**ORDINANCE NO. 4708**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5.12, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 5.12.130 HEARING PROCEDURES**

**Recitals.**

The City of Grand Junction is the local licensing authority for licensing 3.2% Beer and Liquor Licenses, as well as issuing Special Event Permits.

C.R.S. 12-47-311 and 12-48-106 of the Colorado Liquor Code requires that a notice for the hearing on any new license and any Special Event be posted at least ten days prior to the hearing. Further, the law requires that the local licensing authority make a finding that such notice was posted in accordance with the statute.

The City holds its hearings on Wednesdays which makes ten days prior to the hearing a Sunday.

In order to allow for the schedule and for the Hearing Officer and local licensing authority to make the necessary findings, a City employee verifies that such notice was posted in a timely manner. To better facilitate the schedule and confirmation of posting of notices the Hearing Officer issued an Administrative Regulation on July 15, 2015 requiring the notice to be posted by noon on the fourteenth day prior to the hearing.

The additional time also allows more notification to the public to participate in the licensing and hearing process.

The City of Grand Junction is a home rule municipality and has the authority to amend the State Liquor Code by ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT: (ADDITIONS ARE UNDERLINED)**

**Section 5.12.130 Hearing Procedures of the Grand Junction Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as:**

**5.12.130 Hearing procedures.**

The Hearing Officer may establish such procedures to be followed in actions before him as may be consistent with the terms and conditions of the State liquor and beer codes and special events provisions.

The premises for which an application has been made for a new 3.2% Beer License, an alcohol beverage license, or a Special Event Permit shall be posted no later than noon on the fourteenth day prior to the hearing.

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Approved and adopted on second reading this 3rd day of August, 2016 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

/s/ Phyllis Norris

President of the Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Tuin

City Clerk