

**TOWN OF RANCHESTER
ORDINANCE 305**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Ranchester, in the State of Wyoming, as follows:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “9-5-130 Certain Animals Prohibited” of the Ranchester Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

BEFORE AMENDMENT

9-5-130 Certain Animals Prohibited

- (a) No person shall harbor keep or possess a fox, coyote, raccoon, or skunk within the Town of Ranchester.
- (b) No person shall own, keep, maintain, or harbor a vicious dog or other animal within the Town of Ranchester.
- (c) No person shall own, keep, maintain, or harbor wolf, or wolf breed dog within the Town of Ranchester.
- (d) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit any certified service animal with proper documentation. (Ord. 279, 2017; Ord. 251, 2012; Ord. 207, 2001; Ord. 179 § 1, 1996; Ord. 163 § 1, 1991)

AFTER AMENDMENT

9-5-130 Certain Animals Prohibited

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- (b) No person shall own, keep, maintain, or harbor a vicious dog or other animal within the Town of Ranchester.
- (c) No person shall own, keep, maintain, or harbor a wolf or wolf-breed dog within the Town of Ranchester.
- (d) ~~Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit any certified service animal with proper documentation.~~ (Ord. 279, 2017; Ord. 251, 2012; Ord. 207, 2001; Ord. 179 § 1, 1996; Ord. 163 § 1, 1991)

SECTION 2: **AMENDMENT** “9-5-150 Registration And Licensing Dogs” of the Ranchester Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

BEFORE AMENDMENT

9-5-150 Registration And Licensing Dogs

- (a) No household or person shall be allowed to keep, harbor or maintain more than three dogs over six months old at any time within the Town of Ranchester.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain any dog more than six months old without being registered, with the exception of certified service dog(s) .
- (c) At the time application is made for such license, the owner shall inform the Town Clerk in writing with a name and address, as well as the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned .
- (d) Upon payment of the license fee (for amount click to see [Resolution for Rates and Fees](#)), the Town Clerk shall issue a receipt and a tag that is valid for one year from date of registration. The tag must be worn by the dog at all times. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Town Clerk after verification of payment of the license fee . Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license because of the death of the dog or the owner's leaving before the expiration of the license.
- (e) Each dog license shall expire one year from the date of registration and license shall be renewed on or before said date each year. A new license may be issued at any time during the year.
- (f) No dog license shall be issued under the provision of this ordinance unless the applicant therefore shall have obtained and exhibited to the Town Clerk a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog sought to be licensed has a valid rabies vaccination good for at least the current calendar year.
- (g) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove a collar or harness from an animal not belonging to them.
- (h) Any dog more than six months old found within the Town without a valid dog license as required in this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and is the duty of the animal control officer or any other administrative official to pick up and confine such dog in accordance with § 9-5-170. (Ord. 207, 2001; Ord. 93 § 2-§ 10, 1977; Ord. 36 § 2, 1916; Ord. 7 § 2, 1911)

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Upon payment of the license fee (for the amount, click to see [Resolution for Rates and Fees](#)), the Town Clerk shall issue a receipt and a tag that is valid for one year from the date of registration.

- (a) The tag must be worn by the dog at all times. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Town Clerk after verification of payment of the license fee. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another, and no refunds shall be issued for any dog license because of the death of the dog or the owner's leaving before the expiration of the license.
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- (e) Any dog more than six months old found within the Town without a valid dog license, as required in this section, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and it is the duty of the animal control officer or any other administrative official to pick up and confine such dog in accordance with § 9-5-170. (Ord. 207, 2001; Ord. 93 § 2-§ 10, 1977; Ord. 36 § 2, 1916; Ord. 7 § 2, 1911)

SECTION 3: **AMENDMENT** “9-5-140 Keeping Of Livestock Prohibited; Exceptions” of the Ranchester Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

BEFORE AMENDMENT

9-5-140 Keeping Of Livestock Prohibited; Exceptions

It is unlawful and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person or entity, either by themselves or their agents or employees, to be the owner of or keep livestock within the corporate limits of the Town of Ranchester except as provided herein. “Livestock” is defined as any domestic hoofed animal generally used for food, in the production of food or fiber, or for recreation including but not limited to cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, sheep, goats, or swine. Exceptions:

- (a) On each two (2) full acres of land no more than two (2) head of cattle; two (2) horses, mules, donkeys, or llamas; or three (3) sheep or goats may be kept (hereinafter “acreage requirements”) provided:
 - (1) Each animal must be kept and confined within a secure fence, pen, or enclosure, which must be of sufficient size to allow each animal to stand up, lie down, and turn around in a natural position and which must be kept in good order and repair;
 - (2) Any fence, pen, or enclosure must be located no less than 50 feet from any adjoining property and no less than 100 feet from any dwelling or water

- source, including but not limited to water wells, rivers, streams, or creeks (hereinafter “distance requirements”);
- (3) Any fenced area, pen, or enclosure must be kept in conformity with subsection (f); and
 - (4) Each animal is kept only for the purpose of exhibition, competition, education, personal consumption, riding, packing, or other recreational activity and not for a commercial purpose.
- (b) A person may temporarily keep two (2) livestock for a period of forty-eight (48) hours exempt from the acreage requirements of this section within a secure fence, pen, or enclosure exempt from the distance requirements of this section for the purpose of exhibition, competition, education, or recreation.
 - (c) The intention of this ordinance is not to restrict the travel of ridden or harnessed equine within the Town of Ranchester’s streets and alleys.
 - (d) A properly licensed veterinary hospital, clinic, or related practice of veterinary medicine located in a properly zoned District, as set forth in Title 15, may keep livestock exempt from the acreage requirements of this section within a secure fence, pen, or enclosure exempt from the distance requirements of this section.
 - (e) Provided, the keeping of livestock under subsections (b), (c), or (d) is unlawful and declared a nuisance if livestock are not kept in conformity with subsections (a)(1) and (f) of this section.
 - (f) Any fenced area, pen, or enclosure must be kept clean so the presence of noise, odor, insects, rodents, vermin, dust, water, accumulation of manure, garbage, refuse, or other obnoxious or putrescible material, or any other objectionable matter or effect is not perceptible from outside of the property or does not cause, create, or contribute to an injury to the health of or contaminate any place in the Town. Any violation of this subsection is unlawful and declared a nuisance to the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town.
 - (g) As of the effective date of this ordinance or any ordinance annexing land, any then-existing keeping of livestock not in compliance with the acreage requirements and distance requirements is permitted to continue to the extent then-existing subject to the remaining provisions of this section until that keeping of livestock is discontinued for a period of six (6) consecutive months.
 - (h) Any person found guilty of violating this section will be punished by a fine of not more than \$750.00. Each day any violation of this section continues constitutes a separate offense punishable by the fine as set forth above. (Ord. 277, 2017; Ord. 207, 2001; Ord. 120, 1979)

AFTER AMENDMENT

9-5-140 Keeping Of Livestock Prohibited; Exceptions

It is unlawful and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person or entity, either by themselves or their agents or employees, to be the owner of or keep livestock within the corporate limits of the Town of Ranchester except as provided herein. “Livestock” is defined as any domestic hoofed animal generally used for food, in the production of food or fiber, or for recreation

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 - (2) Any fence, pen, or enclosure must be located no less than 50 feet from any adjoining property and no less than 100 feet from any dwelling or water source, including but not limited to water wells, rivers, streams, or creeks (hereinafter “distance requirements”);
 - (3) Any fenced area, pen, or enclosure must be kept in conformity with subsection (f); and
 - (4) Each animal is kept only for the purpose of exhibition, competition, education, personal consumption, riding, packing, or other recreational activity and not for a commercial purpose.
- (b) A person may temporarily keep two (2) livestock for a period of forty-eight (48) hours exempt from the acreage requirements of this section within a secure fence, pen, or enclosure exempt from the distance requirements of this section for the purpose of exhibition, competition, education, or recreation with a temporary use permit issued by the Town of Ranchester.
- (c) The intention of this ordinance is not to restrict the travel of ridden or harnessed equine within the Town of Ranchester’s streets and alleys.
- (d) A properly licensed veterinary hospital, clinic, or related practice of veterinary medicine located in a properly zoned District, as set forth in Title 15, may keep livestock exempt from the acreage requirements of this section within a secure fence, pen, or enclosure exempt from the distance requirements of this section.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF RANCHESTER COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Jeffrey Barron	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jessica Weaver	_____	_____	_____	_____
Randy Sundquist	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tracey Deromedi	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

Attest

Peter Clark, Mayor, Town of
Ranchester

Barbara Brackeen-Kepley, Clerk-
Treasurer, Town of Ranchester