



FRUITA COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: SHANNON VASSEN, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: ORDINANCE 2025-03 – First Reading – An Introduction of an Ordinance amending Sections 6.13, 9.01.007, and 9.01.024 of the Fruita Municipal Code concerning certain criminal charges to align with Colorado State Statutes for publication of public hearing on January 21, 2025

BACKGROUND

At the August workshop, the City Council had a discussion with the Municipal Judge and the Chief of Police about potential Municipal Code Updates that would be a benefit to the Municipal Court. The City Council advised staff to move forward to amend certain sections of the Fruita Municipal Code to align with Colorado Revised States regarding penalties for theft and criminal mischief offenses, and also provide clarity when dealing with dangerous animals. These changes will bring local regulations in line with state law and enhance clarity, flexibility, and consistency in local enforcement practices.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no significant fiscal impacts anticipated with the changes proposed in this Ordinance.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The proposed amendments ensure legal consistency, enhance public safety, and streamline enforcement. Aligning local penalties with state law will provide clearer guidelines for enforcement, support community safety, and maintain the City's commitment to upholding modern and effective regulations.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Approve First Reading as presented and schedule a public hearing for January 21, 2025.
2. Advise staff to make changes to the amendment and approve, and then schedule public hearing for January 21, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVE TO PUBLISH SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE 2025-03 APPROVING CHANGES TO THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL CHARGES TO ALIGN WITH STATE STATUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AT THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2025.