1	CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO
2	ORDINANCE NO. 13
3	Series, 2017
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5	INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS: BRINKMAN & CERNANEC
6 7	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 9 CONCERNING SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION
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 18 19 20	11-1-2: PURPOSE AND INTENT OF CHAPTER:
21	IT IS THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS CHAPTER:
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	THE PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE 11 IS TO ARRANGE LAND INTO LEGAL LOTS OF RECORD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER. SUBDIVISION OF LAND IS A PROCEDURE IN WHICH LAND IS DIVIDED INTO LOTS, BLOCKS, AND TRACTS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR DEVELOPMENT. AT THE SUBDIVISION STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, THE SUBDIVIDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINALIZING RIGHT-OF-WAY, EASEMENT, AND OTHER PUBLIC LAND DEDICATIONS, AS APPLICABLE, AS WELL AS LOT, BLOCK, AND TRACT CONFIGURATIONS FOR THE LAND INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION. IN ADDITION, ALL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ARE IDENTIFIED AND QUANTIFIED AT THIS STAGE. THE SUBDIVIDER MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A SUBDIVISION
34 35 36 37	IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT (SIA) WITH THE CITY TO GUARANTEE THAT THE APPROPRIATE IMPROVEMENT COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE SUBDIVIDER. SUCH SUBDIVISIONS SHALL BE DESIGNED:(A) To promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens of the city.

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(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.

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43 (C) To provide for lots of adequate size, configuration, and appropriate design for the intended uses.

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46 (D) To encourage subdivision design flexibility and imagination.

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48 (E) To provide for streets and walkways of appropriate capacity and construction with adequate 49 measures to ensure safe movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

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51 (F) To ensure the provision of efficient, adequate and economical utilities, services and improvements.

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(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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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 BEFORE A PLAT FOR
- 68 SUCH LAND HAS BEEN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
- 69 OF THIS TITLE AND RECORDED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.
- 70 (B) NO BUILDING PERMITS OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED FOR
- 71 THE CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF ANY STRUCTURE ON ANY
- 72 PROPERTY UNLESS A PLAT OF SUCH PROPERTY HAS BEEN PREPARED,
- APPROVED AND RECORDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
- 74 THIS TITLE EXCEPT AS EXEMPTED IN SECTION 4-1-9 OF THIS CODE.
- 75 **Section 3:** Section 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby amended with the addition of the following definitions:

- 77 ADJACENT: SEPARATED FROM THE SUBJECT LOT(S) OR PARCEL(S) BY ONE OF
- 78 THE FOLLOWING: LOT LINE, PROPERTY BOUNDARY, RIGHT-OF-WAY, PRIVATE
- 79 STREET, ALLEY OR EASEMENT.

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

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- 104 Section 4: Chapter 9, Subdivision Exemption of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby
- repealed:
- 106 11-9-1: PURPOSE OF CHAPTER:
- 107 11-9-2: ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBDIVISION EXEMPTIONS:
- 108 <u>11-9-3: PROCEDURES:</u>
- 109 11-9-1: PURPOSE OF CHAPTER:
- 110 It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to allow the owner or purchaser of land, or agent
- thereof, to divide such land into not more than two (2) parcels, which meet the

112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119	requirements of the governing zone district classification, without requiring submission of a subdivision plat. Approval of a subdivision exemption shall not exempt the applicant from securing and/or providing the necessary improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street paving, storm drainage and utilities. Such land, or parcel which results from the approval of a subdivision exemption as hereinafter provided, shall not be eligible for any subsequent division under the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 36, Series of 1979)
120	11-9-2: ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBDIVISION EXEMPTIONS:
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122 123	The following procedures shall apply to all applications for subdivision exemptions: (Ord. 36, Series of 1979)
124 125 126	(A) Eligibility For Subdivision Exemptions: The owner, purchaser, or agent thereof, must verify all of the following requirements prior to the submittal of a subdivision exemption application to the department of community development:
127	1. A division of land must not exceed two (2) lots;
128 129 130	2. Such division will not violate the minimum requirements of the governing zone district classifications, the subdivision regulations and other applicable city ordinances and resolutions;
131	3. All lots must abut a dedicated and accepted city street;
132 133	4. The applicant must show evidence that adequate sanitary sewer facilities exist to serve the subject lots;
134 135	5. The applicant must show evidence that adequate water facilities exist to serve the subject lots. (Ord. 20, Series of 2012)
136 137 138	(B) Compliance: Any proposed subdivision exemption which does not comply with all of the requirements as defined hereinabove shall be considered as a minor or major subdivision as applicable. (Ord. 36, Series of 1979)
139	11-9-3: PROCEDURES:
140 141 142	(A) Preparation: 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.
143 144	(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.

145 146 147			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.
148	(C) A	.dminist	trative Action: City staff shall review the proposed subdivision exemption map for
149	` /		compliance with the provisions of this title, other applicable regulations, the
150			comprehensive plan, existing and proposed development, and comments from
151			affected agencies. City staff may approve the application, approve the
152			application subject to modifications, or recommend the application be processed
153			under the major or minor subdivision procedure. (Ord. 20, Series of 2012)
154	Secti	on 5:	Chapter 9 of Title 11 of the City Code is hereby replaced as follows:
155	СНА	PTER 9	: ADMINISTRATIVE PLATS AND REPLATS FOR ONE OR TWO LOTS
156	11-9-	1: PUR	POSE:
157	IN A	DDITIC	ON TO 11-1-2, THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IS TO ESTABLISH AN
158			RATIVE REVIEW PROCESS FOR MINOR CHANGES TO SUBDIVISION
159	PLA'	ΓS AND	UNPLATTED PARCELS THAT RESULT IN THE CREATION OF NO MORE
160			(2) PLATTED LOTS.
161	11-9-	2: APPI	LICABILITY:
162	(A)	THE	FOLLOWING REQUESTS MAY BE APPROVED IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE
163		PLAT	T, PROVIDED THE RESULTING PLAT DOES NOT CREATE MORE THAN
164		TWO	(2) PLATTED LOTS AND DOES NOT MERGE MORE THAN TWO (2)
165		PARC	CELS (PLATTED OR UNPLATTED) INTO A SINGLE PLATTED LOT:
166	1.	A RE	QUEST TO PLAT UNPLATTED PROPERTY;
167	2.	A RE	QUEST TO MOVE, RECONFIGURE, OR REVISE AN EXISTING PLATTED
168		LOT	LINE;
169	3.	A RE	QUEST TO ADJUST A PLATTED SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY BETWEEN
170		NOT	MORE THAN TWO (2) EXISTING PLATTED LOTS WITHIN TWO (2)
171		SEPA	RATE FILINGS OR SUBDIVISIONS;
172	4.	A RE	QUEST TO ADJUST A PLATTED SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE
173		AN A	ADJACENT UNPLATTED PARCEL OF LAND;
174	5.		QUEST TO VACATE AN EXISTING PLATTED EASEMENT OR BUILDING
175		ENVI	ELOPE ON AN EXISTING PLATTED LOT, PROVIDED THAT THE

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176 177		BUILDING ENVELOPE OR EASEMENT WAS DEDICATED AND DESIGNATED THROUGH A PLAT AND ONLY AFFECTS THE SUBJECT LOT;
178	6.	A REQUEST TO MERGE PLATTED LOTS; OR
179 180	7.	A REQUEST TO CORRECT MISSPELLINGS OR OTHER MINOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ON RECORDED PLATS.
181	(B)	RESTRICTIONS
182 183	1.	REQUESTS REQUIRING THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY MAY NOT BE PROCESSED AS ADMINISTRATIVE PLATS.
184 185 186 187	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.
188 189 190 191 192 193	3.	NO LOTS PREVIOUSLY CREATED THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLATTING PROCESS MAY BE ADDITIONALLY DIVIDED OR MERGED THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT PROCESS. HOWEVER, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN TWO EXISTING LOTS MAY BE PROCESSED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT IN CONFORMANCE WITH 11-9-2 (A) 2.
194	4.	
195 196 197	(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.
198	11-9-3	3: PROCEDURE:
199	(A)	PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING
200 201 202	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.
203	(B)	APPLICATION SUBMITTAL
204 205 206	PURS	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

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207		OPERATING STANDARDS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF	
208	COM	MUNITY DEVELOPMENT.	
209	11-9-	4: CRITERIA FOR DECISION:	
210	AN A	ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT SHALL BE APPROVED ONLY IF THE DIRECTOR	
211	DETI	ERMINES THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET:	
212	(A)	EACH PARCEL CREATED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT	
213	()	COMPLIES WITH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNING ZONE	
214		DISTRICT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE MAXIMUM DENSITY AND	
215		MINIMUM OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS, THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS	
216		AND OTHER APPLICABLE CITY ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.	
217		MULTIPLE ZONE DISTRICTS MAY NOT BE CONTAINED WITHIN ONE	
218		ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT;	
219	(B)	EACH PARCEL CREATED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT IS	
220		CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING CHARACTER OF THE BLOCK FACE ON WHICH	
221		THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED. LOTS THAT ARE MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT	
222		(50%) GREATER IN EITHER LOT SIZE, DEPTH, OR WIDTH OF A TYPICAL	
223		AVERAGE EXISTING LOT ON THE SAME BLOCK FACE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE	
224		FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT. LOTS THAT ARE LESS THAN	
225		TWENTY-FIVE (25%) SMALLER IN EITHER LOT SIZE, DEPTH, OR WIDTH OF A	
226		TYPICAL AVERAGE EXISTING LOT ON THE SAME BLOCK FACE ARE NOT	
227		ELIGIBLE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT.	
228	(C)	EACH PARCEL CREATED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT HAS ADEQUATE	
229		WATER AND SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES. (D) AT LEAST ONE (1) LOT	
230		MUST ABUT A DEDICATED AND ACCEPTED CITY STREET.	
231	(E)	IF THE REQUEST IS TO DIVIDE UNSUBDIVIDED LAND IN AN EXISTING	
232	` ′	PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, EACH LOT OR PARCEL RESULTING FROM THE	
233		ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT SHALL BE ONE (1) ACRE OR SMALLER IN SIZE.	
234	11-9-	5 APPEALS:	
235	AN A	APPLICANT MAY APPEAL THE ACTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY	
236	DEVELOPMENT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT OR REPLAT TO THE CITY		
237	COUNCIL. SUCH APPEAL MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, SPECIFYING THE		
238	GRO	UNDS THE APPEAL IS BEING MADE, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE	
239	ADM	INISTRATIVE ACTION. THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE THE APPEAL REQUEST	
240	AND	SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE	
241	ADM	IINISTRATIVE ACTION, AT WHICH TIME THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE THE	

OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT INFORMATION OF ITS CHOOSING TO THE CITY

243244245246	COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL MAY APPROVE THE PLAT AS SUBMITTED, AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR REQUIRE A MAJOR OR MINOR SUBDIVISION TO BE PROCESSED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS CODE.		
247 248 249 250 251 252 253	Section 6: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.		
254 255 256 257	<u>*</u>	esolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of thereby.	
258	INTRODUCED AS A BI	LL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council	
259	of the City of Littleton on the 2 nd day of	May, 2017, passed on first reading by a vote of 7 FOR	
260	and <u>0</u> AGAINST; and ordered published	by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the	
261	Municipal Courthouse and on the City o	f Littleton Website.	
262	PUBLIC HEARING on t	he Ordinance to take place on the 16 th day of May, 2017,	
263	in the Council Chamber, Littleton Cent	er, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the	
264	hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.		
265	PASSED on second and	final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of	
266	FOR and AGAINST on the 16 th day of May, 2017 and ordered published by posting a		
267	Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Mu	nicipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.	
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270 271 272	Wendy Heffner CITY CLERK	Bruce O. Beckman MAYOR	

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276	Kenneth S. Fellman
277	ACTING CITY ATTORNEY