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ARTICLE 1

Code

Sec. 1-1-10. Adoption of Code.

The published code known as the *Centennial Municipal Code*, published by Colorado Code Publishing Company, of which one (1) copy is now on file in the office of the City Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours, is enacted and adopted by reference as a primary code and incorporated herein as if set out at length. This primary code has been promulgated by the City of Centennial, Colorado, as a codification of all the ordinances of the City of Centennial of a general and permanent nature through Ordinance No. 2007-O 14, for the purpose of providing an up-to-date code of ordinances, properly organized and indexed, in published form for the use of the citizens and officers of the City. (Ord. 2007-O-14 §1)

Sec. 1-1-20. Title and scope.

The Chapters in this and the following titles, chapters and sections shall constitute and be designated "Municipal Code of the City of Centennial, Colorado," and may be so cited. Such Chapters may also be cited as "Centennial Municipal Code." (Prior code 1.1.1)

ARTICLE 2

Definitions and Usage

Sec. 1-2-10. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in the ordinances of the City of Centennial and/or any codification of the same, shall be construed as defined in this Section, unless a different meaning is intended from the context or unless a different meaning is specifically defined and more particularly directed to the use of such words or phrases:

City means the City of Centennial, Colorado, or the area within the territorial limits of the City of Centennial, Colorado, and such territory outside of the City over which the City has jurisdiction or control by virtue of any constitutional or statutory provision.

C.R.S. means the Colorado Revised Statutes, including all amendments thereto.

Owner applied to a building or land includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, or joint tenant of such building or land.

Person shall extend and be applied to associations, corporations, firms, partnerships and bodies politic and corporate. (Prior code 1.2.6, 1.2.7; Ord. 2007-O-14 §1)

Sec. 1-2-20. Computation of time.

In computing any period of time prescribed within this Code, the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall be excluded. The last day of the period

computed shall be included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. In such event, the period runs until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven (7) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays shall be excluded from the computation. (Prior code 1.2.2)

Sec. 1-2-30. Title of office.

Whenever the Code references any officer, board or commission, the same shall be construed as if followed by the words "of the City of Centennial." (Prior code 1.2.5)

Sec. 1-2-40. Grammatical interpretation.

The following grammatical rules shall apply to this Code and to City ordinances:

- (1) A word importing one (1) gender only shall be extended and applied to such other gender as appropriate.
- (2) The singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.
- (3) Words used in the past or present tense include the future tense. (Prior code 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.2.8; Ord. 2007-O-14 §1)

ARTICLE 3

General

Sec. 1-3-10. Titles and headings not part of Code.

The catchlines of titles, chapters, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the same and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections or as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such section, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted. (Prior code 1.2.1)

Sec. 1-3-20. Amendments to Code.

Any additions or amendments to this Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the City Council to make the additions or amendments a part of this Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Code so that reference to this Code shall be understood as including them. (Prior code 1.1.3)

Sec. 1-3-30. Supplementation of Code.

(a) Supplements to this Code shall be prepared and printed whenever authorized or directed by the City Council. A supplement to the Code shall include all substantive permanent and general parts of ordinances passed by the City Council or adopted by initiative or referendum during the period covered by the supplement and all changes made thereby in the Code. The pages of a supplement shall be so numbered that they will fit properly into the Code and will, where necessary, replace pages

that have become obsolete or partially obsolete, and the new pages shall be so prepared that, when they have been inserted, the Code will be current through the date of the adoption of the latest ordinances included in the supplement.

(b) In preparing a supplement to this Code, all portions of the Code that have been repealed shall be excluded from the Code by the omission thereof from reprinted pages.

(c) When preparing a supplement to this Code, the codifier (meaning the person, agency or organization authorized to prepare the supplement) may only make formal, nonsubstantive changes in chapters and parts of chapters included in the supplement, insofar as it is necessary to do so to embody them into a unified-Code. For example, the codifier may:

(1) Organize the chapter material into appropriate subdivisions;

(2) Provide appropriate catchlines, headings and titles for sections and other subdivisions of the Code printed in the supplement, and make changes in such catchlines, headings and titles;

(3) Assign appropriate numbers to sections and other subdivisions to be inserted in the Code and, where necessary to accommodate new material, change existing section or other subdivision numbers;

(4) Change the term "this ordinance" or a term of the same meaning to "this Chapter," "this Article," "this Division," etc., as the case may be, or to "Sections _____ to _____" (inserting section numbers to indicate the sections of the Code which embody the substantive sections of the ordinance incorporated into the Code); and

(5) Make other nonsubstantive changes necessary to preserve the original meaning of the adopted ordinance or reorder sections into alphabetical arrangement, but in no case shall the codifier make any change in the meaning or effect of ordinance material included in the supplement or already embodied in the Code. (Prior code 1.1.4)

Sec. 1-3-40. Code presented as evidence.

This Code is hereby ordered published in bound loose-leaf form and copies thereof, duly certified by the City Clerk and the Mayor, shall be received without further proof as prima facie evidence of the provisions of this Code in all courts and administrative tribunals of the State. (Prior code 1.1.2)

Sec. 1-3-50. Severability.

Unless otherwise provided, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Code or any ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Code or any ordinance; and it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to pass this Code or the ordinance without such unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative part therein. The remainder of this Code or the ordinance after the exclusion of such part shall be deemed and held to be valid as if such part had not been included in this Code or the ordinance. If this Code or any ordinance or any provision thereof is held inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of

circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability of this Code or the ordinance to any other person, property or circumstance, unless otherwise provided. (Prior code 1.1.5)

ARTICLE 4

General Penalty

Sec. 1-4-10. General penalty for violation.

(a) Any person who pleads guilty or no contest to or who, after trial, is found guilty of violating, any municipal ordinance which is subject to this Subsection shall be fined in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or shall be incarcerated for a period not to exceed one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment, except as may be otherwise imposed within the context of a specific section, subsection or chapter.

(b) Each person violating any provision of this Code shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of this Code is committed, continued or permitted by such person, and shall be punished accordingly. (Prior code 1.3.1)