**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4597**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.04.230 OF THE**

**GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MARIJUANA AND PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS**

**RECITALS:**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction has reviewed and approved changes to Section 9.04.230 of the City of Grand Junctions Code of Ordinances relating to possession, consumption, transferring, dispensing and use of two ounces or less of marijuana by persons under the age of 21 years within the City and found the changes as proposed are beneficial to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

Section 9.04.230 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**9.04.230 Purchase, possession, consumption of marijuana by persons under the age of 21.**

(a)    It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to purchase, transfer, dispense, or possess two ounces or less of marijuana, and/or to consume any quantity of marijuana, except as allowed for medicinal purposes.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to openly and publicly display, consume, or use two ounces or less of marijuana.

(c)    **Penalties.**

(1)    Each violation of paragraph (a) of this section shall be punishable by a fine up to $100.00. At the discretion of the Court, the fine may be suspended as the Court deems appropriate with completion of drug education and/or treatment.

(2)    Each violation of paragraph (b) of this section shall be punishable by a fine up to $100.00 and up to 24 hours of useful public service. At the discretion of the Court, the fine and useful public service may be suspended as the Court deems appropriate with completion of drug education and/or treatment.

**INTRODUCED** on first reading the 7th day of August, 2013 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** on second reading the 21st day of August, 2013 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

 /s/ Martin Chazen

 President of City Council Pro Tem

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Tuin

City Clerk