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Austin Quinn-Davidson, Acting Mayor GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Resolution 2021-13

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN Title 21, Chapter 9

WHEREAS, Girdwood is a pedestrian-friendly community, with trail access and free public transportation that links public resources, the town center and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood has emphasized the desire to remain a community that encourages public transportation or pedestrian access to the resources within the valley through existing Land Use Plans and in those that are being drafted currently; and

WHEREAS, Title 21 Chapter 9 currently defers to provisions of AMC Chapter 7 for commercial parking standards, despite the different geography, land use regulations and transportation use patterns in Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Title 21 Chapter 9 Review Committee determined Commercial Parking revision to be their top priority as change to parking will allow for better development of new commercial enterprises and will allow for current existing development to continue unimpeded by unnecessary parking requirements that they are unable to meet; and

WHEREAS, the Title 21 Chapter 9 Review Committee studied existing parking and uses and has recommended a scaling back of parking requirements based on the use, the softening of the requirement for paving of all commercial lots, clarification of no parking in the first 10' of setbacks, and removal of medians in parking lots as medians and landscaping restrict snow clearing operations; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee recommended this Resolution of Support for changes to commercial parking requirements in Title 21 Chapter 9 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed at the regular Girdwood Lane Use Committee meeting on June 14, 2021;

THEREFORE, in order to provide for the needs of the community and visitors and to maintain the pedestrian-friendly environment that the community desires, Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the changes proposed to commercial parking in Girdwood as presented by the Title 21 Chapter 9 Review Committee.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 21st day of June, 2021.

Mike Edgington, Girdwood Land Use Committee Chair

Date 6/22/21

Attest