

ORDINANCE NO. 070, 2013
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING SECTION 4-196 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SO AS TO CHANGE THE VIOLATION OF INTERFERENCE WITH
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS FROM A CIVIL INFRACTION TO A CRIMINAL
MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2013, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 021, 2013 which amended Chapter 4, Article II of the City Code decriminalizing certain offenses related to the care and keeping of animals; and

WHEREAS, interference with animal control officers was included within those offenses that were decriminalized; and

WHEREAS, City staff believes that conduct rising to the level of interference with animal control officers should be treated as a criminal misdemeanor offense; and

WHEREAS, City staff is recommending changing the violation of interference with animal control officers from a civil infraction to a criminal misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it would be in the best interests of the City to amend City Code Section 4-196 changing the violation of interference with animal control officers from a civil infraction to a criminal misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that Section 4-196 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4-196. Generally.

Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this Chapter, except Sections 4-70, 4-74, 4-95, 4-96, 4-97, 4-119, 4-157, and 4-177 whether by acting in a manner declared to be unlawful or by failing to act as required, commits a civil infraction and is subject to the penalty provisions of Subsection 1-15(f). Any person who violates Sections 4-70, 4-74, 4-95, 4-96, 4-97, 4-119, 4-157, or 4-177 commits a misdemeanor criminal offense and is subject to a penalty or imprisonment, costs and fees and any other orders imposed in accordance with § 1-15.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 21st day of May, A.D. 2013, and to be presented for final passage on the 4th day of June, A.D. 2013.

ATTEST:

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk



Karen Weithorn
Mayor

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 4th day of June, A.D. 2013.

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