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INTRODUCED BY: O'DOHERTY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE LMC BY CHANGING SECTIONS 6.04.115, 6.06.040, 6.16.015, AND 6.36.020, TO ADD CLARIFYING LANGUAGE CONCERNING KEEPING LIVESTOCK IN THE CITY LIMITS, POST-CONVICTION PENALTIES FOR VICIOUS DOG CONVICTIONS, AND PROCEDURES FOR REPORTS OF ANIMAL BITES.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it appropriate to revise the Laramie Municipal Code to add clarifying language concerning keeping livestock in the city limits, post-conviction penalties for vicious dog convictions, and procedures for reports of animal bites:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE:

SECTION 1: Amending sections 6.04.115, 6.06.040, 6.16.015, AND 6.36.020 of the Laramie Municipal as follows:

6.04.115 - Livestock.

"Livestock" means domestic hoofed animals and animals generally used for food or in the production of food or fiber, which are neither indoor pets, nor dogs, cats nor potbellied pigs.

A livestock unit is one of the following:

- One adult animal over seven months of age, or
- One adult mother and her nursing offspring under seven months of age, or
- One juvenile animal under seven months of age that is not with its mother, or
- No more than a total of 3 (of one of the following species, or in combination) piglets, goats, or sheep each under seven months of age and unaccompanied by its mother.

6.06.040 - Livestock, emus and ostriches.

Livestock, emus and ostriches are allowed; provided that they meet the following limitations:

- A. Each livestock unit shall have access to ~~There will be a minimum space for stable and lot of one-quarter acre of undeveloped land (10,890 square feet) for each livestock animal over seven months of age.~~ Each additional livestock unit animal of this type must be given and have access to an additional one-fourth acre.
- B. The animals belong to the individuals owning or renting the property upon which the animals are kept. Livestock, emus and ostriches being kept in fulfillment of requirements for an education project (such as 4-H, FFA or scouting projects) shall be the responsibility of but need to belong to the owner or renter of the property upon which the animals are kept.
- C. The enclosure, fence or pen in which animals are kept will be at least twenty feet from other residences.
- D. The animals shall be confined, constrained or in the supervision and control of their owner or keeper at all times.
- E. The fence, pen or enclosure shall be kept in good repair.
- F. The enclosure shall be kept clean.

- G. The animals are kept only for the purpose of education, science, personal security, competition, exhibition, personal consumption, riding or packing.
- H. Livestock, emus and ostriches shall not be allowed to make loud or incessant noise which may be annoying or discomforting to neighbors in close proximity.
- I. Adequate shelter will be provided for each animal. The shelter must be of sufficient size to allow each animal to stand up, lie down and turn around in a natural position. Animals must be kept and confined within a secure structure, fence or pen.
- J. The enclosure, fence or pen shall be clearly marked with an id number that will correlate to an entry in a log maintained by the animal control supervisor that will provide animal control officers with contact information for the owner of the livestock so that the owner can be contacted in case of livestock escape or injury.
- K. There shall be an exception to the space requirements for these animals when they are housed, temporarily, at the Albany County Fairgrounds not to exceed a period of thirty days.
- L. An exception is granted for licensed veterinary clinics for the number of animals kept.

6.16.015 - Conditions for maintenance of animal post conviction.

If a person owns/keeps an animal that has been convicted one time of a vicious dog offense and that person wishes to continue to own/keep said animal, the following conditions must be met and applicable fees must be paid:

- A. The dog must immediately be spayed/neutered and proof of completion of the procedure must be provided. Proof shall consist of a spay/neuter certificate from a licensed veterinary practice and/or other reasonable confirmation acquired directly from said veterinary practice.
- B. The dog must have a microchip permanently implanted under the skin and the microchip must be scanned by an animal control officer to confirm its placement in the dog. The permanent, individual identification number shall be entered into the animal's permanent record with the division of animal control and welfare
- C. The dog may be photographed from multiple angles by an animal control officer at the time of microchip scanning and the photos may be entered into the animal's permanent record with the division of animal control and welfare.
- D. The animal when outside must be on an adequate leash and the leash must be in the hand of a person physically capable of controlling the dog.
- E. **For six months post-conviction** if the animal is allowed to spend any time outside off leash the dog must be contained in a chain link kennel situated on a concrete pad. Said kennel will have a latching gate that a dog would be unable to open. Said kennel shall have a roof of chain link material. Said kennel shall be in good repair and may be inspected annually by an animal control officer.
- F. **For six months post-conviction** the owner/keeper of the dog shall maintain current contact information on file with the division of animal control and welfare and shall, in consideration of the necessary paperwork and inspections, pay a "vicious dog licensing fee"


of one hundred dollars annually. This license shall require an orange license tag issued by the city be worn by the dog at all times.

- G. **For six months post-conviction** the owner/keeper shall secure a liability insurance policy in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars that will cover injury, damages and death caused by the vicious dog. A copy of the policy shall be submitted to animal control to obtain the annual license. It shall be provided in the policy that it is known that the dog has been convicted of being a vicious dog and there shall be no exclusion for damages, injuries or death caused by the dog.
- H. Failure to comply with the above terms shall result in the forfeiture of the animal.

6.36.020 - Animal bite—Report—Surrender of animal.

- A. A person, or the parent or guardian of a minor, who has been bitten by any mammal shall promptly report the incident to the animal control officer. **Any mammal bite that is reported to a health care provider, including but not limited to a hospital, clinic, medical office, Doctor, Nurse, or medical assistant must be reported immediately by that health care provider to the Division of Animal Control and Welfare of the Laramie Police Department.**
- B. The owner or caretaker of a mammal that has bitten a person, upon demand made by the animal control officer, shall forthwith surrender the animal which has bitten the person or which is suspected as having been exposed to rabies or other disease, for one of the following:
 - 1. Quarantine in accordance with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control **and the Wyoming State Veterinarian's Rabies Prevention and Post Exposure Management Rules, Chapter 1.**
 - a. Under the supervision of and on the secure premises of a licensed veterinarian;
 - b. At the Laramie animal shelter at the expense of the owner of the animal; or
 - 2. At the animal's home, in the discretion of the animal control officer; and
 - 3. Euthanasia and testing for presence of the rabies virus. C. If an animal dies while under quarantine, the animal control officer may immediately collect the animal carcass and submit it for testing for rabies.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY 2019.



Joe Shumway, Mayor and President of the
City Council

Attest: 
Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk

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