ORDINANCE NO. 24

Series 2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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:

Section 1. Section 6-3A-4(A)(4) of the Breckenridge Town Code is amended to read as follows:

Directly or indirectly initiates communication with a person or directs language toward another person, anonymously or otherwise, by telephone, telephone network, data network, text message, instant message, computer, computer network, computer system, or other interactive electronic medium 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, or other interactive electronic medium that is obscene; or

Section 2. Section 6-3A-4(D) of the Breckenridge Town Code is amended to read as follows:

D. Any act prohibited by subsection A4 of this section may be deemed to have occurred or to have been committed at the place at which the telephone call, electronic mail, data transmission, text message, instant message, or other communication by interactive electronic medium was either made or received.

Section 3. Section 6-3A-4 of the <u>Breckenridge Town Code</u> is amended by the addition of a new Section E, which shall read as follows:

E. This section is not intended to infringe upon any right guaranteed to any person by the first amendment to the United States Constitution or to prevent the constitutionally protected expression of any religious, political, or philosophical views.

Section 4. Except as specifically amended by this ordinance, the <u>Breckenridge Town</u> <u>Code</u>, and the various secondary codes adopted by reference therein, shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5. The Town Council 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 6. The Town Council finds, determines, and declares that it has the power to adopt this ordinance pursuant to the authority granted to home rule municipalities by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the powers contained in the Breckenridge Town Charter.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided by Section 5.9 of the Breckenridge Town Charter. This ordinance shall apply to offenses commitment on or after the effective date of the ordinance.

INTRODUCED, READ ON FIRST READING, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL this 28th day of July, 2015.

This ordinance was published in full on the Town of Breckenridge website on July 30, July 31, August 1, August 2 and August 3, 2015.

A public hearing on this ordinance was held on August 11, 2015.

READ, ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE this 11th day of August, 2015. A copy of this Ordinance is available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

ATTEST:

Helen Cospolich, Town Clerk

APPROVED IN FORM

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

John G. Warner, Mayor

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This Ordinance was published on the Town of Breckenridge website on August 13, August 14, August 15, August 16 and August 17, 2015. This ordinance shall become effective on September 16, 2015.