

**TOWN OF OPHIR  
ORDINANCE NO. 2002-2**

**EXTENDING VOTING RIGHTS TO NON-US CITIZENS**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Ophir Home Rule Charter, Article II., establishes voting rights and eligibility for membership in the General Assembly which refers to the Colorado Municipal Election Code which established US Citizenship as one qualification for voter registration; and,

**WHEREAS** the Town of Ophir Home Rule Charter Article II., Section I., states that the General Assembly is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members and may amend the Colorado Municipal Election Code by ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly finds that the inherent purpose of the General Assembly form of government is to enable and promote participation by all adult residents of the Town of Ophir;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN OF OPHIR** the following:

**Section 1. Voting Rights Extended.** Non US Citizens which otherwise meet the residency requirements for voter registration and are lawfully residing in the United States shall be eligible to register as voters in Ophir Municipal matters and shall be eligible for membership in the Ophir General Assembly.

**Section 2. Conflicts.** This Ordinance shall supercede State Statutes, including the Colorado Municipal Code, and other ordinances or laws of the Town of Ophir inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance No. 2002-2 and full effect shall be given to the purpose of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after approval on second reading.

**READ, MOVED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2002. MOVED, SECONDED AND FINALLY PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2002.**

TOWN OF OPHIR, COLORADO

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

David Glynn, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lawrence Van Hoey, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Eric James Heil, Town Attorney