

ORDINANCE NO. 2268

INTRODUCED BY: ALLEN-THOMAS, FRANK, GRIMES, GUARDIOLA, HURST,
HUSEMAN, MADERA, NOBLE, SMITH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 3-2304 AND 6-2012, CONSOLIDATING SECTIONS 6-2012 AND 6-2013, AND REPEALING AND SAVING SECTION 6-2013 OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY RESPONSIBILITIES AND STANDARDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF WEEDS AND GRASSES AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City (“City”) is a home rule municipality organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in order to further the City’s goals of achieving consistent maintenance standards for an aesthetically pleasing environment and protecting residents and the public from potential safety hazards, the City wishes to revise certain sections of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code (“Code”) that address maintenance responsibilities and requirements of land owners and occupants in the City;

WHEREAS, more specifically, the City seeks to amend and consolidate existing Code Section 6-2012 - Weeds and Vegetation and Section 6-2013 – Unsafe Sidewalks and Rights of Way into new Section 6-2012 – Maintenance of Property to establish more consistent vegetation growth height standards and better delineate the maintenance responsibilities of property owners and occupants, both on their properties and beyond private property lines in the public right-of- way; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the City desires to amend Code Section 3-2304 - Penalties to increase penalties associated with violations of Section 6-2012, including raising the penalty amounts for repeated violations to the maximum permitted under state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that amending the Code in the manner set forth in the attached Exhibit A and Exhibit B is and shall be in the best interests of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended as set forth in “Exhibit A,” and “Exhibit B,” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Except as specifically set forth herein, the provisions of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective as provided by the Charter of the City of Commerce City.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED
THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED
THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk