RESOLUTION NO. 65-08

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FINE SCHEDULE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CODE VIOLATIONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION PROCESS

RECITALS:

Section 2-92 of Ordinance No. 4233, which establishes an administrative enforcement process to address certain violations of the City Code, states that the City Manager shall develop a fine schedule based upon the City Manager's assessment of the cost to the City for enforcing the provisions of Chapter 2, Article VI. Such schedule shall be approved by the City Council.

It has been determined by City staff and the City Manager that the schedule of fines shall be graduated in amount, with the smallest fine being assessed for the first administrative citation and increasingly larger fines for second, third and subsequent administrative citations. No single fine assessed for an administrative citation shall exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The schedule of fines shall be amended no more than once per year.

A Code Enforcement Officer, by and through the authority of the City Manager, in his or her sole discretion, may reduce the fine, calculated on a daily basis, for each day prior to the court hearing in which the responsible party complies and corrects the violation. Fines reduced for early compliance may be reduced as much as fifty percent (50%) of the original assessed fine, in the discretion of the Code Enforcement Officer.

The following fine schedule has been established by the City Manager:

(1) For the first violation of the City Code, a fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per count, plus court costs;

(2) For the second violation of the City Code, a fine of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per count, plus costs;

(3) For the third violation of the City Code, a fine of not less than four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per count, plus costs; and

(4) For the fourth violation, a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per count, plus court costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The proposed Fine Schedule described herein be adopted for use by City Staff in the enforcement of code violations.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2008.

ATTEST:

/s/: Stephanie Tuin City Clerk /s/: Gregg Palmer President of the Council