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Town of Bear Canyon Utah Population Committee Determination

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Dear Clerk Granger and Mr. Austin,

On May 11, 2026, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor (OLG) received an amended feasibility request (the "Amended Request") for a preliminary municipality known as the Town of Bear Canyon pursuant to Utah Code § 10-2a-503(7). Following statutory verification procedures and coordination with the Wasatch County Clerk under Utah Code §10-2a-503(2), the OLG issued a Certification of Request for the feasibility study on June 25, 2026.

As required by Utah Code §10-2a-503(3)(b), the OLG subsequently notified the Utah Population Committee (UPC) to assess whether the proposed incorporation boundaries complied with the population, population density, and contiguity requirements set forth in Utah Code §10-2a-502. On July 15, 2026, the UPC determined that the proposed preliminary municipality boundaries do not satisfy the contiguity requirements by failing to meet the statutory definition of "contiguous" as defined in Utah Code §10-2a-102.

Consequently, in accordance with Utah Code §10-2a-503(5)(b), the Certification of Request for Feasibility Study issued on June 25, 2026 is hereby rescinded and the Amended Request is rejected. "If the Utah Population Committee determines, under Subsection (5)(a)(i), that, when all phases of the plan or plat are completed, the proposed preliminary municipality will not likely comply with the population, population density, and contiguity requirements described in Section 10-2a-502, ***the lieutenant governor shall rescind the certification described in Subsection (3) and reject the feasibility request.***"

Pursuant to Utah Code §10-2a-503(7)(c), “The sponsors may not submit an amended feasibility request more than once." Because the Amended Request submitted on May 11, 2026, constitutes the sponsor's single permitted amended request under this subsection, no further amendments to the boundaries or application may be submitted. Accordingly, the incorporation may not proceed during this calendar year.

Please contact the OLG if you have any questions.

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