the location at which the work was performed. A written estimate of the charges shall be provided to the customer before the actual work is performed.

#### F. Customer Privacy

- 1. <u>Cable Customer Privacy</u>. In addition to complying with the requirements in this subsection, a Cable Operator shall fully comply with all obligations under 47 U.S.C. Section 551.
- 2. Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information.
- a. A Cable Operator shall not use the Cable System to collect, monitor or observe Personally Identifiable Information without the prior affirmative written or electronic consent of the Customer unless, and only to the extent that such information is: (i) used to detect unauthorized reception of cable communications, or (ii) necessary to render a Cable Service or Other Service provided by the Cable Operator to the Customer and as otherwise authorized by applicable law.
- b. A Cable Operator shall take such actions as are necessary using then-current industry standard practices to prevent any Affiliate from using the facilities of the Cable Operator in any manner, including, but not limited to, sending data or other signals through such facilities, to the extent such use will permit an Affiliate unauthorized access to Personally Identifiable Information on equipment of a Customer (regardless of whether such equipment is owned or leased by the Customer or provided by a Cable Operator) or on any of the facilities of the Cable Operator that are used in the provision of Cable Service. This subsection F.2.b shall not be interpreted to prohibit an Affiliate from obtaining access to Personally Identifiable Information to the extent otherwise permitted by this subsection F.
- c. A Cable Operator shall take such actions as are necessary using then-current industry standard practices to prevent a person or entity (other than an Affiliate) from using the facilities of the Cable Operator in any manner, including, but not limited to, sending data or other signals through such facilities, to the extent such use will permit such person or entity unauthorized access to Personally Identifiable Information on equipment of a Customer (regardless of whether such equipment is owned or leased by the Customer or provided by a Cable Operator) or on any of the facilities of the Cable Operator that are used in the provision of Cable Service.
- 3. <u>Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information</u>. A Cable Operator shall not disclose Personally Identifiable Information without the prior affirmative written or electronic consent of the Customer, unless otherwise authorized by applicable law.
- a. A minimum of thirty (30) days prior to making any disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information of any Customer for any Non-Cable related purpose as provided in this subsection F.3.a, where such Customer has not previously been provided the notice and choice

provided for in subsection III.F.9, the Cable Operator shall notify each Customer (that the Cable Operator intends to disclose information about) of the Customer's right to prohibit the disclosure of such information for Non-cable related purposes. The notice to Customers may reference the Customer to his or her options to state a preference for disclosure or non-disclosure of certain information, as provided in subsection III.F.10.

- b. A Cable Operator may disclose Personally Identifiable Information only to the extent that it is necessary to render, or conduct a legitimate business activity related to, a Cable Service or Other Service provided by the Cable Operator to the Customer.
- c. To the extent authorized by applicable law, a Cable Operator may disclose Personally Identifiable Information pursuant to a subpoena, court order, warrant or other valid legal process authorizing such disclosure.
- 4. <u>Access to Information</u>. Any Personally Identifiable Information collected and maintained by a Cable Operator shall be made available for Customer examination within thirty (30) days of receiving a request by a Customer to examine such information about himself or herself at the local offices of the Cable Operator or other convenient place within the Town designated by the Cable Operator, or electronically, such as over a website. Upon a reasonable showing by the Customer that such Personally Identifiable Information is inaccurate, a Cable Operator shall correct such information.

### 5. Privacy Notice to Customers

- a. A Cable Operator shall annually mail or provide a separate, written or electronic copy of the privacy statement to Customers consistent with 47 U.S.C. Section 551(a)(1), and shall provide a Customer a copy of such statement at the time the Cable Operator enters into an agreement with the Customer to provide Cable Service. The written notice shall be in a clear and conspicuous format, which at a minimum, shall be in a comparable font size to other general information provided to Customers about their account as it appears on either paper or electronic Customer communications.
- b. In or accompanying the statement required by subsection F.5.a, a Cable Operator shall state substantially the following message regarding the disclosure of Customer information: "Unless a Customer affirmatively consents electronically or in writing to the disclosure of personally identifiable information, any disclosure of personally identifiable information for purposes other than to the extent necessary to render, or conduct a legitimate business activity related to, a Cable Service or Other Service, is limited to:
  - i. Disclosure pursuant to valid legal process authorized by applicable law.
  - ii. Disclosure of the name and address of a Customer subscribing to any general programming tiers of service and other categories of Cable Services provided by the Cable Operator that do not directly or indirectly disclose: (A) A Customer's extent of viewing of a Cable Service or Other Service provided by the Cable Operator; (B) The extent of any other use by a Customer of a Cable Service; (C) The nature of any transactions made by a Customer over the Cable System; or (D) The nature of programming or websites that a Customer subscribes to or views (i.e., a Cable Operator may only disclose the fact

that a person subscribes to a general tier of service, or a package of channels with the same type of programming), provided that with respect to the nature of websites subscribed to or viewed, these are limited to websites accessed by a Customer in connection with programming available from their account for Cable Services."

The notice shall also inform the Customers of their right to prohibit the disclosure of their names and addresses in accordance with subsection F.3.a. If a Customer exercises his or her right to prohibit the disclosure of name and address as provided in subsection F.3.a or this subsection, such prohibition against disclosure shall remain in effect, unless and until the Customer subsequently changes their disclosure preferences as described in subsection F.9 below.

- 6. <u>Privacy Reporting Requirements</u>. The Cable Operator shall include in its regular periodic reports to the Franchising Authority required by its Franchise Agreement information summarizing:
- a. The type of Personally Identifiable Information that was actually collected or disclosed by Cable Operator during the reporting period;
- b. For each type of Personally Identifiable Information collected or disclosed, a statement from an authorized representative of the Cable Operator certifying that the Personally Identifiable Information collected or disclosed was: (A) collected or disclosed to the extent Necessary to render, or conduct a legitimate business activity related to, a Cable Service or Other Service provided by the Cable Operator; (B) used to the extent Necessary to detect unauthorized reception of cable communications: (C) disclosed pursuant to valid legal process authorized by applicable law; or (D) a disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information of particular subscribers, but only to the extent affirmatively consented to by such subscribers in writing or electronically, or as otherwise authorized by applicable law.
- c. The standard industrial classification (SIC) codes or comparable identifiers pertaining to any entities to whom such Personally Identifiable Information was disclosed, except that a Cable Operator need not provide the name of any court or governmental entity to which such disclosure was made pursuant to valid legal process authorized by applicable law;
- d. The general measures that have been taken to prevent the unauthorized access to Personally Identifiable Information by a person other than the Customer or the Cable Operator. A Cable Operator shall meet with Franchising Authority if requested to discuss technology used to prohibit unauthorized access to Personally Identifiable Information by any means.
- 7. Nothing in this subsection III.F shall be construed to prevent the Franchising Authority from obtaining Personally Identifiable Information to the extent not prohibited by Section 631 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 551 and applicable laws.
- 8. Destruction of Personally Identifiable Information. A Cable Operator shall destroy any Personally Identifiable Information if the information is no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was collected and there are no pending requests or orders for access to such information under subsection 4 of this subsection III.F, pursuant to a court order or other valid legal process, or pursuant to applicable law.

9. Notice and Choice for Customers. The Cable Operator shall at all times make available to Customers one or more methods for Customers to use to prohibit or limit disclosures, or permit or release disclosures, as provided for in this subsection III.F. These methods may include, for example, online website "preference center" features, automated toll-free telephone systems, live toll-free telephone interactions with customer service agents, in-person interactions with customer service personnel, regular mail methods such as a postage paid, self-addressed post card, an insert included with the Customer's monthly bill for Cable Service, the privacy notice specified in subsection III.F.5, or such other comparable methods as may be provided by the Cable Operator. Website "preference center" features shall be easily identifiable and navigable by Customers, and shall be in a comparable size font as other billing information provided to Customers on a Cable Operator's website. A Customer who provides the Cable Operator with permission to disclose Personally Identifiable Information through any of the methods offered by a Cable Operator shall be provided follow-up notice, no less than annually, of the Customer's right to prohibit these disclosures and the options for the Customer to express his or her preference regarding disclosures. Such notice shall, at a minimum, be provided by an insert in the Cable Operator's bill (or other direct mail piece) to the Customer or a notice or message printed on the Cable Operator's bill to the Customer, and on the Cable Operator's website when a Customer logs in to view his or her Cable Service account options. The form of such notice shall also be provided on an annual basis to the Franchising Authority. These methods of notification to Customers may also include other comparable methods as submitted by the Cable Operator and approved by the Franchising Authority in its reasonable discretion.

#### G. Safety

A Cable Operator shall install and locate its facilities, cable system, and equipment in compliance with all federal, state, local, and company safety standards, and in such manner as shall not unduly interfere with or endanger persons or property. Whenever a Cable Operator receives notice that an unsafe condition exists with respect to its equipment, the Cable Operator shall investigate such condition immediately, and shall take such measures as are necessary to remove or eliminate any unsafe condition.

#### H. Cancellation of New Services

In the event that a new customer requests installation of Cable Service and is unsatisfied with their initial Cable Service, and provided that the customer so notifies the Cable Operator of their dissatisfaction within 30 days of initial installation, then such customer can request disconnection of Cable Service within 30 days of initial installation, and the Cable Operator shall provide a credit to the customer's account consistent with this Section. The customer will be required to return all equipment in good working order; provided such equipment is returned in such order, then the Cable Operator shall refund the monthly recurring fee for the new customer's first 30 days of Cable Service and any charges paid for installation. This provision does not apply to existing customers who request upgrades to their Cable Service, to discretionary Cable Service such as PPV or movies purchased and viewed On Demand, or to customer moves and/or transfers of Cable Service. The service credit shall be provided in the next billing cycle.

#### IV. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

### A. Complaints to a Cable Operator

- 1. A Cable Operator shall establish written procedures for receiving, acting upon, and resolving customer complaints, and crediting customer accounts and shall have such procedures printed and disseminated at the Cable Operator's sole expense, consistent with Section III.E.1.e of these Standards.
- 2. Said written procedures shall prescribe a simple manner in which any customer may submit a complaint by telephone or in writing to a Cable Operator that it has violated any provision of these Customer Service Standards, any terms or conditions of the customer's contract with the Cable Operator, or reasonable business practices. If a representative of the Franchising Authority notifies the Cable Operator of a customer complaint that has not previously been made by the customer to the Cable Operator, the complaint shall be deemed to have been made by the customer as of the date of the Franchising Authority's notice to the Cable Operator.
- 3. At the conclusion of the Cable Operator's investigation of a customer complaint, but in no more than ten (10) calendar days after receiving the complaint, the Cable Operator shall notify the customer of the results of its investigation and its proposed action or credit.
- 4. A Cable Operator shall also notify the customer of the customer's right to file a complaint with the Franchising Authority in the event the customer is dissatisfied with the Cable Operator's decision, and shall thoroughly explain the necessary procedures for filing such complaint with the Franchising Authority.
- 5. A Cable Operator shall immediately report all customer Escalated complaints that it does not find valid to the Franchising Authority.
- 6. A Cable Operator's complaint procedures shall be filed with the Franchising Authority prior to implementation.

# B. Complaints to the Franchising Authority

- 1. Any customer who is dissatisfied with any proposed decision of the Cable Operator or who has not received a decision within the time period set forth below shall be entitled to have the complaint reviewed by the Franchising Authority.
- 2. The customer may initiate the review either by calling the Franchising Authority or by filing a written complaint together with the Cable Operator's written decision, if any, with the Franchising Authority.
- 3. The customer shall make such filing and notification within twenty (20) days of receipt of the Cable Operator's decision or, if no decision has been provided, within thirty (30) days after filing the original complaint with the Cable Operator.

- 4. If the Franchising Authority decides that further evidence is warranted, the Franchising Authority shall require the Cable Operator and the customer to submit, within ten (10) days of notice thereof, a written statement of the facts and arguments in support of their respective positions.
- 5. The Cable Operator and the customer shall produce any additional evidence, including any reports from the Cable Operator, which the Franchising Authority may deem necessary to an understanding and determination of the complaint.
- 6. The Franchising Authority shall issue a determination within fifteen (15) days of receiving the customer complaint, or after examining the materials submitted, setting forth its basis for the determination.
- 7. The Franchising Authority may extend these time limits for reasonable cause and may intercede and attempt to negotiate an informal resolution.

### C. Security Fund or Letter of Credit

A Cable operator shall comply with any Franchise Agreement regarding Letters of Credit. If a Franchise Agreement is silent on Letter of Credit the following shall apply:

1. Within thirty (30) days of the written notification to a Cable Operator by the Franchising Authority that an alleged Franchise violation exists, a Cable Operator shall deposit with an escrow agent approved by the Franchising Authority fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or, in the sole discretion of the Franchising Authority, such lesser amount as the Franchising Authority deems reasonable to protect subscribers within its jurisdiction. Alternatively, at the Cable Operator's discretion, it may provide to the Franchising Authority an irrevocable letter of credit in the same amount. A letter of credit or cash deposit, with the approval of the Franchising Authority, may be posted jointly for more than one member of the CCUA, and may be administered, and drawn upon, jointly by the CCUA or drawn upon individually by each member; provided however that if such letter of credit or cash deposit is provided to CCUA on behalf of more than one of its members, the letter of credit or cash deposit may, in the sole discretion of CCUA and its effected members, be required in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

The escrowed funds or letter of credit shall constitute the "Security Fund" for ensuring compliance with these Standards for the benefit of the Franchising Authority. The escrowed funds or letter of credit shall be maintained by a Cable Operator at the amount initially required, even if amounts are withdrawn pursuant to any provision of these Standards, until any claims related to the alleged Franchise violation(s) are paid in full.

- 2. The Franchising Authority may require the Cable Operator to increase the amount of the Security Fund, if it finds that new risk factors exist which necessitate such an increase.
- 3. The Security Fund shall serve as security for the payment of any penalties, fees, charges or credits as provided for herein and for the performance by a Cable Operator of all its obligations under these Customer Service Standards.

4. The rights reserved to the Franchising Authority with respect to the Security Fund are in addition to all other rights of the Franchising Authority, whether reserved by any applicable franchise agreement or authorized by law, and no action, proceeding or exercise of a right with respect to same shall in any way affect, or diminish, any other right the Franchising Authority may otherwise have.

### **D.** Verification of Compliance

A Cable Operator shall establish its compliance with any or all of the standards required through annual reports that demonstrate said compliance, or as requested by the Franchising Authority.

# E. Procedure for Remedying Violations

- 1. If the Franchising Authority has reason to believe that a Cable Operator has failed to comply with any of these Standards, or has failed to perform in a timely manner, the Franchising Authority may pursue the procedures in its Franchise Agreement to address violations of these Standards in a like manner as other franchise violations are considered.
- 2. Following the procedures set forth in any Franchise Agreement governing the manner to address alleged Franchise violations, if the Franchising Authority determines in its sole discretion that the noncompliance has been substantiated, in addition to any remedies that may be provided in the Franchise Agreement, the Franchising Authority may:
- a. Impose assessments of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per day, to be withdrawn from the Security Fund in addition to any franchise fee until the non-compliance is remedied; and/or
- b. Order such rebates and credits to affected customers as in its sole discretion it deems reasonable and appropriate for degraded or unsatisfactory services that constituted noncompliance with these Standards; and/or
  - c. Reverse any decision of the Cable Operator in the matter and/or
  - d. Grant a specific solution as determined by the Franchising Authority; and/or
- e. Except for in emergency situations, withhold licenses and permits for work by the Cable Operator or its subcontractors in accordance with applicable law.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

#### A. Severability

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, term, or provision of these Standards be determined to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction with regard thereto, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, subsection, paragraph, term, or provision of these Standards, each of the latter of which shall remain in full force and effect.

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# B. Non-Waiver

Failure to enforce any provision of these Standards shall not operate as a waiver of the obligations or responsibilities of a Cable Operator under said provision, or any other provision of these Standards.

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# **Action Items**

### **Criminal Justice: Police Body Worn Camera Exemptions**

During CML's October policy committee meeting, staff were asked to explore the possibility of CML initiated legislation which would add language to establish two exemptions to the Body Worn Camera (BWC) statute. The bill would clarify two situations in which peace officers would not need to turn on their BWCs. One exception allows officers to turn off BWC in a facility where there is another audio and/or video recording system in place such as interrogation rooms, and during recorded phone calls. The other exception would be to clarify that officers and civilians working in an administrative staff role or function do not need to activate a BWC. These changes are intended to avoid redundant or unnecessary storage of police BWC footage for purposes of efficiency in recording and storage, especially where there is another audio and/or video recording system in place. The language of the bill, and the bill title will be very narrowly constructed to address the issues raised, without risking other issues encroaching on the bill. **Request: CML-initiated legislation**. *Lobbyist: Jeremy Schupbach* 

**Policy Statement:** The League supports ensuring that municipal governments retain flexibility in implementing federal and state criminal justice programs, and opposes undue burdens placed upon municipalities to report or provide municipal records to the public, state, or federal government.

# **Action Items**

# **Economic Development: County Revitalization Authority**

Proponents of county revitalization legislation are moving forward with a bill that creates a mechanism for counties to form revitalization authorities. The draft bill allows these authorities to use tax increment financing and private financing to fund improvements in unincorporated areas, similar to urban renewal authorities (URAs). The proposed legislation grants counties the legal authority to allocate property tax revenue to specific unincorporated areas with long-term financial commitments to make improvements necessary for development that provide desired public benefits. The draft also allows special districts and school districts to opt into an agreement to make tax increment payments to an authority but does not require them to do so, which is a departure from the statutory requirements for URAs. A finding of blight is not a precondition of formation, but rather a finding that development of the county revitalization area would provide a public benefit. As proposed, the formation of a county revitalization area does not include municipalities in the approval process beyond an opportunity to provide input and some approval criteria linked to impact on municipal services. Annexation of the developed territory is prohibited unless the municipality and the county authority agree to the satisfaction of any outstanding debt. CML is working with proponents to address a variety of concerns, including making recommendations to align county revitalization requirements more closely with those of URAs; provide specific limitations that protect municipal services and infrastructure; address annexation issues; and avoid conflicts with municipal growth plans. Staff recommendation: Oppose, unless amended. Lobbyist: Elizabeth Haskell

**Policy Statement:** The League opposes efforts to restrict municipal annexation authority; supports state laws and policies that encourage new residential, commercial, and industrial development to occur within existing municipalities and that discourage the sprawl of urban, suburban or exurban development into rural and unincorporated areas of the state; encourages measures that promote intergovernmental cooperation on land use issues; and supports the prohibition of the incorporation of new cities and towns adjacent to, or within the service areas of, existing municipalities.

# **Housing: Accessory Dwelling Units**

Rep. Amabile is carrying a bill regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The proposed bill would require that ADUs be permitted as a "use by right" where single unit detached dwellings are allowed for jurisdictions that are within Metropolitan Planning Organizations

and have populations over 1,000. The method and scope of preemption is unclear; the bill includes a placeholder for requirements or "accountability measures," proposing an "and/or" menu of additional criteria for jurisdictions to adopt. The bill likely would mandate review processes. Short-term rental limitations would be permitted. These provisions could conflict with standards in the many municipalities that permit ADUs already, as well as zoning district limitations. Compliant jurisdictions and other local governments that voluntarily meet the standards would qualify for funding from a new ADU Fee Reduction Grant Program. The program would backfill fees waived by local governments in connection with ADU construction and permitting. The funding methods are not settled, but could include two components, such as the RENU program and C-PACE program. CML would seek amendments to remove use by right language and any preemptions regarding processes and criteria and to ensure that any conditions are reasonable. Staff recommendation: Oppose, unless amended. Lobbyist: Bev Stables

**Policy Statement**: The League opposes delegation of municipal land use authority to state agencies or preemption of municipal land use controls; and opposes state action that attempts to weaken home rule authority and flexibility.

# **Housing: Transportation Oriented Communities (TOC)**

Rep. Woodrow and Rep. Jodeh, the House sponsors of last session's Senate Bill 23-213, will be carrying a bill addressing transit-oriented development this session. While many aspects of the bill remain largely undefined, the bill will identify "Housing Opportunity Goals" for subject jurisdictions that must be met within a certain distance of transit centers (e.g., commuter/light rail stations, bus rapid transit, and high-frequency bus lines). The goals will be based on the amount of area near transit in a jurisdiction and an required average housing density, adjusted for factors like "regional equity," infrastructure capacity, water, and other local conditions. These appear to mandatory for jurisdictions that are within Metropolitan Planning Organizations and have populations over 1,000, and other jurisdictions can voluntarily create "neighborhood centers" to access funding. The proposed bill will have four goals: supporting regulatory reform at all levels of government (e.g., application review processes); supporting funding for TOC infrastructure; supporting local flexibility; and supporting incentives and accountability. Funding sources for incentives are included in the Governor's proposed 2024 budget and include the TOC Infrastructure Fund (\$35 million), the Affordable Housing Tax Credit (\$30 million), and Strategic Growth Incentives (existing funds to be determined through Strategic Growth Executive Order process). The accountability measures are not specified – the sponsors and Governor's office stated they are open to "options on the accountability spectrum." CML would seek to remove preemptions and mandates, allowing municipalities to opt-in to receive funding, and to ensure that any conditions are reasonable. Staff recommendation: Oppose, unless amended. Lobbyist: Bev Stables

**Policy Statement**: The League opposes delegation of municipal land use authority to state agencies or preemption of municipal land use controls; and opposes state action that attempts to weaken home rule authority and flexibility.

# **Housing: Proposition 123 Legislative Fix**

Rep. Lindsey will carry a bill this session allowing a municipality that achieves 80% of the units required by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) under Prop 123 to be eligible to remain in the program for the following year. Proponents argue that this change will allow municipalities to retain staff needed to administer Prop 123 plans and development while supporting efforts to increase affordable housing. **Staff recommendation: Support.** *Lobbyist: Bev Stables* 

**Policy Statement**: The League supports an adequate supply of diverse housing options, regardless of income level, and continued public—and private—sector support for such an effort; supports the creation of an adequately financed statewide housing trust fund; supports state funding to support programs to address persons experiencing homelessness; supports state financial support for the Division of Housing's loan and grant program for low—and moderate—income housing.

# **Taxation: Property Tax: Lodging Property Tax Treatment**

The Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy will introduce a bill that classifies property designed for use as a residence, but that is only used for short-term rentals, as lodging property under the definition of hotels and motels. This excludes bed and breakfasts. The bill also requires that homes that are not used as primary residences but are used mostly as short-term rental units be classified and assessed as lodging property, beginning with the 2026 property tax year. These homes will be classified as lodging property if they were leased for short-term stays for more than 90 days during the year. The bill requires the owner of a property used at least one time per year for a short-term stay to annually submit an affidavit with the county assessor noting the number of days the home was used for short-term stays during the previous year. The Division of Property Taxation in DOLA is required to establish and administer a program to develop a statewide database and reporting system for tracking short-term rental units by county. **Staff Recommendation: Neutral.** *Lobbyist: Elizabeth Haskell* 

**Policy Statement:** The League supports the preservation, revitalization and redevelopment of existing neighborhoods; supports enhancement of municipalities' flexibility to finance public projects economically and efficiently; and supports appropriate efforts to permit application and enforcement of municipal ordinances, such as building

codes, fire codes, subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances, to buildings and improvements proposed to be constructed by government entities.

# Public Safety/ Criminal Justice: Ongoing Funding for 911 Resource Center

This bill, proposed by the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Interim Committee, requires an annual General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies beginning FY 2024-25. The PUC must remit the funds to support the expenses of the Colorado 911 Resource Center. The center must conduct annual surveys to evaluate efficiency and, because 911 call centers are largely run at the local level and local resources may differ, the Resource Center benefits municipalities by creating a statewide information database and clearinghouse that supports and educates local 911 professionals and helps keep the public and public safety responders of Colorado safe. **Staff Recommendation: Support.** *Lobbyist: Jeremy Schupbach* 

**Policy Statement:** The League supports state funds for those state agencies that serve as a resource to local emergency services. Supports close cooperation at all levels of government and increased federal funding to assist local government homeland security and first responder responsibilities.

# Public Safety: 911 Call Center Harassment and Non-Emergency Calls

In response to 911 Taskforce concerns regarding call centers that are chronically understaffed and are frequently tied up by non-emergency issues or callers harassing staff (ex: complaints over parking tickets, etc.), the Department of Public Safety is working with Rep. deGruy-Kennedy and the District Attorney's Council on a bill that would ensure that Public Safety Call Centers are included in state statute, thus avoiding any questions as to whether there is a law that will allow prosecution in instances of repeated calls where no emergency is present. **Staff Recommendation: Support.** *Lobbyist: Jeremy Schupbach* 

**Policy Statement:** The League supports close cooperation at all levels of government and increased federal funding to assist local government homeland security and first responder responsibilities.

# Water: Prohibition on Certain Landscaping Practices

After Jan. 1, 2025, the bill prohibits local governments and HOAs from allowing the installation, planting, or placement of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, or an invasive plant

species on any commercial, institutional, or industrial property. While the bill declares that preventing the installation of nonfunctional turf is a matter of statewide concern, the current bill draft applies only to local governments and HOAs and leaves out state owned and operated properties. Non-functional turf is defined as turf that is solely ornamental and located in areas such as street, sidewalk, driveway, parking lot, frontage areas, or median that is not regularly used for civic community or recreational purposes. It does not include turf used in parks, sports fields, or playgrounds. The bill does allow the maintenance of turf planted prior to Jan. 1, 2025, but prohibits new installation. **Staff Recommendation: Oppose.** *Lobbyist: Heather Stauffer* 

**Policy Statement**: The League opposes delegation of municipal land use authority to state agencies or preemption of municipal land use controls.

# Wildfire: Assist Rural Community Wildfire-Related Grant App

The bill requires that the Rural Opportunity Office in the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) provide technical assistance to rural communities to identify and apply for state and federal grants for wildfire mitigation, prevention, response, or risk-management efforts. OEDIT must also maintain a list of government grant programs on its website. Beginning July 1, 2025, OEDIT must make a biennial report to the General Assembly summarizing the work to assist rural communities with grant identification and application. **Staff Recommendation: Support.** *Lobbyist: Heather Stauffer* 

**Policy Statement:** The League supports state financial support to assist local governments with disaster mitigation, response, and recovery in their communities.

# Wildfire: Local government disaster-related programs

The bill creates two programs to support local governments in wildfire risk mitigation. **Slash removal pilot program.** The bill directs the Department of Natural Resources to create a pilot program supporting county efforts to remove slash, which is the residue created by wildfire risk mitigation efforts. The department, in consultation with counties that already have slash removal programs, must select counties to participate in the pilot program and provide knowledge and resources to facilitate slash removal.

Post-disaster debris removal. The bill directs the Department of Public Safety to
provide guidance to local governments to facilitate debris removal following a
disaster. This includes negotiating with the Federal Emergency Management
Agency, developing standard forms and procedures, and ensuring that local
programs are limited to residential, rather than commercial, debris removal. The

department must publish this guidance on its website and update it as necessary. **Staff Recommendation: Support.** *Lobbyist: Heather Stauffer* 

**Policy Statement:** The League supports state financial support to assist local governments with disaster mitigation, response, and recovery in their communities.

# Information items

### **CML-Initiated Housing Bill**

Based on direction from the policy committee and CML executive board, staff is working with Sen. Zenzinger and Sen. Kirkmeyer and Rep. Bird on a housing bill with the following concepts included:

- Directing DOLA to: (1) create guidance for creating regional and local housing needs assessments for 5, 10, and 20 year timelines; (2) maintain directories of housing and land use practices and standards focused on affordability and displacement mitigation; (3) create a water supply forecast and natural land/agricultural opportunities report; (4) study market conditions and limitations on the construction of for-sale multifamily residential housing; and (5) provide \$15 million for technical assistance and planning grants and promote regional cooperation.
- Local governments over 4,999 in population would create a housing needs assessment by 2027 every 5 years or participate in a regional assessment every 8 years. Regions would be defined voluntarily. Local governments must also conduct an biennial public review of progress and create a report and "proposed action plan" that would be submitted to DOLA.
- By 2027, county/municipal master plans must include a water element (currently optional) and a housing element (new) with a reasonable plan to promote development of dwellings identified by the housing needs assessment. These would be updated every 5 years. Plans would also describe the plan's formation and consider state-provided information.
- Prioritization (or qualification) for designated state funding sources would be given for: completing assessments; conducting annual review and report; maintaining a master plan with required elements; or adopting elements of DOLA's directory of housing and land use practices. Municipalities could be eligible for affordable housing planning and infrastructure funding for adopting certain standards.
- New HOA covenants could not prohibit ADUs or middle housing where allowed by local zoning. Lobbyist: Beverly Stables

### Beer & Liquor: Liquor Advisory Group (LAG) Final Report and Legislation

The LAG will issue its final report on Dec. 1, 2023. The report includes 28 consensus recommendations focused on modernizing, clarifying, and harmonizing Colorado's Liquor Code while providing consumers with protections and public safety initiatives. Several of the recommendations are expected to be presented in one bill that will be introduced in the 2024 legislative session. Consensus recommendations that will likely be included in the legislation and that are of high interest to local licensing authorities and their communities include the following:

- allow catering companies to obtain a temporary permit to sell and serve alcohol in unlicensed location;
- expand the marketing allowances for the existing performing arts license;
- implement an online renewal process connecting state and local liquor officials, or standardize a renewal form to be used by local licensing authorities;
- adjust license renewal from every year to every two years (allows municipalities to require one year renewal as a consequence to a violation);
- make hearings for new license applications optional;
- remove licensing fee caps from statute;
- increase the processing timeline for retail establishment permits to a minimum of 30 days; and
- allow businesses to remain open until 4 a.m. with the last call completed by 2 a.m.

The report also includes a few non-consensus items that are likely to appear in separate legislation. One recommendation of interest relates to allowing malt liquor and spiritous liquor manufacturers to apply for up to five sales rooms. Another seeks to direct the Department of Revenue to create rules allowing the Liquor Enforcement Division to work more collaboratively with local partners to establish guidelines on application review timelines and processes. **Lobbyist: Elizabeth Haskell** 

### **Housing: Strategic Growth**

As part of the Governor's housing legislation package, Sen. Roberts will be running a bill to address strategic growth. While legislative concepts have not yet been made available, the CML Advocacy Team hopes to find out more soon and is hoping to work with Sen. Roberts to draft an affordable housing bill that does not preempt local control. **Lobbyist: Beverly Stables** 

#### **Broadband: Multi-Dwelling Units and Mobile Home Broadband Access**

Rep. Boesenecker and Colorado Counties, Inc. (Larimer County) are working in partnership with their local municipal broadband providers and have numerous projects to expand fiber broadband services into mobile home parks and multi-family dwelling

units. However, they are often refused entry by the owner of the property or asked to provide financial incentives for entry. As a result, those projects are on hold and the residents will not have access to high-speed internet services if the owner refuses to allow entry. We expect a bill this session which will modify the statutes to prevent owners of multi-family dwelling units, multi-tenant units, and mobile home parks from barring voter approved publicly owned and operated broadband and publicly owned and operated municipal or county broadband from providing services to residences. *Lobbyist: Jeremy Schupbach* 

#### Taxes/ Fees: Real Estate Transfer Fee

A group of local government stakeholders is exploring a bill that permits municipalities and counties to collect a Real Estate Transfer Fee when a real estate transaction takes place. A preliminary draft provides local governments with the authority to impose the fee in any amount they determine up to 4% of the value of the property transferred, with the ability to waive the fee for properties valued up to an amount determined by the local government. The draft also provides that counties may impose a fee up until a municipality imposes a fee, at which point the county's fee goes away or can remain pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the municipality. Fee revenue would be directed to affordable housing projects although the group is discussing additional uses. This group plans to continue meeting to develop a process that is beneficial to local governments and addresses constitutional and other policy concerns. **Lobbyist: Elizabeth Haskell** 

### Public Safety: Strengthen Response to Behavioral Health Crises

This bill is proposed by the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Interim Committee. Beginning on July 1, 2026, the bill expands the crisis response system administered by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to include substance use disorder withdrawal management services and prohibits the use of jails for emergency commitments of persons under the influence of or incapacitated by substances. Additionally, the bill requires facility-based crisis service providers to be able to accept persons pursuant to an emergency commitment and requires the BHA to license crisis service providers. Finally, the bill requires local law enforcement agencies that take persons into protective custody pursuant to an emergency commitment to annually report certain data about these persons to the BHA starting Jan. 1, 2025. The BHA must use the data for planning service levels and must protect personal information.

The bill increases local law enforcement workload to provide the data on emergency commitments required by the bill and to ensure emergency commitments are placed

appropriately. The increase will vary by jurisdiction depending on the number of emergency commitments. *Lobbyist: Jeremy Schupbach* 

# **Transportation: Electric Vehicle Charging Permitting**

The Colorado Department of Energy has been holding stakeholder meetings and may run a bill next session that is based off a recently published report through the Sustainable Energy Action Committee ("Planning and Zoning Guidance for Electric Vehicle Charger Deployment") that establishes best practices and identifies challenges for standardizing local permitting of EV charging stations. CML is continuing to participate in stakeholder meetings with the department. **Lobbyist: Beverly Stables** 

# **Criminal Justice: Requiring Identification on Traffic Infractions**

The Colorado Department of Public Safety and Colorado State Patrol are considering a bill in the upcoming legislative session to revert the penalty for failure to provide identification back to a misdemeanor, enabling law enforcement to take necessary measures for proper identification.

Recent legislative changes reduced the penalty for failure to provide identification during a traffic stop from a misdemeanor to a Class A traffic infraction under C.R.S. 42-2-115. According to the department the change means officers lack the authority to take additional measures, such as arrest, to identify someone who refuses to provide identification. Without proper identification, law enforcement may be prevented from issuing traffic citations, questioning suspects, or locating warrants for suspects in a crime. By lowering the penalty to a traffic violation, peace officers do not have the ability to compel cooperation or enforce identification requirements, thus affecting their ability to interact with a suspect as necessary. In returning the penalty to a misdemeanor, officers will be able to issue citations and act on active warrants as necessary for the protection of public safety. *Lobbyist: Jeremy Schupbach* 

# YMCA of Northern Colorado Johnstown Community YMCA Summary Operating Statement Month Ending September 30, 2023

	Preso	Preschool		Operations		Consolidated	
Revenue	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	
Financial Assistance	(1,796)	(51,910)	(1,568)	(25,866)	(3,364)	(77,776)	
Contracts & Grants	-	70,732	-	8,460	-	79,192	
Preschool Fees	80,627	541,952	-	-	80,627	541,952	
Membership	-	-	127,733	1,176,742	127,733	1,176,742	
Health & Wellness	-	-	10,027	129,851	10,027	129,851	
Childwatch Fees	-	-		-	-	-	
Merchandise Sales	-	-		385	-	385	
Other Income	-	-		46,528	-	46,528	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	78,831	560,774	136,192	1,336,100	215,023	1,896,874	
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Expense							
Salaries & Wages	54,190	378,705	111,608	835,199	165,798	1,213,904	
Employee Benefits	3,149	26,247	4,016	31,600	7,165	57,847	
Payroll Taxes	5,404	38,333	10,962	80,855	16,366	119,188	
Contract Services	-	-	1,220	34,813	1,220	34,813	
Supplies	-	38	3,356	41,098	3,356	41,136	
Telephone	120	1,040	1,250	14,792	1,370	15,832	
Occupancy & Insurance	687	5,707	42,761	430,518	43,448	436,225	
Equipment	-	-	1,348	9,493	1,348	9,493	
Employee/Volunteer Costs	2,501	3,649	292	9,246	2,793	12,895	
Program Costs	9,845	22,713	695	12,261	10,540	34,974	
Administrative Costs	-	1,975	10	7,671	10	9,646	
Merchandise Costs	-	-	-	981	-	981	
Total Expense	75,896	478,407	177,518	1,508,527	253,414	1,986,934	
Net Outcome	2,935	82,367	(41,326)	(172,427)	(38,391)	(90,060)	
	15.3% YMCA Administrative Fee			(38,772)	(304,001)		
	YMCA Investment  YMCA Cost Recovery				(77,163)	(394,061)	
					41,667	375,003	
	Cost Recovery Variance				(35,496)	(19,058)	