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Article 16: Definitions

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Significant Bird Strike Hazards (Airport). As it pertains to Article 14, it relates to bird strike hazards. “Significant” means a level of increased flight activity by birds across an Approach Surface or Runway that is more than incidental or occasional, considering the existing ambient level of flight activity by birds in the vicinity.

Significant. Deserving to be considered; important; notable, and not trifling.

Significantly Degrade. To lower in grade or desirability to a significant, as opposed to a trifling, degree.

Significantly Deteriorate. To make inferior in quality or value to a significant, as opposed to a trifling, degree.

Site. See “Lot.”

Site Selection, Airport or Heliport. As it pertains to Article 14, the process for determining the location of airports or heliports, or the substantial expansion or relocation of an existing airport or heliport, by a recognized and bonafide agency or authority, the County, the State, or the Federal government or any subdivision of each.

Site Selection, Rapid or Mass Transit Facility. As it pertains to Article 14, the process for determining the location of Rapid or Mass Transit Facilities or the substantial expansion or relocation of an existing facility, by a recognized and bonafide Mass Transit agency or authority, the County, the State, or the Federal government, or any subdivision of each, or any private entity or person.

Site Specific Development Plan. The approved plan that has been submitted to the County to establish a vested right pursuant to C.R.S. Title 24, Part 1 of Article 68, as amended, and set forth in Article 1.

Ski Area. See “Recreation, Outdoor.”

Slope. Rise versus run ratio for a specified distance.

Small Temporary Housing Facility. See “Temporary Housing Facility, Small.”

Solar Access. The ability to receive sunlight across real property.

Solar Energy System, Accessory. A device and/or system that has a combined name plate DC rating of less than 15 kilowatt and includes the equivalent kilowatt measurement of energy for systems other than photovoltaic that converts the sun’s radiant energy into thermal, chemical, mechanical, or electric energy. The device/system shall be designed to supply energy only for the property upon which it is located. Excess energy generated may be sold as permitted by State and Federal law.

Solar Energy System, Small. A device and/or system that has a combined name plate DC rating of 15 kilowatt to 500 kilowatt and includes the equivalent kilowatt measurement of energy for systems other than photovoltaic that converts the sun’s radiant energy into thermal, chemical, mechanical, or electrical energy.

Solar Energy System, Large. A device and/or system that has a combined name plate DC rating of greater than 500 kilowatt and includes the equivalent kilowatt measurement of energy

for systems other than photovoltaic that converts the sun's radiant energy into thermal, chemical, mechanical, or electric energy.

Solid Waste. Any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, air pollution control facility, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial operations, commercial operations, or community activities. Solid Waste does not include any solid or dissolved materials in domestic sewage, agricultural wastes, solid, or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows, or industrial discharges that are point sources subject to permits under the provisions of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act, C.R.S., Title 25, Article 8, as amended, or materials handled at facilities licensed pursuant to the provisions on Radiation Control Act, C.R.S., Title 25, Article 11, as amended. Solid Waste does not include: (a) materials handled at facilities licensed pursuant to the provisions on radiation control in C.R.S., Title 25, Article 11, as amended; (b) excluded scrap metal that is being recycled; or (c) shredded circuit boards that are being recycled.

Solid Waste Disposal. The storage, treatment, utilization, processing, or final disposal of Solid Wastes.

Solid Waste Disposal Site and Facility. The location and/or facility at which the deposit and final treatment of Solid Wastes occur.

Solid Waste Transfer Facility. A facility at which wastes awaiting transportation to a Solid Waste Disposal Site and Facility are transferred from 1 collection vehicle to another.

Special Districts. Quasi-municipal corporations established under State statute to provide public facilities or services.

Statement of Authority. An instrument executed on behalf of an entity that identifies the name and position of the person authorized to convey, encumber, or otherwise affect title to real property on behalf of the entity. The instrument must comply with the requirements set forth in C.R.S. § 38-30-172(2)(d), as amended, and it must be recorded with the Garfield County Clerk and Recorder. A form that complies with these State law requirements is available from the Building and Planning Department on request. The County may accept other documentation identified in C.R.S. § 38-30-172, as amended, in lieu of a Statement of Authority.

Station or Terminal. As it pertains to Article 14, a facility constructed to provide and facilitate passenger access to and from airplanes or a Rapid or Mass Transit System, including areas necessary for vehicle operations, parking areas for commuters, and roadways connecting to the general road and street system of Garfield County. Stations shall include any proposed regularly-scheduled stop or planned optional or seasonal boarding point on a Rapid Transit System. Dedicated Park-and-Ride Facilities with 50 or more parking spaces shall be deemed Stations or Terminals for the purposes of this Code, with or without a shelter facility. Shelters alone, or as part of traditional bus stops and pull-outs lacking 50 dedicated spaces, are not considered Stations or Terminals for the purposes of this Code.

Start of Construction. Includes substantial improvement and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual Start of Construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a Manufactured Home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing,