

**Resolution No. 15-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION,  
COLORADO, EXCUSING COUNCILMEMBER BALLARD FROM CERTAIN  
ABSENCES DURING MILITARY DEPLOYMENT AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE  
PARTICIPATION**

Recitals

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ballard is a duly elected member of the City Council and a member of the Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ballard has been ordered to active service by the United States Army for a foreign deployment for about one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ballard desires to continue to serve and represent the residents of the City of Grand Junction, District E during such deployment, to the extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ballard has evaluated available technology and reasonably believes he will be able to participate in City Council meetings by remote means (including virtual appearance), although military duties may periodically prevent his attendance; and

WHEREAS, Section 37 of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction provides, in relevant part, that a vacancy is deemed to exist when a councilmember absents himself from five (5) consecutive meetings of the Council "unless excused by resolution thereof"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to (i) express support for Councilmember Ballard's military service, (ii) excuse any Council meeting absences attributable to his deployment for purposes of Charter Section 37, and (iii) acknowledge and authorize his remote participation when feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Support for Service. The City Council hereby recognizes and expresses its support for Councilmember Ballard's service to the United States and the sacrifices attendant to his deployment.
2. Excused Absences During Deployment. For purposes of Section 37 of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction, and to avoid any unintended declaration of vacancy based on consecutive absences, the City Council hereby excuses Councilmember Ballard from absences from meetings of the City Council to the

extent such absences are attributable to, or reasonably related to, his foreign deployment and associated military duties, for the duration of such deployment.

3. Remote Participation Authorized. Councilmember Ballard is authorized to attend and participate in meetings of the City Council remotely (including by virtual appearance), to the extent feasible and consistent with applicable law, Council rules, and available technology. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to require attendance when Councilmember Ballard's military duties prevent remote participation.
4. Term; Notice. This Resolution shall remain in effect during the pendency of Councilmember Ballard's foreign deployment and shall automatically terminate upon his return from deployment or separation from the deployment orders, whichever occurs first.
5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO  
By and through its CITY COUNCIL



Cody Kennedy  
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval  
City Clerk

