

CHAPTER 1

SECTION 1

General Provisions

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1-1-1 DESIGNATION OF CODE.

The Ridgway Municipal Code, 1994 Revision, as amended from time to time, shall constitute and be designated "The Ridgway Municipal Code". It may also be cited as the "RMC", Ridgway Code, Ridgway Town Code, or by other similar cites.

1-1-2 DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

(A) In the construction of the Code and of all ordinances of the Town, the definitions and rules of construction in this Section shall be observed, unless it shall be otherwise expressly provided in any section or ordinance, or unless inconsistent with the context.

(B) TOWN shall mean the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, or any board, officer, agent or employee authorized to act on behalf of the Town.

(C) TOWN COUNCIL, COUNCIL, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOARD or TRUSTEES shall mean the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway.

(D) CODE shall mean "The Ridgway Municipal Code" as amended from time to time.

(E) PERSON means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, LLC, or other entity, including to the extent allowed by law, the United States and the State of Colorado, and any agency or political subdivision thereof. (Ord 6-2009)

(F) OWNER shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of any building or land.

(G) All words and phrases shall be construed and understood according to the common and approved usage of the language; but technical words and phrases and such other as may have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in the law shall be construed and understood according to such peculiar and appropriate meaning.

(H) The time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day; but if the time for an act to be done shall fall on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, the act shall be done upon the day following such weekend or legal holiday.

(I) SHALL is mandatory and MAY is permissive.

(J) The title of any section or subsection of this Code shall not be deemed to in any way restrict, qualify or to limit the effect of the provisions set forth and contained in such section or subsection.

1-1-3 AMENDMENTS.

Any additions or amendments to this Code shall be adopted as ordinances as required by law.

1-1-4 SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Code and amendments to it are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, provision, or part thereof shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Code shall continue in full force and effect, it being the legislative intent that this Code would have been adopted even if such unconstitutional matter had not been included therein. It is further declared that if any provision or part of this Code, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this Code and the application thereof to other persons shall not be affected thereby.

1-1-5 EFFECT OF REPEALING ORDINANCES.

The repeal of any provision of this Code shall not affect any right which has accrued, any duty imposed, any penalty incurred, nor any action or proceedings as commenced under or by virtue of the provision repealed, nor the tenure of an office of any person holding office at the time when such repeal shall take effect. The repeal of any provision of this Code shall not revive any provision or any ordinance previously repealed or superseded.

1-1-6 GENERAL PENALTY.

(A) It shall be unlawful to violate any provision of any ordinance of the Town of Ridgway, or provision of the Ridgway Municipal Code. Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of any Town ordinance or the Ridgway Municipal Code, may be punished by a fine in an amount not to exceed \$300. (Ord 1-2017)

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of a Town ordinance, or of the Ridgway Municipal Code, no person may be sentenced to any period of imprisonment. (Ord 1-2017)

(C) A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day any violation continues.

1-1-7 JURISDICTION.

(A) The provisions of the Ridgway Municipal Code shall apply within the Town limits and to areas outside of the Town limits over which the Town has authority or jurisdiction. (Ord 6-2009)

(B) The provisions of the Ridgway Municipal code shall apply, to the extent allowed by law, to the United States and the State of Colorado, and any agency or political subdivision thereof.

(Ord 6-2009)

1-1-8 COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT CHARGES.

(Subsection added by Ord 3-2009)

(A) In addition to any other lawful means, the town may collect and recover any fees, charges, taxes, assessments or other amounts not paid to the Town in good funds as due, by certifying such delinquent charges to the Ouray County Treasurer to be collected similarly to taxes against the property to which such delinquent charge can be appropriately attributed. This shall include, but not be limited to, amounts due under Town, building, land use, nuisance, licensing, permitting, and utility regulations and ordinances.

(B) Prior to certifying such delinquent charges the Town shall send a written notice to the owner of the property as shown on the Ouray County Treasurer's records, and provide a hearing thereon before the Town Manager, if one is requested within 10 days of the date such notice is mailed.