

TITLE AND PURPOSE

TOWN OF LA JARA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2003 - 1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1990 - 2 CONCERNING OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON; OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY; OFFENSES RELATING TO MORALS; OFFENSES - GOVERNMENTAL OPERATION; OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE, ORDER, AND DECENCY; OFFENSES RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1990, the Board of Trustees of the Town of La Jara in the County of Conejos and State of Colorado adopted Ordinance No. 1990-2 concerning offenses against the person; offenses against property; offenses relating to morals; offenses - governmental operation; offenses against public peace, order, and decency; offenses relating to alcoholic beverages; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; and repealing any and all ordinances in conflict therewith, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines that, in the interest of preserving the public peace, health, safety and welfare within the incorporated limits of the Town, it is necessary and appropriate that Ordinance No. 1990-2 should be amended by the addition of provisions relating to false reporting, what constitutes such an offense, and to give fair warning to all persons concerning the nature of the conduct prohibited and the penalties authorized upon conviction, and to punish a convicted offender by assuring the imposition of a sentence he or she deserves in relation to the seriousness of his or her offense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of La Jara, Colorado, as follows:

Section 1: AMENDMENT. - OFFENSES - GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS of Ordinance No. 1990-2 as hereinabove referenced is amended by the addition of a new Section 15-1 - False Reporting to Authorities to read as follows:

Section 15-1 - False Reporting to Authorities: (1) A person commits false reporting to authorities, if:

(a) He or she knowingly causes a false alarm of fire or other emergency to be transmitted to or with an official or volunteer fire department, ambulance service, or any other government agency which deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property; or

(b) He or she makes a report or knowingly causes the transmission of a report to law enforcement authorities of a crime or other incident within their official concern when he or she knows that it did not occur; or

(c) He or she makes a report or knowingly causes the transmission of a report to law enforcement authorities pretending to furnish information relating to an offense or other incident within their official concern when he or she knows that he or she has no information or knows that the information is false; or

(d) He or she knowingly provides false identifying information to law enforcement authorities.

(2) For purposes of this section "identifying information" means a person's name, address, birth date, social security number, or driver's license or Colorado identification number.

Section 2: -FINES AND PENALTIES: Any person convicted in the Municipal Court of the Town of La Jara of a violation of any term, provision, or section of Section 15-1 as set forth above may be imprisoned in the Conejos County Jail or such other suitable place as shall be provided by

said Town for a period not to exceed 90 days, or fined an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars, or both; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no person under the age of 18 years as of the date of the offense for which he or she was convicted shall be subject to the imposition of a jail sentence except as otherwise provided by the "Colorado Children's Code".

Section 3 - SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, part, subpart, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, word, or phrase of this Amending Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Amending Ordinance.

Section 4 - Repeal of all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with the provision of this Amending Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5 - Emergency Enactment - Effective Date: Whereas, for the reasons set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance, the Board of Trustees finds, determines, and declares that an emergency exists and that this Amending Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and the same shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption and the publication thereof as by law provided.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA AT A REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD AT WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD WAS PRESENT THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2003.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA

(Town Seal)

By: Austin Valdez  
Austin Valdez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Helen J. Hutchins  
Helen J. Hutchins, La Jara Town Clerk

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