

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 14
SERIES OF 2014**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING
SECTION 2-4-260(a) OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
CONTEMPT POWER OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RIFLE.

WHEREAS, Section 2-4-260 of the Rifle Municipal Code (“RMC”) sets forth provisions regarding the contempt power of the Municipal Court of the City of Rifle (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, under RMC Section 2-4-260, the Municipal Court judge may vindicate the dignity of the Municipal Court by imposing a fine upon a contemnor up to \$1,000.00 and/or imprisoning a contemnor for up to ten days; and

WHEREAS, common penalties in other jurisdictions for this offense authorize imprisonment up to six months and a fine up to \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Municipal Court can better vindicate its dignity in response to instances of contemptuous behavior by increasing the period for which a contemnor may be imprisoned and it wishes to bring the fine in line with other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, to increase the maximum duration of imprisonment and amend the fine which the Municipal Court judge may impose upon a contemnor, the City Council wishes to amend RMC Section 2-4-260(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Section 2-4-260(a) of the Rifle Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows, with additions shown in **bold, double underlined text**, and ~~strike through language is deleted~~:

Sec. 2-4-260. Contempt power.

(a) When the Court finds any person to be in contempt, the Court may vindicate its dignity by imposing on the contemnor a fine not to exceed ~~one thousand five hundred~~ five hundred dollars (\$~~1,0500.00~~) and imprisonment not to exceed a term of ~~ten (10) days~~ **six (6) months**.

INTRODUCED on November 19, 2014, read by title, passed on first reading, and ordered published by title as required by the Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado, held on December 3, 2014, passed without amendment, approved, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2014.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk