1	CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO							
2	ORDINANCE NO.							
3	Series, 2017							
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5	INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS:							
6 7	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, AMENDING TITI							
8 9 10	WHEREAS, the planning commission, at its regular meeting on April 26, 2017, held a public hearing and voted to recommend approval of an ordinance amending title 11 of the city code, Chapter 9 regarding subdivision exemption; and							
11 12 13	WHEREAS, the city council finds that the proposed amendments to the city code are in the best interest of the city and will promote the public health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants;							
14 15	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:							
16	Section 1: Section 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby amended as follows:							
17	11-1-2: PURPOSE AND INTENT OF CHAPTER:							
18 19 20	It is the purpose and intent of this chapter:							
21 22	(A) To promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens of the city.							
23 24 25 26	(B) To establish standards of subdivision design which will encourage the development of sound, economical and stable neighborhoods, to ensure a healthy living environment, and to protect the natural environment.							
27 28 29	(C) To provide for lots of adequate size, configuration, and appropriate design for the intended uses.							
30 31	(D) To encourage subdivision design flexibility and imagination.							
32 33 34	(E) To provide for streets and walkways of appropriate capacity and construction with adequate measures to ensure safe movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.							
35 36 37	(F) To ensure the provision of efficient, adequate and economical utilities, services and improvements.							

(G) To provide for the coordination of subdivision development with requirements of schools,
 parks, recreation areas and other community facilities, and to ensure the provision of such
 facilities.

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(H) To ensure the desirable development of the community through the adherence to accepted principles of land use, intensity of development, distribution of growth, preservation of natural amenities and other elements of the city's development plans. (1971 Code § 22.2)

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IT IS THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS CHAPTER:

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- THE PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE 11 IS TO ARRANGE LAND INTO LEGAL LOTS OF
- 49 RECORD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
- 50 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER. SUBDIVISION OF LAND IS A PROCEDURE
- 51 IN WHICH LAND IS DIVIDED INTO LOTS, BLOCKS, AND TRACTS FOR TRANSFER OF
- 52 OWNERSHIP OR DEVELOPMENT. AT THE SUBDIVISION STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT,
- 53 THE SUBDIVIDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINALIZING RIGHT-OF-WAY, EASEMENT,
- 54 AND OTHER PUBLIC LAND DEDICATIONS, AS APPLICABLE, AS WELL AS LOT,
- 55 BLOCK, AND TRACT CONFIGURATIONS FOR THE LAND INCLUDED IN THE
- 56 APPLICATION. IN ADDITION, ALL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH
- 57 THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ARE IDENTIFIED AND QUANTIFIED AT THIS STAGE.
- 58 THE SUBDIVIDER MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A SUBDIVISION
- 59 IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT (SIA) WITH THE CITY TO GUARANTEE THAT THE
- 60 APPROPRIATE IMPROVEMENT COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE SUBDIVIDER.

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Section 2: Section 4 (A) and (B) of Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby amended as follows:

11-1-4: VIOLATIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES:

- _A) No owner or agent of the owner of any land shall transfer, sell, agree to sell or offer to sell any land by reference to or by use of a plan or plat of a subdivision before such plan or plat has been approved in accordance with the provisions of this title and recorded with the county clerk and recorder.
- (A) NO OWNER OR AGENT OF THE OWNER OF ANY LAND SHALL TRANSFER, SELL,
 AGREE TO SELL OR OFFER TO SELL ANY LAND BEFORE A PLAT FOR SUCH
 LAND HAS BEEN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
 TITLE AND RECORDED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.
 - _B) No building permits shall be issued for the construction or alteration of any structure on any property unless a plat of such property has been prepared, approved and recorded in accordance with the requirements of this title, except as exempted in section 4-1-9 of this code.

- 77 (B) NO BUILDING PERMITS OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED FOR
- 78 THE CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF ANY STRUCTURE ON ANY
- 79 PROPERTY UNLESS A PLAT OF SUCH PROPERTY HAS BEEN PREPARED,
- 80 APPROVED AND RECORDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
- THIS TITLE EXCEPT AS EXEMPTED IN SECTION 4-1-9 OF THIS CODE.
- Section 3: Section 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby amended with the addition of the following definitions:
- 84 ADJACENT: SEPARATED FROM THE SUBJECT LOT(S) OR PARCEL(S) BY ONE OF
- 85 THE FOLLOWING: LOT LINE, PROPERTY BOUNDARY, RIGHT-OF-WAY, PRIVATE
- 86 STREET, ALLEY OR EASEMENT.

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- 88 BLOCK FACE: ONE SIDE OF A STREET BETWEEN TWO CONSECUTIVE FEATURES
- 89 INTERSECTING THAT STREET. THE FEATURES CAN BE OTHER STREETS, ALLEYS,
- 90 OR OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY.
- 91 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A WRITTEN METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF THE
- 92 BOUNDARY OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY BY A PROFESSIONAL LAND
- 93 SURVEYOR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERPETUATING LOCATION AND TITLE. THE
- 94 DESCRIPTION MUST RECITE ALL TIES AND MONUMENTS, RECORDED OR
- 95 PHYSICAL, WHICH WILL DETERMINE THE CORRECT POSITION OF THE
- 96 BOUNDARY, ALL REFERENCES TO ADJOINING LANDS BY NAME AND RECORD,
- 97 AND A FULL DIMENSIONAL RECITAL OF THE BOUNDARY COURSES IN
- 98 SUCCESSION WHICH SHALL BE MATHEMATICALLY CORRECT. THE DESCRIPTION
- 99 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXHIBIT OR MAP SHOWING ALL PERTINENT
- 100 INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE NARRATIVE.
- 101 LOT: THE UNIT INTO WHICH LAND IS DIVIDED ON A SUBDIVISION PLAT WITH
- 102 THE INTENTION OF SEPARATE OWNERSHIP OR USE.
- 103 PARCEL: A TRACT OR PLOT OF LAND OF ANY SIZE THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE
- 104 SUBDIVIDED.
- 105 REPLAT: A RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF AN APPROVED AND RECORDED
- 106 FINAL PLAT THAT WILL CHANGE LOT CONFIGURATION OR CREATE NEW LOTS
- 107 AND TRACTS: AN AMENDED PLAT.
- 108 RESUBDIVISION: ANY MODIFICATION OF LAND PREVIOUSLY SUBDIVIDED OR
- 109 PLATTED.

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- 111 Section 4: Chapter 9, Subdivision Exemption of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby
- 112 repealed:
- 113 11-9-1: PURPOSE OF CHAPTER:

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114	11-9-2: ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBDIVISION EXEMPTIONS:
115	11-9-3: PROCEDURES:
116	11-9-1: PURPOSE OF CHAPTER:
117	It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to allow the owner or purchaser of land, or agent
118	thereof, to divide such land into not more than two (2) parcels, which meet the
119	requirements of the governing zone district classification, without requiring
120	submission of a subdivision plat. Approval of a subdivision exemption shall not
121	exempt the applicant from securing and/or providing the necessary
122	improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street
 123	paving, storm drainage and utilities. Such land, or parcel which results from the
124	approval of a subdivision exemption as hereinafter provided, shall not be
125	eligible for any subsequent division under the provisions of this chapter. (Ord.
126	36, Series of 1979)
127	11-9-2: ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBDIVISION EXEMPTIONS:
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129	The following procedures shall apply to all applications for subdivision exemptions: (Ord. 36,
130	Series of 1979)
131	(A) Eligibility For Subdivision Exemptions: The owner, purchaser, or agent thereof, must
132	verify all of the following requirements prior to the submittal of a subdivision
133	exemption application to the department of community development:
134	1. A division of land must not exceed two (2) lots;
135	2. Such division will not violate the minimum requirements of the governing zone district
136	classifications, the subdivision regulations and other applicable city ordinances
137	and resolutions;
138	3. All lots must abut a dedicated and accepted city street;
139	4. The applicant must show evidence that adequate sanitary sewer facilities exist to serve the
140	subject lots;
141	5. The applicant must show evidence that adequate water facilities exist to serve the subject
142	lots. (Ord. 20, Series of 2012)
143	(B) Compliance: Any proposed subdivision exemption which does not comply with all of the
144	requirements as defined hereinabove shall be considered as a minor or major
145	subdivision as applicable. (Ord. 36, Series of 1979)

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146	11-9-3: PROCEDURES:						
147 148 149	(A) Pr	eparation: The subdivider shall cause the preparation of a subdivision exemption map by a registered land surveyor. The map shall comply with the provisions of these regulations, and other ordinances of the city and state law.					
150 151 152 153 154	(B) Submission: The applicant shall submit the application and the subdivision exemption map pursuant to the requirements and process described in section 11-2-2 of this title. The application deadlines, required number of copies and map details shall be in accordance with the operating standards as established by the department of community development.						
155 156 157 158 159 160	(C) Ac	Iministrative Action: City staff shall review the proposed subdivision exemption map for compliance with the provisions of this title, other applicable regulations, the comprehensive plan, existing and proposed development, and comments from affected agencies. City staff may approve the application, approve the application subject to modifications, or recommend the application be processed under the major or minor subdivision procedure. (Ord. 20, Series of 2012)					
161	Sectio	n 5: Chapter 9 of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby replaced as follows:					
162 163 164	ADMINISTRATIVE PLATS OR REPLATS FOR ONE (1) OR TWO (2) LOTS 11-9-1 PURPOSE:						
165	СНАР	TER 9: ADMINISTRATIVE PLATS AND REPLATS					
166	11-9-1: PURPOSE:						
167 168 169	TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS FOR MINOR CHANGES TO SUBDIVISION PLATS AND UNPLATTED PARCELS THAT RESULT IN THE CREATION OF NO MORE THAN TWO (2) PLATTED LOTS.						
170	11-9-2: APPLICABILITY:						
171 172 173 174	(A)	THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS MAY BE APPROVED IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT, PROVIDED THE RESULTING PLAT DOES NOT CREATE MORE THAN TWO (2) PLATTED LOTS AND DOES NOT MERGE MORE THAN TWO (2) PARCELS (PLATTED OR UNPLATTED) INTO A SINGLE PLATTED LOT:					
175	1.	A REQUEST TO PLAT UNPLATTED PROPERTY;					
176 177	2.	A REQUEST TO MOVE, RECONFIGURE, OR REVISE AN EXISTING PLATTED LOT LINE;					

178 179 180	3.	A REQUEST TO ADJUST A PLATTED SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY BETWEEN NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) EXISTING PLATTED LOTS WITHIN TWO (2) SEPARATE FILINGS OR SUBDIVISIONS;
181 182 183	4.	A REQUEST TO ADJUST A PLATTED SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE AN UNPLATTED PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN AN EXISTING ADJACENT SUBDIVISION;
184 185 186 187	5.	A REQUEST TO VACATE AN EXISTING PLATTED EASEMENT OR BUILDING ENVELOPE ON AN EXISTING PLATTED LOT, PROVIDED THAT THE BUILDING ENVELOPE OR EASEMENT WAS DEDICATED AND DESIGNATED THROUGH A PLAT AND ONLY AFFECTS THE SUBJECT LOT;
188	6.	A REQUEST TO MERGE PLATTED LOTS; OR
189 190	7.	A REQUEST TO CORRECT MISSPELLINGS OR OTHER MINOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ON RECORDED PLATS.
191	(B)	RESTRICTIONS
192 193	1.	REQUESTS REQUIRING THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY MAY NOT BE PROCESSED AS ADMINISTRATIVE PLATS.
194 195 196 197	2.	REQUESTS REQUIRING THE DEDICATION OF EASEMENTS MAY NOT BE PROCESSED AS ADMINISTRATIVE PLATS. EASEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN DEDICATED BY SEPARATE INSTRUMENTS PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT MAY BE NOTED ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT.
198 199 200 201 202 203 204	3.	NO LOTS PREVIOUSLY CREATED THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT PROCESS MAY BE ADDITIONALLY DIVIDED OR MERGED THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT PROCESS. LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN TWO EXISTING LOTS CREATED THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT MAY BE PROCESSED AS A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT PROCESS.
205 206 207 208	4.	NO LOT THAT HAS BEEN CREATED THROUGH THE MERGER OF TWO LOTS USING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT PROCESS MAY BE MERGED WITH ANY ADDITIONAL LOTS OR PARCELS OR TRACTS OF LAND THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT PROCESS.
209 210 211	5.	NO LOT OR PARCEL THAT HAS BEEN CREATED THROUGH A SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION MAY BE FURTHER DIVIDED THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT PROCESS.

212 213 214	6.	NO LOT OR PARCEL THAT HAS BEEN MERGED THROUGH A SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION PROCESS MAY BE FURTHER MERGED THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS.						
215 216 217	(C)	ANY REQUEST THAT DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSING AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT MAY BE PROCESSED AS AN APPLICATION FOR A MAJOR OR MINOR SUBDIVISION, AS APPLICABLE.						
218	11-9-3	B: PROCEDURE:						
219	(A)	PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING						
220 221 222	APPL	R TO THE SUBMITTAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT APPLICATION, THE ICANT SHALL MEET WITH STAFF FOR A CONCEPT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE JEST, THE PROCEDURES, AND THE SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS.						
223	(B)	APPLICATION SUBMITTAL						
224 225 226 227 228	PURS 11-5, A THE (APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT APPLICATION UANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 11-1, AND 11-6 OF THIS TITLE, AS APPLICABLE TO THE REQUESTED PLAT, AND OPERATING STANDARDS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNITY DEVELOPMENT.						
229	11-9-4	: CRITERIA FOR DECISION:						
230 231		DMINISTRATIVE PLAT SHALL BE APPROVED ONLY IF THE DIRECTOR RMINES THAT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET:						
232 233 234 235 236 237 238	(A)	EACH PARCEL CREATED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT COMPLIES WITH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNING ZONE DISTRICT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE MAXIMUM DENSITY AND MINIMUM OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS, THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND OTHER APPLICABLE CITY ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. MULTIPLE ZONE DISTRICTS MAY NOT BE CONTAINED WITHIN ONE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT;						
239 240 241 242 243 244 245	(B)	EACH PARCEL CREATED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT IS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING CHARACTER OF THE BLOCK FACE ON WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED. LOTS THAT ARE MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) GREATER IN EITHER LOT SIZE, DEPTH, OR WIDTH OF A TYPICAL AVERAGE EXISTING LOT ON THE SAME BLOCK FACE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT. LOTS THAT ARE LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE (25%) SMALLER IN EITHER LOT SIZE, DEPTH, OR						

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246 247		ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT.
248 249 250	(C)	EACH PARCEL CREATED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT HAS ADEQUATE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES AND ADEQUATE ACCESS TO A PUBLIC STREET.
251 252 253	(D)	IF THE REQUEST IS TO DIVIDE UNSUBDIVIDED LAND IN AN EXISTING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, EACH LOT OR PARCEL RESULTING FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT SHALL BE ONE (1) ACRE OR SMALLER IN SIZE.
254	11-9-5	APPEALS:
255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266	DEVE COUN GROU ADMI AND S ADMI OPPO COUN DECIS	PPLICANT MAY APPEAL THE ACTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LOPMENT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT TO THE CITY ICIL. SUCH APPEAL MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, SPECIFYING THE UNDS THE APPEAL IS BEING MADE, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE INISTRATIVE ACTION. THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE THE APPEAL REQUEST SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE INISTRATIVE ACTION, AT WHICH TIME THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE THE RTUNITY TO PRESENT INFORMATION OF ITS CHOOSING TO THE CITY ICIL. THE COUNCIL MAY APPROVE THE PLAT AS SUBMITTED, AFFIRM THE SION OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR REQUIRE A DR OR MINOR SUBDIVISION TO BE PROCESSED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS IS.
267 268 269 270 271 272	ordina remair this or irrespe	n 6: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this nce is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the ning sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed dinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, ective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrase e declared invalid.
274 275 276 277	ordina	n 7: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this nce are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of rdinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.
278		INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council
279	of the	City of Littleton on the day of, 2017, passed on first reading by a vote of

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280	FOR and AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis								
281	Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.								
282	PUBLI	C HEARING	on	the	Ordinance	to	take	place	on
283	the, 2017, in the Council Chambers, Littleton Center, 2255 West Ber								
284	Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.								1.
285	PASSE	D on second and	final	reading	, following p	ublic	hearing,	by a voi	te of
286	FOR and AGA	INST on the	_day o	f		2017	and orde	ered publi	shed
287	by posting at Littleto	on Center, Bemis	Librar	y, the N	Municipal Cou	urthou	se and o	on the Cit	ty of
288	Littleton Website.								
289	ATTEST:								
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291	Wendy Heffner		Bruce O. Beckman						
292	CITY CLERK		MAYOR						
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294	APPROVED AS TO F	ORM:							
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297	Kenneth S. Fellman								
298	ACTING CITY ATTO	RNEY							