

ORDINANCE NO. 4189

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, SECTION 7 OF THE
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THEFT**

RECITALS:

The state court system is heavily burdened by criminal cases. The Municipal Court can help to alleviate the burden on the state court system and in turn provide efficient and effective management of some additional cases.

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

Chapter 24, Section 7 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Grand Junction, Colorado, is hereby amended to read as follows. (Additions are shown in underline; deletions are shown by strikethrough.)

Sec. 24-7 Theft

(a) It shall be unlawful to commit theft in the City. A person commits a theft when he knowingly obtains or exercises control over any thing 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 \$1,000.00. 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 his own 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.

**ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND
EFFECT.**

PASSED for first reading and ordered published by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado this 20th day of February, 2008.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second reading by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado this 5th day of March, 2008.

/s/: James J. Doody
President of the Council

Attest:

/s/: Stephanie Tuin
City Clerk