ORDINANCE NO. 30

Series 2008

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND READOPTING WITH CHANGES SECTION 6-3A-4 OF THE <u>BRECKENRIDGE TOWN CODE</u> CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL OFFENSE OF HARASSMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO:

<u>Section 1</u>. Section 6-3A-4 of the <u>Breckenridge Town Code</u>, entitled "Harassment", is amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

6-3A-4: HARASSMENT:

- A. A person commits harassment if, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person, he or she:
- 1. Strikes, shoves, kicks, or otherwise touches a person or subjects him to physical contact; or
- 2. In a public place directs obscene language or makes an obscene gesture to or at another person; or
- 3. Follows a person in or about a public place; or
- 4. Initiates communication with a person, anonymously or otherwise by telephone, computer, computer network, or computer system in a manner intended to harass or threaten bodily injury or property damage, or makes any comment, request, suggestion, or proposal by telephone, computer, computer network, or computer system that is obscene; or
- 5. Makes a telephone call or causes a telephone to ring repeatedly, whether or not a conversation ensues, with no purpose of legitimate conversation; or
- 6. Makes repeated communications at inconvenient hours that invade the privacy of another and interfere in the use and enjoyment of another's home or private residence or other private property; or
- 7. Repeatedly insults, taunts, challenges, or makes communications in offensively coarse language to, another in a manner likely to provoke a violent or disorderly response.
- B. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "obscene" means a patently offensive description of ultimate sexual acts or solicitation to commit ultimate sexual acts, whether or not said ultimate sexual acts are normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including masturbation, cunnilingus, fellatio, anilingus, or excretory functions.
- C. As used in this section, a communication with a person "by telephone, computer, computer network, or computer system" includes, but is not limited to, communication by voice mail, electronic mail (e-mail), text messaging, and any other form of electronic communication.
- D. Any act prohibited by subsection (A)(4) of this section may be deemed to have occurred or to have been committed at the place at which the telephone call, electronic mail, or other electronic communication was either made or received.

Section 2. Except as specifically amended hereby, the <u>Breckenridge Town Code</u>, and the various secondary codes adopted by reference therein, shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3. The Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this ordinance is necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the order, comfort and convenience of the Town of Breckenridge and the inhabitants thereof.

Section 4. The Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that it has the power to adopt this ordinance pursuant to: (i) the provisions of Sections 31-15-103 and Section 31-15-401, C.R.S. (concerning municipal police powers); and (ii) the powers possessed by home rule municipalities in Colorado.

<u>Section 5</u>. This ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided by Section 5.9 of the <u>Breckenridge Town Charter</u>.

INTRODUCED, READ ON FIRST READING, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL this 8th day of July, 2008. A Public Hearing shall be held at the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Breckenridge, Colorado on the 22nd day of July, 2008, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Municipal Building of the Town.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE ATTEST: John G. Warner, Mayor This Ordinance was published in full in the Summit County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Breckenridge on July 18, 2008. The public hearing on this ordinance was held on July 22, 2008. READ, ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE WITH AMENDMENTS, this 22nd day of July, 2008. This ordinance is available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk. TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE ATTEST: Town Cleri John∕G. Warner, Mayor Mary Jean Lou APPROVED IN FORM

This ordinance was published by title with amendments in the Summit County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Breckenridge on August 1, 2008.

Town Attorney