TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH

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ORDINANCE NO. 397

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE BY ADDING SECTION 3-309 ENTITLED "CERTAIN USES OF LASER BEAMS PROHIBITED"

WHEREAS, laser beam pointers are devices which emit a concentrated beam of light, which devices often exhibit a warning that laser beams can cause retinal damage from contact with the eye; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach consider that the improper use of laser beam devices can harass, annoy and cause potential bodily damage to individuals receiving contact with the laser beam; and

WHEREAS, the Dewey Beach Police Department has informed the Commissioners that it has received complaints from Dewey Beach residents, tourists, and Dewey Beach Police Officers who have been exposed to unwanted and uninvited laser beam contact which has annoyed and harassed those individuals;

NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware that Chapter 3 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 3-309 to read as follows:

3-309. Certain uses of laser beams prohibited.

No person shall focus, point or shine a laser beam, directly or indirectly, on another person in such a manner so as to harass, annoy, or place another person in fear of imminent physical injury.

Certain uses of laser beams prohibited is a violation, punishable pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 3-4207(c).

Ordained and enacted into law this 10th day of October, 1998.

Robert G. Frederick, Mayor

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