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Resolution 2021-03

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENT TO TITLE 21 CHAPTER 9 COMMERCIAL PARKING CODE

WHEREAS, Girdwood is a small, compact residential and outdoor recreation community with a desire to maintain a pedestrian friendly environment, as outlined in the 1995 Girdwood Area Plan and extensively shown in community surveys undertaken as part of the ongoing Comprehensive plan rewrite, and

WHEREAS, although adequate parking is necessary to support local commercial activity, excessive parking accommodation both detracts from the scenic qualities of Girdwood and encourages motorized vehicle use, and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use code in Title 21 Chapter 9, defers to the municipal-wide code of Title 21 Chapter 07 for commercial parking standards, despite the very different geography, land use regulations and transportation usage patterns of Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, meeting the current 21.07 parking standards has been an insurmountable hurdle for almost all commercial development or redevelopment in Girdwood since the new Title 21 adoption, and almost all current commercial uses in Girdwood rely on grandfathered parking rights; and

WHEREAS, the amount and distribution of existing parking capacity in Girdwood meets the community's usual needs outside of special events; and

WHEREAS, the current commercial off-street parking is adequate for the community's needs with the sole exception of the mountain base area adjacent to Olympic Mountain Loop; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee has heard updates on the process used by the Title 21 Chapter 9 review subcommittee on several occasions and voted to recommend this

GBOS Resolution of Support at their Feb 8, 2021 Regular Meeting by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.

THEREFORE, Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the process used by Girdwood's Title 21 Chapter 9 review subcommittee to use existing parking capacity as the basis for the parking needs of the community.

Passed and approved by a vote of 5 to 0 by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of February, 2021.

Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor, GBOS

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February 16, 2021 Date

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