



Legal Notice

Date: 08/03/2023

Subject: An ordinance of the City of Littleton, Colorado, amending multiple sections of the Littleton Municipal Code, Title 6, pertaining to police regulations

Passed/Failed: Passed on first reading

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CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 12

Series, 2023

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
COLORADO, AMENDING MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF
LITTLETON MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 6, PERTAINING
TO POLICE REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Littleton desires to update the Littleton Municipal Code to reflect the current Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the revisions align with state law, clean up language in the code, clarify process and terms, and allow charging into municipal court.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:**

Section 1: Title 6 of the Littleton City Code is hereby amended as follows:

6-1-3: CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit or cause to be committed any act of cruelty, abandonment, harassment or torture to any animal or cause any animal to be wounded, mutilated, strangled or inhumanely killed. Ownership of said animal shall not be a defense for such acts or for a violation of this section.

B. It shall be unlawful for the owner, possessor or keeper of any animal to negligently or intentionally deprive such animal of adequate and wholesome food and water, protection from the elements, opportunity for exercise, or adequate veterinary care, or otherwise neglect such animal in such a manner as to endanger its health or cause it to suffer.

C. SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE: IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PENALTIES LAID OUT IN SECTION 1-4-1, IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, THEY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A MANDATORY MINIMUM FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) AND COMPLETE AN ANGER MANAGEMENT TREATMENT PROGRAM OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE TREATMENT PROGRAM.

D. RESTITUTION:

1. IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY OF A SERVICE ANIMAL OR POLICE WORKING DOG, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE PERSON TO MAKE RESTITUTION TO THE AGENCY OR INDIVIDUAL OWNING SUCH

47 ANIMAL FOR ALL EXPENSES, INCLUDING ANY IMMEDIATE AND
48 ONGOING VETERINARY EXPENSES RELATED TO THE INCIDENT AND
49 REPLACEMENT COSTS IF SUCH ANIMAL IS PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR
50 KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE CRUELTY.

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52 2. IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE PERSON CONVICTED OF ANIMAL
53 CRUELTY OF A SERVICE ANIMAL OR POLICE WORKING DOG DID SO WITH
54 MALICIOUS INTENT, THE PERSON SHALL ADDITIONALLY MAKE
55 RESTITUTION TO THE AGENCY OR INDIVIDUAL OWNING SUCH ANIMAL
56 FOR ALL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION COSTS RELATED TO THAT
57 ANIMAL.

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59 3. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

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61 a. "SERVICE ANIMAL" MEANS ANY ANIMAL, THE SERVICES OF
62 WHICH ARE USED TO AID THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES
63 BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, OR
64 GOVERNMENTAL SEARCH AND RESCUE AGENCY, REGARDLESS
65 OF WHETHER THE ANIMAL WAS ON DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE
66 OFFENSE.

67 b. "POLICE WORKING DOG" MEANS A DOG THAT HAS CURRENT
68 CERTIFICATION FROM A STATE OR NATIONAL AGENCY OR AN
69 ASSOCIATION THAT CERTIFIES POLICE WORKING DOGS, AND
70 THAT IS PART OF A WORKING LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM,
71 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DOG WAS ON DUTY AT THE TIME
72 OF THE OFFENSE.

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75 **6-4-47: MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:**

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77 ~~It shall be unlawful to commit motor vehicle theft. A person commits motor vehicle theft if he or~~
78 ~~she knowingly obtains or exercises control over a motor vehicle of another without authorization~~
79 ~~or by threat or deception and the value of the motor vehicle is less than two thousand dollars~~
80 ~~(\$2,000.00).~~

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83 **6-4-48: MOTOR VEHICLE TRESPASS:**

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85 ~~It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly enter or remain in a motor vehicle of another~~
86 ~~without authorization or by threat or deception.~~

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89 **6-4-130: IMPROPER USE OF THE 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM:**

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91 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally call **OR TEXT** the 911 emergency

92 number and:

- 93 1. Knowingly provide false information; or
94 2. Provide no information as a prank, or
95 3. Request emergency assistance when no actual emergency exists.

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97 B. This section shall not apply where a person calls **OR TEXTS** the 911 emergency number
98 and makes a good faith request for emergency assistance based on a reasonable factual
99 basis that an emergency situation exists.

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102 **Section 2:** Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
103 phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
104 validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would
105 have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase
106 hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or
107 phrases may be declared invalid.

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109 **Section 3:** Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict
110 with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer
111 clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

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114 INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council

115 of the City of Littleton on the 1st day of August, 2023, passed on first reading by a vote of ___

116 FOR and ___ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library,

117 the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

118 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 15th day of August,

119 2023, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at

120 the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

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122 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ___ FOR and

123 ___ AGAINST on the 15th day of August, 2023 and ordered published by posting at Littleton

124 Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

125 ATTEST:

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127 Colleen L. Norton
128 CITY CLERK

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130 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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132 Reid Betzing
133 CITY ATTORNEY
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Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR

