

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2025

AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE 4 – VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO CHAPTER 8 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE GARDEN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to House Bill 25-1112, effective August 6, 2025, municipalities are permitted to enforce violations of unregistered vehicles; and

WHEREAS, this proposed ordinance sets forth the Town's desire to exercise its authority under House Bill 25-1112 to enforce violations of unregistered vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that enforcing violations of unregistered vehicles is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Addition of Article 4, Chapter 8 – Vehicles and Traffic – Vehicle Registration:

Section 8-4-10. – Registration Violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or park a vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle upon any public street, alley, roadway, highway, or other public right-of-way within the City when such vehicle does not display current license plates with visible and valid year and month registration tabs as required by C.R.S § 42-3-114.

Section 8-4-20. – Dismissal Upon Compliance,

A court may dismiss a violation for failing to register a vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle in violation of this section if:

- (a) The vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle was unregistered for no more than four months at the time of the violation;
- (b) The owner registered the vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle before the owner's first court date as listed on the citation or summons; and
- (c) The owner pays to the court a thirty-dollar administrative dismissal fee if the court is a municipal court.

Section 8-4-30. – Notice Required.

A peace officer who charges a person for a violation described in subsection (1) of this section must notify the defendant of the opportunity to have the charge dismissed by the court, if the registration that led to the citation or summons is expired for four months or less at the time of

the violation and if registration is renewed prior to the first court date listed on the citation or summons, by either:

- (a) Oral means if notification by electronic means on the citation is not implemented;
or
- (b) Electronic means on the citation if implemented.

Section 2: Modification of Sec. 8-1-30 – Additions or modifications, the said model traffic code as adopted, is subject to the following additions or modifications.

“registration of vehicles” shall be deleted from the Model Traffic Code Part 1 110.
Provisions uniform throughout jurisdiction. (1)(d)

“registration of vehicles” shall be deleted from the Model Traffic Code Appendices (9)

Section 3. Severability. Should any one or more sections or provisions of this Ordinance be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or the codes adopted by reference hereby, the intention being that the various sections and provisions are severable.

Section 4. Interpretation. This Ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose.

Section 5. Publication. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause notice of its contents and passage to be published.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

TOWN OF GARDEN CITY

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK