

**DRAFT VIRGIN TOWN ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CHAPTER 52, SIGN REGULATIONS; AMENDING DEFINITIONS; AND CORRECTING CHAPTER AND SECTION REFERENCES

RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, Virgin Town (“the Town”) is a Utah municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Utah, and

**WHEREAS**, the Virgin Town Council (“Town Council”) is the legislative and governing body of the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Utah Code Ann §10-9a, the Town Council with advice of the Virgin Town Planning and Zoning Commission (“Planning Commission”), in addition to being the legislative and governing body of the Town, is also the Land Use Authority (“LUA”) vested with the power to enact all Land Use Regulations and make all Land Use Decisions within the Town unless the latter administrative power is delegated to another body or person, and

**WHEREAS**, the highway bisecting the Town serves as both the most common route into Zion National Park and, for many, the first impression of its magnificent natural features; and

**WHEREAS**, Virgin Corridor of SR-9 has been designated as both a National and a State Scenic Byway;

**WHEREAS**, unobstructed views along roadways and throughout the Town enhance public safety and preserve scenic integrity in ways consistent with the General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, National Park proximity and scenic views are critical resources to the Town, for enhancing its economic viability, its commercial success, and its quality of life of its residents;

**WHEREAS**, visible and appealing signage is important to a thriving business sector; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Town to balance the concerns of residents, business owners, and visitors by ensuring compatible, well-designed signage that does not interfere with natural scenery, traffic movement, rural character, dark skies, commercial appeal, or neighborhood charm and peace;

**WHEREAS**, the Virgin Uniform Land Use code has undergone many changes in the recent past that have sometimes resulted in unsatisfactory maintenance, ineffective location, light trespass, or poor design of signage in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Virgin’s LUA finds it to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors to the Town to amend its regulations accordingly;

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this ordinance on

[REDACTED], 20[REDACTED]; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virgin Town Planning and Zoning Commission recommended in a [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] vote that the Town Council [approve / deny] these amendments on [REDACTED], 20[REDACTED];

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VIRGIN, UTAH that the following amendments be made to its land use code:

**1. New Chapter.** Chapter 52, Sign Regulations, shall be replaced in its entirety with **Attachment 1** of this ordinance.

**2. Definition changes.** Chapter 2 Section 12, Definitions shall be amended to include (underlined), remove (struck through), replace or revise language as shown in **Attachment 2** of this ordinance.

**3. Housekeeping.** Numbered references and conflicting language throughout VULU shall be corrected to match these amendments.

**4. Severability.** If any section, clause or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**5. Conflicts/Repealer.** This Ordinance repeals and supersedes the provisions of any prior ordinance in conflict herewith.

**6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Virgin Town Council and execution by the Virgin Town Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF VIRGIN TOWN, STATE OF UTAH, ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

ATTEST:

VOTE TAKEN:        yes        no

Councilmember Luwe \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Baird \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Holm \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember McKeon \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Krause \_\_\_\_\_

VIRGIN TOWN

a Utah municipal corporation

Attest:

Jean Krause, Mayor

Krystal Percival, Town Recorder