

WAM RESOLUTION NO. 24-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES RELATING
TO THE 69th ANNUAL CONVENTION IN PINEDALE, WYOMING, JUNE 2024**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Annual Convention of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) on June 5-7, 2024, in Pinedale, Wyoming has proven to be an outstanding session focusing on the education of elected officials and municipal staff members and enhancing the tools available to them in order to provide the best service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the success of this Convention is due in large measure to the generous contribution of time, effort and resources on the part of the staff and sponsors who hosted, planned, and arranged logistics and activities of the 2024 WAM Annual Convention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wyoming Association of Municipalities on this 6th day of June 2024, in Pinedale, Wyoming that the Association gratefully extends its appreciation to every person and organization in Pinedale and the WAM Staff who devoted time, effort and resources in the planning, arranging, providing and presenting of the programs and activities of the 69th Annual WAM Convention.

Wyoming Association of Municipalities

By 
WAM President Matt Hall

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RESOLUTION 24-02

**A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING FOR LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE PUBLIC WORKS
EMPLOYEES AS EMERGENCY PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the governing body request we support and advocate that public works personnel, water and wastewater operators be considered emergency personnel.

WHEREAS, Police, Fire and EMS workers are designated emergency response because they provide vital support during emergencies,

WHEREAS, public works personnel such as water and wastewater operators are essential to our communities during an emergency, they keep the water flowing and the waste leaving,

WHEREAS, other emergency response workers would not have the ability to provide our communities with the needed essential services of water and wastewater,

WHEREAS, we desire this designation of public works employees to be emergency personnel so we can ensure, in the event of an emergency, they will be able to keep our town systems functioning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we advocate for public works employees to be designated as emergency personnel. Those Cites/Towns that wish to can opt out if they so choose.

Wyoming Association of Municipalities

By: _____

Matt Hall, WAM President

June 7, 2024

WAM RESOLUTION NO. 24-03

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND STATE STATUTE TO INCREASE FEES FOR RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES

WHEREAS, Liquor Licenses are issued by municipalities at fees set by the state; and

WHEREAS, the fee for Retail Liquor Licenses has not changed since 1935;

WHEREAS, Retail Liquor License establishments have the largest impact on communities regarding alcohol related calls for service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that WAM supports legislation aimed at granting municipalities the authority to regulate liquor licenses through local control by adjusting fees to better reflect the value of retail liquor licenses.

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WAM RESOLUTION NO. 24-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALLOWANCE OF LOCAL REVENUE GENERATION

WHEREAS, many municipalities in Wyoming struggle to meet the operating needs of their communities through existing taxing methods; and

WHEREAS, citizens of municipalities appreciate when additional tax revenues can be used to fund local infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Wyoming value self-sufficiency and taking care of one's community; and

WHEREAS, various communities across the state have different ideas about potential options for revenue generation that could have a huge impact and support the government and citizens in those jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the state's current tax code does not allow for this flexibility, so Towns, Counties, and the State of Wyoming have missed collections on an abundance of potential revenue; and

WHEREAS, localities levying location-specific taxes could further diversify their revenue streams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that WAM supports, and urges the State Legislature to support, more flexibility for localities to levy taxes that make sense within their jurisdictions to be utilized for community priorities.

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WAM RESOLUTION NO. 24-05

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RETENTION OF OWNERSHIP OF CONDOMINIUM
PLATS**

WHEREAS, governmental entities may enter into public-private partnership to support creation of workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, current state statutes do not permit land to be utilized for the building of condominiums without sale of the underlying land; and

WHEREAS, the price of land continues to rise across Wyoming and maintaining a qualified workforce also continues to be a statewide challenge in many cases attributable to housing shortages; and

WHEREAS, in other states it is common practice to maintain ownership of land beneath condominiums utilized for workforce housing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that WAM supports legislation to update State Statutes to allow the option of ownership of land beneath condominiums utilized for workforce housing to remain with governmental entities

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WAM RESOLUTION NO. 24-06

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT COVENANTS RESTRICTING APPLICATION OF WATERWISE LANDSCAPING OR REQUIRING INSTALLTION OF WATER-INTENSE LANDSCAPING MANDATE IRRESPONSIBLE USE OF WATER RESOURCES AND REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND STATE LEGISLATURE REVIEW, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT MODIFICATIONS TO STATE STATUTES TO NULLIFY COVENANTS THAT RESTRICT WATERWISE LANDSCAPING OR REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF WATER-INTENSE LANDSCAPING.

WHEREAS, water scarcity and conservation are critical issues affecting communities worldwide, including our own; and

WHEREAS, landscaping practices have a significant impact on water consumption, particularly in regions where water resources are limited or under stress; and

WHEREAS, waterwise landscaping techniques involve selecting native or drought-tolerant plants, incorporating efficient irrigation systems, improving soil quality, and reducing water runoff and evaporation; and

WHEREAS, waterwise landscaping can lead to substantial water savings, reduce the strain in municipal and private water supplies, and contribute to the overall sustainability and resilience of our community;

WHEREAS, the need for water conservation throughout Laramie County through existing residents as well as prospective new residents, and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Association of Municipalities and the Wyoming County Commissioner's Association would draft a similar resolution on this topic to address but not limited to, nullification of covenants that restrict waterwise landscaping or require installation of water-intense landscaping.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we request the state legislative committees and state legislature review, consider, and adopt modifications to current State Statutes to nullify covenants that restrict waterwise landscaping or require installation of water-intense landscaping.

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WAM RESOLUTION NO. 24-08

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO
REQUEST THE STATE OF WYOMING TO CREATE A SPECIAL ANIMAL
CONTROL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, municipalities have the responsibility to manage, control, and shelter domestic pets at large; and

WHEREAS, the humane treatment of these domestic pets comes at a significant cost which exceeds the available funding of local governments;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of local governments to provide adequate and humane care for domestic pets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Wyoming Association of Municipalities request that the State of Wyoming allow for the creation of special animal control and shelter districts under Wyoming law.

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WAM RESOLUTION 24-09

A RESOLUTION REGARDING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

WHEREAS, Wyoming law requires local governments under multiple circumstances to memorialize specific actions of local governments and to provide notice of specific events or intentions to act; and

WHEREAS, said memorialization and notice is required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, with the popularization of electronic media the intention of this newspaper publication has been diminished; and

WHEREAS, WAM supports the intent of transparency in government actions that publication and notice provide; and

WHEREAS, WAM is concerned that publication in newspapers of general circulation may not provide the intended notice; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wyoming Association of Municipalities supports giving local governments the choice of how and where to publish the required memorialization and notice under Wyoming law.

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WAM Board President, Matt Hall

WAM RESOLUTION NO. 24-10

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING WAM SUPPORT OF TRANSIENT GUEST TAX

WHEREAS, communities experience high usage of its hotels by guests who are working and often stay for periods longer than 30 days; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statute § 39-15-101(a)(xiv) defines a "transient guest" as a person who occupies a room or rooms in any hotel for less than thirty (30) continuous days; and

WHEREAS, it is believed this provision puts Wyoming and its cities at a competitive disadvantage in tourism development; and

WHEREAS, it is believed this provision to be harmful to local business in so far as not having sufficient rooms available for regular tourism, harming local businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Association of Municipalities, supports legislation that would repeal Wyoming Statute § 39-15-101(a)(xiv) in order to promote tourism development and address the shortage of available rooms for regular tourism.

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