

ORDINANCE NO. 4350

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-5 OF ARTICLE I
OF THE GRAND JUNCTION CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATING TO INJURING OR MEDDLING WITH POLICE DOGS**

RECITALS:

The current City Code regarding injuring or meddling with police dogs is unclear in its description of the particular law enforcement functions or duties that a police dog performs. Clarification of the Code is needed for efficient prosecution of cases and administration of law by law enforcement officers.

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

Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of Article I of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows.

Sec. 6-5 Injuring or meddling with police dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously torture, torment, beat, kick, mutilate, injure, disable or kill any dog, including a guard dog, used by a law enforcement agency within the City in the performance of the functions and duties of such agency, or to unwarrantedly interfere or meddle with any such dog while being used by such agency or any member thereof in the performance of any of the functions or duties of such law enforcement agency or of such members.

Interference or meddling with a law enforcement dog includes yelling, barking at, or otherwise distracting by noise, whether yelling or speaking to the canine while he is located inside or outside the law enforcement vehicle. Unsolicited physical touching or throwing objects at or near the dog shall also be included. These examples are inclusive but not limitations.

**ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 6 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 the 1st day of April, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second reading by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado this 15th day of April, 2009.

/s/ Gregg Palmer
Gregg Palmer
President of the Council

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie Tuin
Stephanie Tuin
City Clerk