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To the Mesa County Board of Commissioners,

This letter is to confirm the City of Fruita is bringing building services in-house starting in 2023, to create a one-stop process for all development in the City limits of Fruita rather than contracting these services with Mesa County. We value the relationship between the City of Fruita and Mesa County and the City is grateful for the many years of support Mesa County has provided to our growing community. This transition of services should be viewed as an evolution of Fruita's service delivery which will concentrate our efforts and bring services closer to the individuals and businesses we serve. In addition to bringing building services in-house, the City is excited to implement development software that is believed to simplify the process for customers and consolidate data in one location. As a Council, we truly believe in this localized approach to customer service. We understand this service is subject to market volatility, however, we ensure to the private sector that we will scale our efforts accordingly and provide consistency as we do with all services we provide.

We are currently in the recruitment process for a Chief Building Official and plan to have this position filled in January 2023. The City will then begin recruiting inspectors and preparing to begin our one-stop shop of building inspections, planning, and zoning. The City will not evaluate a new fee schedule as a part of this transition and is fully committed to implementing the same Code presently adopted by Mesa County. As we progress in our preparation, the City will provide Mesa County with the official 90-day notice as to when the transition will occur and coordinate with the County through our staff to create a smooth transition for the development and construction industry.

In 2015-2016, the City clarified strategic priorities with core services and aligning our time, talents, and resources to defined areas of Economic Health, Quality of Place, and Lifestyle. The City has placed much effort into our community engagement, most recently during a one-year process with the community to update the Fruita In Motion Comprehensive Plan. Over 4,000 residents engaged to clarify Fruita's vision, values, and how we grow as a community. This was followed by over a year of extensive policy work on updating the land use code and all other master plans and policies to reflect the community's desires in the comprehensive plan.

We continue to align our processes with our values. It is the City's responsibility to manage planning and zoning, as well as required state and international building codes. For many years, the latter has been contracted with Mesa County. The City is now able to bring this in-house to align with our values and provide an aligned one-stop process for all development in City limits with the highest degree of customer service, consistency, and transparency we devote to all our services.

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cc: Home Builders of Western Colorado, Western Colorado Contractors Association