

The Town of
Star Valley Ranch,
Wyoming

ORDINANCE 2009-05

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY RANCH

CHAPTER 7 – NUISANCE

Article 7 - DOG REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS

Article 7-1 Purpose

This ordinance establishes a system to register and regulate dogs in the Town of Star Valley Ranch (“Town”).

Article 7-2 Initial Duration Period

This ordinance will become (1) effective January 1, 2010 at 12:01 AM

Article 7-3 Registration Requirements

Every person owning, harboring or keeping a dog within the Town shall register and license the dog with the Town (or other issuing agent should the Town contract with another agency for the purpose of licensing dogs within the Town). The following fees shall apply for the licensing of each dog:

Dog Classification	Initial License Fee	Renewal License Fee	Advance License Fee
Neutered or Spayed Dog *	\$20.00 *	\$15.00 **	\$10.00 **
Non-neutered or Non-spayed Dog	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00

* Veterinarian proof showing dog has been neutered or spayed will be required.

** If the dog’s classification has changed, a Veterinarian’s proof showing dog has been neutered or spayed will be required.

Renewal Dog License Fees are only valid during the first quarter of each calendar year for which the tag is issued. After the first quarter the Initial Registration fees will apply.

Advance License Fee is applicable if payment is received by the Town after the announced availability for the coming year and before the close of business on the last business day of the calendar year for which the current tag will expire.

Upon payment of the license fee, the Town shall issue a receipt and dog tag that shall be immediately valid through the calendar year for which the tag is issued.

At the time an initial application is made for the license, the owner shall provide the Town with the name and address of the owner along with the name, breed, color and sex of each dog being licensed. A picture of the dog shall also be provided. Each dog license and tag shall expire on December 31st of the calendar year for which it was issued. Owner's signed confirmation of address, animal's statistics and current rabies vaccination will be required for renewals.

No fee (except as specifically addressed in this ordinance) will be prorated for a partial year nor shall a refund be issued for any license fee already paid. Dog tags must be worn at all times by the licensed dog when outside the owner's property.

Dog tags are not transferable from one dog to another. In the event the dog tag is lost or destroyed during the calendar year for which it was issued, a duplicate will be issued at a cost of 50% of the initial cost provided the owner shows proof of purchase of the license that was lost or destroyed.

Article 7-4 Vaccinations

All dogs shall be vaccinated against rabies and owner shall maintain proof of a current and valid rabies vaccination at all times. The owner shall securely fasten proof of evidence of the rabies vaccination to the dog which shall be worn by the dog at all times. Owners of dogs shall have readily available rabies vaccination certification upon request by a Dog Control Officer or other authorized official.

Article 7-5 Exemptions

Registration, tags and dog license fee shall not be required for;

1. Seeing Eye dogs which have been properly certified and trained to assist blind persons and are actually being used by a blind person,
2. Companion dogs when prescribed by a Doctor,
3. Search and Rescue dogs in the performance of their duties,
4. K-9 or other peace officers dogs in the performance of their duties,

5. Show dogs which do not reside in the Town but are brought into the Town for the specific purpose of participating in an organized dog show, one week maximum without special exception.
6. Any other dog when used for medical, safety or law enforcement use, not covered above and approved by the Town Clerk or Town Administrator.

Notwithstanding these exemptions, the owner shall be required to show proof of the dog's rabies vaccination.

Article 7-6 Definitions

When used in this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- a. "Breeding services" means the raising of dogs for purpose of sale, barter, trade or any other commercial activity.
- b. "Dog" shall mean a domesticated animal (male or female) of the canine family and is not limited to any particular breed. The term dog, when used in this ordinance, shall mean both the singular and plural form.
- c. "Dog Control Officer" shall mean any person appointed by the Mayor to enforce the terms and provisions of this ordinance.
- d. "Kennel" shall mean any enclosure of any kind or description where a dog is kept or housed other than the primary residence of the owner of the dog.
- e. "Owner" shall mean any person keeping, feeding, harboring, housing, maintaining, transporting or otherwise having custody of or being in charge of a dog.
- f. "Owners property" shall mean property within the Town that is owned, rented, leased or otherwise legally occupied by the owner.

Article 7-7 Prohibited Activities

- a. Anyone providing false information in regards to this ordinance or related activities shall be fined \$750.00.
- b. No owner shall allow their dog when outside the owner's property to be without the current year's dog tag being visibly worn on the dog's collar.
- c. Except as provided by Wyoming law, no person shall kill, poison or otherwise destroy a dog, unless, pursuant to advice from a veterinarian, for proper medical reasons. In addition, no person shall beat, injure or otherwise abuse or treat any dog in an inhumane or cruel manner.
- d. No person shall hinder or otherwise interfere in any manner with any dog control officer discharging and exercising their duty in enforcing this ordinance.
- e. Every owner, owner's agents, or representatives shall, at all times, maintain the owner's dog on the owner's property except when the dog is

- physically tethered by chain, leash, rope or other device preventing the dog from freely moving on or over any property other than the owner's property. For purposes of this section, the owner shall also be liable even if the owner's agents or representatives have caused the violation.
- f. No owner shall permit their dog to disturb others by habitually, constantly and/ or frequently barking for extended periods.
 - g. It shall be unlawful for the owner or any person having charge or control of any dog to permit such animal to defecate and to allow the feces to remain upon any public street, sidewalk, pathway, park, pedestrian way, or any public facility, or on any private property not owned or possessed by the owner or person having the charge or control of such animal unless the person shall immediately and securely enclose all feces deposited by the animal in a bag, wrapper or other suitable container and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
 - h. Any person who has the charge and control of a dog on any public street, sidewalk, pathway, park, pedestrian way, or any public facility, or on any private property not owned or possessed by the owner or person having the charge or control of such animal shall at all times maintain in his/her possession sufficient suitable wrappers, bags or containers for the purpose of complying with this section. The failure of such person to carry such wrappers, bags or containers when in the charge and control of any animal on any public street, sidewalk, pathway, park, pedestrian way, or any public facility, or on any private property not owned or possessed by the owner or person having the charge or control of such animal shall constitute a violation of this section.
 - i. No owner shall allow their dog to endanger or damage the property of other persons.
 - j. When posted by the Town, by the property owner (i.e. Association, etc.) or posted at the request of an event sponsor, no owner shall allow their dog within the boundaries of the posted signs, except for those dogs described in Article 7-5 – Exceptions.
 - k. No owner shall keep, harbor or maintain any dog which is, or has a propensity to be, vicious by rushing, charging, biting, snapping or otherwise endangering the lives and property, both real and personal, of others.
 - 1. Any animal attacking any person in a vicious manner or that bites any person may be impounded by the Town or animal control officer and held in quarantine for at least ten (10) days or as long as necessary after the attack to determine whether the animal has any disease which may be communicated to humans.
 - 2. Proof of the fact that the animal has bitten or attacked any person at any place where a person is legally entitled to be is evidence that the animal is vicious within the meaning of this section.

3. Home quarantine may be allowed as determined by the Town if the animal's owner or custodian presents a valid rabies vaccination certificate showing the animal has been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.
 4. The costs of impoundment, quarantine and testing shall be paid by the owner or custodian of the animal.
 5. Any animal which attacks any person in a vicious manner may be destroyed or the owner or custodian of the animal may be fined not more than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.
- l. Any law enforcement official, including a special municipal officer or the Town Administrator may arrange for the immediate and humane destruction of any unlicensed dog which is, or has a propensity to be, vicious by rushing, charging, biting, snapping or otherwise endangering the lives and property, both real and personal, of others.
 - m. No owner shall allow their dog to harass or chase any other animal, whether domesticated or wild. Nothing herein shall limit or prevent a peace officer or game warden from exercising their discretion to act pursuant to Wyoming Statutes section 23-3-109.
 - n. No person shall keep, harbor or maintain any wildlife as defined by the Wyoming Game and Fish laws.
 - o. No person shall own, operate or maintain a kennel for the purpose of breeding dogs nor shall any person breed dogs for the purpose of breeding service whatsoever in the Town.
 - p. No owner shall delay in promptly disposing of the remains of any dog at a proper disposal location such as a pet cemetery or on the owner's property. The owner may only dispose of the remains on the owner's property if it does not create an unsafe or unsanitary condition.
 - q. No person shall abandon or dump any dog to run unrestrained upon any public or private property within the Town.
 - r. No contractor, agent or representative of any owner of property shall bring a dog into the Town unless the dog is enclosed in a secure vehicle or properly tethered to restrain the free movement of the dog.
 - s. No owner shall keep, maintain or harbor any dog more than six-months old without having obtained a dog license as prescribed in this ordinance.
 - t. No owner shall have more than three (3) dogs more than six-months old.
 - u. Exception: Owners, who have more than three dogs over the age of 6 months, who register them during the first month of moving into the Town, will be allowed to renew their annual license until the dog is no longer in their possession. Owner will be responsible for proving "move in date".

Article 7-8 Public Nuisance

In addition to any other penalties prescribed in this ordinance, violations of this ordinance may be considered a public nuisance for which civil relief may be sought by the Town or any resident of the Town.

Article 7-9 Penalties

Any owner or person found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) except for an unregistered dog a minimum fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) for a Neutered or Spayed Dog and a minimum fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for non-altered dogs and not more than seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) for each offense. For purposes of this ordinance, each offense shall be considered a separate violation.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk

SECOND READING ON THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk

THIRD READING ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2009

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk