

ORDINANCE NO. 2787

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE III, SEC. 1-3006, OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the City employs Community Service Officers (“CSOs”) who currently have the authority to enforce the City’s municipal ordinances and code violations related to land use, animals and fowl, sales and use tax, nuisances, business licensing, parking, and building design, construction, and maintenance;

WHEREAS, CSOs working through the City’s Police Department primarily focus on assisting with managing traffic control at accident scenes, securing accident scenes, responding to calls to investigate and enforce municipal codes, ordinances, and regulations generally focusing on animal related calls and parking violations, as well as assisting with enforcement of federal, state and local felony and misdemeanor laws, codes, ordinances and regulations, including working on cold police reports, serving legal notices and generally interfacing and providing information and assistance to residents chiefly related to animals and parking;

WHEREAS, CSOs play a vital role in maintaining public safety and enhancing community relations on matters that do not require the immediate presence of a sworn police officer;

WHEREAS, the City finds that CSOs can also be helpful to reduce some of the pressure placed on sworn police officers by responding to and investigating non-emergency traffic accidents, where there are no reported injuries, where there is minor property damage, and where there is no indication any of the involved parties were driving while impaired;

WHEREAS, the City finds and determines that expanding the City’s existing definition of Community Service Officers is in the best interest of the public for the welfare 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. Findings. The recitals to this ordinance are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This ordinance is found to be supported and authorized by law and in the best interests of and necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

SECTION 2. Amendment. Chapter 1, Article III, Sec. 1-3006, of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended related to the definition of “*Community service officer*” as set forth below (strikethroughs show deletions; underlines show additions) which shall read as follows:

Sec. 1-3006. Peace officers.

In addition to any authorization provided in a specific section of this Code, or in the codes adopted by the city by reference, city agents shall have authority to enforce municipal charter or ordinance violations as detailed in this section.

- (1) *Police officers.* City police officers, which shall include any peace officer engaged to provide law enforcement services for the city pursuant to a written contract signed by the chief of police, shall have the authority to enforce all municipal ordinance, Code, and Charter violations.
- (2) *Code enforcement inspectors.* Any city employee who holds the position of code enforcement inspector shall have authority to enforce municipal ordinance and Code violations related to land use, sales and use tax, nuisances, business licensing, parking, and building design, construction, and maintenance.
- (3) *Animal control agents.* Any city employee who holds the position of animal control agent shall have authority to enforce municipal ordinance violations related to animals and fowl.
- (4) *Community service officers.* Any city employee who holds the position of community service officer shall have authority to enforce municipal ordinances and code violations related to non-emergency traffic accidents, land use, animals and fowl, sales and use tax, nuisances, business licensing, parking, and building design, construction, and maintenance.
- (5) *Building official and building inspectors.* City employees who hold the position of building official or building inspector shall have authority to enforce municipal ordinance and code violations related to building design, construction, and maintenance.
- (6) *Tax auditors.* City employees who hold the position of tax auditor, at any level, shall have authority to enforce municipal ordinance violations related to sales and use tax.
- (7) *Firefighters.* Firefighters operating as employees or agents of the South Adams County Fire Protection District and the Greater Brighton Fire Protection District shall have authority to enforce the international fire code and parking restrictions related to fire safety.
- (8) *Park rangers.* Any city employee who holds the position of park ranger shall have authority to enforce municipal ordinances, the municipal code, and any other administratively adopted rules and regulations, including permit conditions, on park property.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective pursuant to Section 5.4 of the Charter.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDERED THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDERED THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor

ATTEST

Stephen J. Ruger, City Clerk