



FRUITA
COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: SHANNON VASSEN, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

DATE: January 21, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: ORDINANCE 2025-03 – Second Reading – 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. *Presented by Shannon Vassen, Interim City Manager.*

BACKGROUND

At the August 2024 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 Ordinance 2025 – 03 – Amending the Fruita Municipal Code to Align Certain Criminal Charges to align with Colorado State Statutes.
2. Advise staff to make changes and bring back ordinance at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-03 - 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.