### CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

### **ORDINANCE NO. 4598**

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.04.070 OF THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THEFTS

#### **RECITALS:**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction has reviewed and approved changes to Section 9.04.070 of the City of Grand Junctions Code of Ordinances relating to thefts within the City for anything valued less than \$2,000 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 9.04.070 is hereby amended as follows:

#### 9.04.070 Theft.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to commit theft in the City. A person commits a theft when the person knowingly obtains or exercises control over anything of value of another without authorization or by threat or deception with intent to permanently deprive the person having lawful dominion, possession or control of the thing of value of its use or benefit. The Municipal Court shall have jurisdiction where the value of the thing involved is less than \$2,000. For purposes of this section, the test of value is the reasonable market value of the stolen article at the time of the commission of the alleged offense. If any person willfully conceals unpurchased goods, wares or merchandise owned or held by and offered or displayed for sale by any store or other mercantile establishment, whether the concealment be on the person or otherwise and whether on or off the premises of such store or mercantile establishment, such concealment shall constitute a presumption that the person intended to commit the crime of theft.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to knowingly transfer a label or other designation of price from one item to another or alter such label or designation of price with intent to purchase such item at a lesser cost.

Any section not specifically modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

**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.

President of City Council Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance,

being Ordinance No. 4598 was introduced by the City Council of the

City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body

held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013 and that the same was published

in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general

circulation in said City, in pamphlet form, at least ten days before its

final passage.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT a Public Hearing was held on the

21st day of August, 2013, at which Ordinance No. 4598 was read,

considered, adopted and ordered published in pamphlet form by the

Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and

affixed the official seal of said City this 22nd day of August 2013.

City Clerk

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