

## **ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2023**

### **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF MUTUAL AID BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALAMOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR JOINT ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CRIMES AND RELATED VIOLENT CRIMES AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alamosa Police Department and the City of Monte Vista Police Department find that drug abuse and violent criminal activities have increased significantly within and between communities in recent years. The City of Monte Vista and the City of Alamosa are 17 miles apart, and in both communities, drug traffic, violent crime, and organized criminal gang activity have emerged; and

**WHEREAS**, Highway 160/285, which links the cities, has provided a conduit for drug traffickers and criminal elements to utilize. The nature of drug law enforcement, violent crime, and the criminal enterprise associated with them does not adhere to jurisdictional boundaries. In addition, the individual agencies face the difficulty of limited resources and ever-increasing demands for service, making organized drug enforcement difficult on a single-agency basis; and

**WHEREAS**: public safety is enhanced by the ability of the Alamosa Police Department and the Monte Vista Police Department to engage in joint enforcement efforts within the jurisdictional boundaries of the two agencies of controlled substance crimes as defined in federal, state, and local law, as well as related violent crimes and the criminal enterprises associated with them; and

**WHEREAS**: Article XIV, Section 18 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. Section 29-1-201, *et seq.*, encourage, permit, and authorize intergovernmental agreements to accomplish mutually beneficial objectives such as mutual aid amongst police departments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Alamosa as follows:

**Section 1.**     Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Alamosa Police Department and the City of Monte Vista Police Department attached to this Ordinance is hereby adopted and approved, and the Police Chief is directed to execute Agreement on behalf of the City of Alamosa;

**Section 2.**     General Repealer. All other acts, orders, ordinances, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with the sections adopted in this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 3.**     Recording and Authentication. This ordinance, immediately upon its passage, shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk, recorded in the City book of Ordinances kept for that purpose, and published according to law.

**Section 4. Publication and Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication following final passage. Publication both before and after final passage shall be by the title of this ordinance, which Council determines constitutes a sufficient summary of the ordinance, together with the statement that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.

**Section 5. Declaration of Public Interest.** This ordinance is necessary to preserve the peace, health, safety, welfare, and to serve the best interest of the citizens of the City of Alamosa, Colorado.

**Section 6. NON-Codification.** The City Clerk is directed to ensure that the provisions of this ordinance **ARE NOT** codified in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa.

**INTRODUCED, READ AND APPROVED** on first reading the 15th day of March, 2023, and ordered published by title and reference as provided by law with notice of a public hearing to be held for consideration of the adoption of said ordinance on the 5th day of April, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or on such subsequent date to which the public hearing or Council consideration may be continued.

**APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** after public hearing the 15th day of March, 2023.

CITY OF ALAMOSA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ty Coleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk