TOWN MANAGER REGULATION A

ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS RELATED TO THE WAIVER OF BAG FEES

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Avon Home Rule Charter and Section 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S., the Avon Town Manager, as chief executive of the Town of Avon (the “Town”), issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency on March 19, 2020 (the “Declaration”) in response to the spread of the COVID-19 throughout the Avon community. The Declaration was extended by the Avon Town Council on March 26, 2020 pursuant to Resolution 20-06.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Declaration, the spread of the COVID-19 virus through the Avon community poses an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

Section 3. Pursuant to the Declaration, the Town Manager is authorized to take such action as necessary to address the local disaster emergency posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 8.38.040 of the Avon Municipal Code, the Town imposes a bag fee of ten cents ($0.10) for each disposable paper bag used during a purchase within the Town in an effort to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Avon community and to address environmental problems associated with disposable bags, and relieve the taxpayers of the costs imposed upon the Town associated with disposable paper bags.

Section 5. Recent studies suggest coronaviruses can survive in reusable bags for up to nine (9) days if such bags are not washed on a regular basis. Such studies also suggest the use of reusable plastic bags may contribute to the transmission of bacteria and viruses to surfaces and products within grocery stores as well as other customers and staff.

Section 6. On March 26, 2020, the Governor of Colorado requested local governments waive bag fees to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Section 7. The Town Manager hereby issues Town Manager Regulation A pursuant to the Declaration, and specifically finds this Regulation A is necessary for the protection of life and property.

Section 8. The Town Manager hereby temporarily waives the bag fee of ten cents ($0.10) for each disposable paper bag used during a purchase within Town imposed by the Town pursuant to Section 8.38.040 of the Avon Municipal Code. This Regulation A in no way modifies Section 8.38.030(B) of the Avon Municipal Code, pursuant to which it remains unlawful for a retailer to provide disposable plastic bags to customers at any point of sale.

Section 9. The waiver of the bag fee set forth in this Regulation A shall remain in effect for so long as the Declaration remains in effect.
Section 10. This Regulation A shall be filed with the Town Clerk.
This Regulation A is executed on March 27th at 4:30 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time.

Eric Heil
Manager, Town of Avon