

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SNELL
COUNCIL BILL NO. 30
ORDINANCE NO. 1782
Series 2023**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-33 OF THE WHEAT RIDGE CODE OF LAWS CONCERNING COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER CODE ENFORCMENT POWERS

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge (the “City”) is a home rule municipality having all powers conferred by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority and C.R.S. § 31-15-201, the City, acting through its City Council (the “Council”), is authorized to adopt ordinances for the appointment, term of office, removal, powers, duties, and compensation of all officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has experienced issues with the enforcement of Chapter 11 licensing violations and would like to expand the scope of City employees that are able to issue municipal court summons for certain Chapter 11 violations; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to expand the enforcement powers of Community Service Officers as to include the enforcement of Chapter 11 licensing violations and to provide the City’s Compliance Officers with same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 2-33 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-33. - Authority of community service officers.

Pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. § 30-15-105 and the Colorado Municipal Court Rules, the city community service officers (“CSO”_officers), INCLUDING CITY COMPLIANCE OFFICERS, are hereby designated as peace officers and shall be authorized to issue, sign, and serve summons, ~~and complaints~~, AND detain and arrest suspects, and to make all the discretionary determinations required in order to enforce the provisions of chapters 4, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26.


Section 2. Severability, Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. If any section, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after final publication, as provided by Section 5.11 of the Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED on first reading by a vote of 8 to 0 on this 27th day of November 2023, ordered published by title in full in on the City's website as provided by the Home Rule Charter, and Public Hearing and consideration on final passage set for December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 7500 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, and that it takes effect 15 days after final publication.


READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED on second and final reading by a vote of 8 to 0, this 11th day of December 2023.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this 12th day of December 2023.



Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephen Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

Approved as to Form



Gerald E. Dahl, City Attorney

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