

**TOWN OF RICO
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO ESTABLISHING A
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND
OPERATIONS UNTIL MAY 31, 2014**

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Colorado have authorized the legalization of recreational use of marijuana by the passage of Amendment 64 to the Colorado Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Town of Rico Colorado presently has an ordinance prohibiting all facilities related to the sale, cultivation or production of marijuana for medical use;

WHEREAS, the Town would like sufficient time to study the option of allowing recreational marijuana operations within the Town boundary and to possibly create a local regulatory framework, or to prohibit marijuana operations altogether;

WHEREAS, the Town may wish to repeal its prior ban on medical marijuana facilities and enact local regulations which allow the licensure of retail marijuana facilities, as well as cultivation and growing operations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE TOWN OF RICO AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Town Board hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on all retail, cultivation and other marijuana production facilities until May 31, 2014.

Section 2. The Town Board further declares an emergency and states that this moratorium is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Town citizens to allow the Town staff and Board adequate time to study possible local regulation of marijuana operations.

**ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013, FOLLOWING A PUBLIC
HEARING.**



Mayor


Attest: Town Clerk