AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 2-4301 THROUGH 2-4303 OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE (CCRMC) AND ADDING A NEW SECTION, ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 2, TO THE CCRMC TO CONSOLIDATE AND CODIFY A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY

WHEREAS, section 6 of Article XX of the Colorado Constitution confers to home rule municipalities "the full right of self-government in both local and municipal matters and the enumeration herein of certain powers shall not be construed to deny such cities and towns, and to the people thereof, any right or power essential or proper to the full exercise of such right;"

WHEREAS, Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution provides that the Article shall not apply to home rule municipalities that have adopted charters, ordinances, or resolutions that address matters covered by the article;

WHEREAS, public trust and integrity of governmental operations may be achieved and maintained only where city officers, officials and employees exhibit the highest standards of integrity, honesty, responsibility, and accountability while treating each person with fairness, justice, and dignity;

WHEREAS, various standards of ethics and conduct for city officers, officials, and employees exist in multiple places, such as the City Charter, CCRMC, Council Policies, and Employee Policies; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to adopt a formal code of ethics in the CCRMC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

- **SECTION 1. Findings.** The recitals to this ordinance are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This ordinance is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.
 - **SECTION 2.** Sections 2-4301, 2-4302, and 2-4303 of the CCRMC are hereby repealed.
- **SECTION 3.** A new section, Article VI of Chapter 2 of the CCRMC is hereby enacted as reflected in Exhibit A herein. This section shall be hereby known as the "Code of Ethics."
- **SECTION 4. Repealer.** All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- **SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage on second and final reading.

INTRODUCED, PASS	ED ON FIRST	READING	AND	PUBLIC	NOTICE	ORDERED
THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2	025.					

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.

THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.	
	CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO
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	Steve J. Douglas, Mayor
ATTEST	
Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk	