Town of Erie Ordinance No. 013-2025

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Erie Amending Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Erie Municipal Code Regarding the Authority of Peace Officers

Now Therefore be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Erie, Colorado, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Erie Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 1-4-17, to read as follows:

1-4-17 – Peace officer authority.

A. A peace officer is authorized to issue a summons and complaint for any civil, non-criminal violation of this Code in the Town.

B. For purposes of this Section, "peace officer" includes:

1. A police officer, reserve police officer, the chief of police commissions, or non-sworn personnel;

2. A code enforcement officer; and

3. Any other public official or Town employee designated by the Town Manager or Police Chief to enforce this Code.

C. Nothing in this Section shall vest in persons who are not sworn police officers any powers, duties, and rights of sworn police officers.

Section 2. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that any one, or part, or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 3. <u>Safety</u>. The Town Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 10 days after publication following adoption.

Introduced, Read, Passed and Ordered Published this 13th day of May, 2025.

Attest:

Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk