## **TOWN OF DE BEQUE ORDINANCE NO. 549**

## **SERIES 2025**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE DE BEQUE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING SECTION 5.23 NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSING.

The following describes the intent and purpose of this Ordinance:

- a) The Town of De Beque (the Town) possesses the authority to amend the Municipal Code from time to time in order to clarify Town policies and procedures and to promote the health and safety of the Town.
- b) The Town of De Beque's Municipal Code Title 5 "Business Licenses and Regulations" provides authority to the Town regarding the licensing and regulation of businesses within the Town.
- c) In 2022, Colorado Voters approved Proposition 122 which legalized natural medicine and the cultivation and operation of a state-licensed businesses related thereto.
- d) Senate Bill 23-290, establishing Colorado's Natural Medicine Code §44-50-101 et seq., was passed in 2023. It provides further guidance for the regulation and legalization of natural medicine businesses within the State of Colorado, including statewide licensing policies and procedures. Per C.R.S. 44-50-101 et seq. local jurisdictions have the authority to establish time, place, and manner requirements for natural medicine businesses.
- e) The Board of Trustees determines that it is in the public interest that Title 5 of the Town Code is amended to include time, place and manner licensing requirements for natural medicine businesses.

Therefore, the Town of De Beque Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Amended Title 5 to include Section 5.23: Natural Medicine Licensing: reflected in Exhibit 1, attached hereto.

Approved by the Board of Trustees this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of publication.

TOWN OF DE BEQUE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Shanelle Hansen, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Lisa Rogers, Town Clerk

Date

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