RESOLUTION NO. 2020-044

A RESOLUTION AMENDING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL PROCEDURES DURING DECLARED DISASTERS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Town Council is empowered as a home rule municipal corporation and by § 31-15-401(1)(b), C.R.S., to do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease;

WHEREAS, due the national COVID-19 pandemic Town Council and the Town Manager declared a disaster in the Town of Castle Rock on March 17, 2020 by Resolution 2020-039;

WHEREAS, Town Council established a policy permitting remote attendance and meetings by Council and the public while placing reasonable qualifications and limitations on such use on March 17, 2020 by Resolution 2020-040 (the "Policy");

WHEREAS, subsequently, Colorado Governor Polis issued a "Stay At Home" Order on March 25, 2020 impacting Colorado;

WHEREAS, in these unprecedented times of social distancing and mandates to avoid public gatherings, Town Council desires to ensure quasi-judicial applicants have the opportunity of proceeding using the Policy;

WHEREAS, likewise, members of Town Council desires to ensure that the public has the ability to meaningfully participate during quasi-judicial public hearings using the Policy;

WHEREAS, the Town Council has identified the need to make certain other amendments to the Policy;

WHEREAS, the Town government must continue to operate during a local disaster or emergency, while taking measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its employees, officials, and the public; and

WHEREAS, Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, employees, and officials of the Town of Castle Rock to amend the Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Approval</u>. The Policy, in the form attached as *Exhibit 1* is hereby approved.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2020 by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado, on first and final reading, by a vote of _____ for and _____ against.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

Jason Gray, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Robert J. Slentz, Town Attorney