TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALL APPOINTED BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TO REMOVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE FIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to amend Chapter 2 of the Town of Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code to amend the terms of office for all appointed board, commission, and committee members and to remove the residency requirements for the parks, recreation and trails advisory committee and the fire mitigation advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees intends to pass a resolution concurrently with this Ordinance to adjust the terms of office of existing members of the Town's appointed boards, commissions, and committees, without shortening the term of any existing member, so that they are consistent with the amendments made by this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 2-163(b) of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

The term of the ex officio member shall correspond to their official tenure. The term of each voting member shall be two years or until their successor takes office. Initial terms of membership shall be as follows: Two members shall be appointed to a one-year term and three members shall be appointed to a two-year term, ending on December 31. Thereafter, as the terms expire, all appointments shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31 for a period of two years. A voting member may be removed by the board of trustees upon the filing of a written statement by a member of the board of trustees if, after public hearing, the board of trustees finds the member has committed inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

Section 2. Section 2-173(b) of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

The term of the ex officio member shall correspond to their official tenure. The term of each voting member shall be two years or until their successor takes office. Initial terms of membership shall be as follows: Two members shall be appointed to a one-year term and three members shall be appointed to a two-year term, ending on December 31. Thereafter, as the terms expire, all appointments shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31 for a period of two years. A voting member may be removed by the board of trustees upon the filing of a written statement by

a member of the board of trustees if, after public hearing, the board of trustees finds the member has committed inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

Section 3. Section 2-183 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-183 – Membership.

The parks, recreation and trails advisory committee shall consist of five members appointed by the board of trustees. In addition to regular appointed members, one board of trustee member shall serve as an ex officio member of the parks, recreation and trails advisory committee and may take part in discussions but shall not vote.

<u>Section 4</u>. Section 2-193 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-193 – Membership.

The fire mitigation advisory committee shall consist of five members appointed by the board of trustees. Persons interested in becoming members shall complete and submit an application with the town's policy on advisory committees, appointments to outside agencies and volunteers. In addition to regular appointed members, one board of trustee member shall serve as an ex officio member of the fire mitigation advisory committee and shall take part in discussions but shall not vote.

<u>Section 5</u>. Section 2-203(a) of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-203 – Members and alternates; appointments and requirements.

(a) All members of any board, committee, or commission, except the parks, recreation and trails advisory committee, and the fire mitigation advisory committee, shall be residents of the town. All members of any board, committee, or commission shall be appointed by the board of trustees. For purposes of this chapter, "resident" shall mean a person who has resided in the town and considered the town their primary place of residence for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the appointment, can demonstrate residency via verification documents as required by the town, and would otherwise be eligible to hold municipal office pursuant to law.

<u>Section 6</u>. Section 2-204 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-204 – Terms of office and appointment.

Appointments to all boards, committees, and commissions shall be made by the board of trustees for two-year terms. Members shall serve without compensation. Initial terms of membership shall be as follows: Two members shall be appointed

to a one-year term, and three members shall be appointed to a two-year term, ending on December 31. Thereafter, as the terms expire, all appointments shall be for a period of two years and shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31. Any members whose term expires may seek reappointment. Term limits shall not apply.

<u>Section 7</u>. <u>Severability</u>. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or enforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.

<u>Section 8</u>. <u>Safety</u>. The Board of Trustees finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the public.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication.

ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED the 3rd day of October, 2023, at the Green Mountain Falls Town Hall, 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road, Green Mountain Falls, Colorado 80819.

Todd Dixon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bo Avad, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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