

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 19-009**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 “ANIMALS”, TO REVISE CHAPTER 6.08 “DOGS AND CATS”, ARTICLE II “REGISTRATION OF DOGS”; AND TO ESTABLISH SECTION 6.08.010 “DEFINITIONS”; OF THE RIVERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Section 1.** 6.08.010 “Definitions”, is hereby established to read as follows:

*For the purpose of this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:*

*“Animal(s)” is defined as dog(s) or cat(s).*

*“Animal control officer” means the person employed by the city to control animals.*

*“At large” means any dog or cat shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the premises of its owner and not under restraint by a person physically able to control it.*

*“Cat” means any male or female feline.*

*“Dog” means any male or female canine. Where the word “dog” is used without a qualifying word, it shall be deemed and held to include both sexes.*

*“Noisy dog” or “noisy cat” means any dog or cat which habitually, constantly or frequently disturbs the sleep, peace or quiet of any neighborhood.*

*“Nuisance” means any animal which trespasses on public or private property; is at large, damages, soils, defiles or defecates on private or public property other than that of its owner; causes garbage which has previously been placed in a garbage or refuse container to be strewn or deposited on private or public property; habitually, constantly or frequently disturbs the sleep, rest, tranquility or peace of any neighborhood or person; chases pedestrians, bicyclists or motor vehicles; attacks other domestic animals; any dog or cat in heat which is not confined; any animal which creates offensive odors disturbing to any neighborhood or person, including animal waste from domestic animals that has created an offensive or foul odor, or that is unsanitary or dangerous to health.*

*“Owner” means any person owning, keeping or harboring a dog or cat. Any person who shall permit a dog or cat to habitually remain or to be fed in or about his premises shall be considered and be held to be the owner of such dog or cat.*

*“Police officer” means persons employed by the city as its enforcement officers.*

*“Restraint” A dog or cat is under restraint within the meaning of this chapter if it is within the property limits of its owner or keeper or under actual physical control of such owner or keeper or other person physically capable of controlling the animal.*

*“Vicious animal” means any animal which has attacked, menaced or bitten any person without reasonable provocation or any animal which has behaved in such a manner that the owner knows or should reasonably know that the animal is possessed of a tendency to attack, menace or bite persons without reasonable provocation.*

**Section 2.** 6.08 “Dogs and Cats”, Article II “Registration of Dogs” is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Article II. Registration of Dogs**

**6.08.070 Required.**

It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any dog in the city over the age of two months unless he or she shall cause the same to be registered through the animal adoption center. The registration shall be effective for ~~three years from purchase date~~ *the duration of the current inoculation for rabies* and shall require renewal upon expiration. (Ord. 12-003 § 1, 2012; Ord. 05-013, 2005)

**6.08.075 Definition.**

~~—Animals. For the purposes of this section, animal(s) is defined as dog(s) or cat(s), pursuant to Section 6.08.010 of this chapter. (Ord. 05-013, 2005)~~

**6.08.080 Fee.**

Registration fees shall be established by the city council by resolution. (Ord. 12-003 § 1, 2012; Ord. 05-013, 2005)

**6.08.100 Issuance of receipt—Entry into register.**

Upon the receipt of a bona fide certificate showing that the dog for which registration is requested has, during the calendar year for which registration is requested, received an inoculation for rabies and upon the collection of the registration fee provided for by resolution by the city council, a receipt shall be issued and the ~~animal~~ *dog* for which such fee is paid shall be registered and such certificate of inoculation for rabies is presented, in a book kept for that purpose, which shall describe each ~~animal~~ *dog* by tag number, age, kind of dog, number on rabies inoculation certificate, *rabies inoculation expiration date*, and name and address of the owner or keeper. (Ord. 05-013, 2005)

**6.08.110 Tags—Generally.**

When a dog is registered under this article, the owner or keeper shall be given a license tag bearing the dog’s registration number. Such registration tag shall be secured around the neck of the ~~animal~~ *dog* registered, and it is unlawful for any person to put upon any ~~animal~~ *dog* any tag of the kind herein required, except the one delivered for that particular ~~animal~~ *dog*. (Ord. 05-013, 2005)

**6.08.120 Tags—Unlawful removal.**

It is unlawful for any person, other than a police officer performing his or her duty, to remove the collar or registration tag from any dog without the consent of the dog’s owner. (Ord. 05-013, 2005)

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect from its adoption and publication as required by law and the ordinances of the City of Riverton.

PASSED ON FIRST READING August 6, 2019

PASSED ON SECOND READING August 20, 2019

PASSED ON THIRD READING September 3, 2019

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September , 2019.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard P. Gard  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kristin S. Watson  
City Clerk/Human Resource Director

ATTESTATION

I, Kristin S. Watson, Clerk of the City of Riverton, attest that Ordinance No. 19-009 was passed, adopted, and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Riverton on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2019. I further certify that the above proclamation ran at least once in the Riverton Ranger, a newspaper of general circulation within Riverton, Wyoming, the effective date of publication, and therefore the effective date of enactment being *September 19, 2019*.

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Kristin S. Watson  
City Clerk/Human Resource Director