Authorization to Proceed with Electronic Public Hearings

On March 17, 2020, the Town of Carbondale passed Resolution No. 6, Series of 2020 (Resolution) which declared there was a local disaster in Carbondale, Colorado as a result of COVID-19, requiring emergency actions to protect public health.

Section 5 of that Resolution adopts the Emergency Participation Policy (Policy) which was attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A.

Section IV.A. of the Policy provides for Electronic Participation for quasi-judicial matters, i.e. as public hearings for land use applications. This section requires, for pending land use applications, that the Town present the applicant with options for proceeding with the application. The two options included in the resolution are as follows:

1. Conduct the public hearing under this policy with accommodations made for electronic public participation; or

2. Suspend any and all review and decisions deadlines until such time that the local disaster emergency is lifted and the Town schedules regular meetings at which a quorum will be physically present.

The resolution requires that the applicant authorize the Town, in writing, to proceed with one of the options.

If you wish to proceed with conducting the public hearing with electronic participation, please sign and date the following:

I authorize the Town to proceed with the public hearing with accommodations made for electronic participation. I acknowledge that holding a quasi-judicial hearing with electronic participation presents certain legal risks and involves an area of present legal uncertainty, however, I agree to accept such risks and uncertainties. I also agree to waive any claims against the Town concerning the use of electronic means to conduct a public hearing.

__________________________________________  __________________________________________
Signature                                      Printed Name

Project Name __________________________________________________________

Date____________________________
If you wish to suspend the review process, please sign and date the following:

I authorize the Town to suspend any and all review and decisions deadlines until such time that the disaster emergency is lifted and the Town schedules regular meetings at which a quorum will be physically present.

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Signature                                      Printed Name

Project Name ____________________________________________________________

Date__________________________________________________________