

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10-08

BEAR RIVER CITY
DOG and ANIMAL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Bear River City Council hereby finds that this ordinance be adopted to ensure responsible animal ownership, protect the welfare of animals, and preserve the public health and safety in Bear River City while respecting the town's rural environment.

Chapter 01. Definition of Terms

Terms set out in this chapter have the meaning designated when used in this title unless otherwise indicated by the context.

1. **Animal.** Any and all types of livestock, dogs and cats, and all other subhuman creatures, both domesticated and wild, male and female, singular and plural.
2. **Animal Boarding Establishment.** Any establishment that takes in animals and boards them for profit.
3. **Animal Control Oversight Committee:** A group consisting of the Mayor, and two City Council Members, responsible for reviewing nuisance reports and recommendations.
4. **Animal Grooming Parlor.** Any establishment maintained for the purpose of offering cosmetology services for animals at a profit.
5. **Animal Shelter.** Any facility owned and operated by a governmental entity or any animal welfare organization which is incorporated within the State of Utah for the purpose of preventing cruelty to animals and used for the care and custody of seized, stray, homeless, quarantined, abandoned, or unwanted dogs, cats, or other domestic animals.
6. **Animals at Large.** An animal shall be considered to be "at large" when it is off the owner's property and not under immediate control, by means of a durable restraint device capable of keeping the animal restrained; OR an animal that is on the property of the owner and not securely confined by a leash, building, fenced area, or appropriate transport device.
7. **Bite.** Any actual puncture, tear, or abrasion of the skin inflicted by the teeth of an animal.
8. **Comfort Dog.** A dog kept for the emotional companionship of the owner. These dogs are not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as working dogs and will be considered pets.
9. **Disabled Person.** A person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment. Major life activities include, but are not limited to, caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working.
10. **Dog.** Any Canis Familiaris over six (6) months of age. Any Canis Familiaris under the age of six (6) months is a puppy.
11. **Domesticated Animals.** Animals accustomed to living in or about the habitation of man, including but not limited to cats, dogs, rabbits, fowls, horses, swine, goats, sheep, mules, donkeys, lamas, and cattle.
12. **Government Working Dog.** A dog trained to assist officials of government agencies in law enforcement exercises.
13. **Livestock.** Any normally domesticated animal that is ordinarily kept on a farm, such as cattle, swine, sheep, goats, mules, burros, horses, geese, ducks, turkeys, llamas, etc.
14. **Owner.** Any person or persons, firm association or corporation or other entity owning, keeping or harboring the animal in question, or any person having charge, care, custody or control of such animal.
15. **Pet.** Any animals ordinarily permitted in Bear River City residences and kept for the company or pleasure of Bear River City residents, such as domesticated dogs, domesticated cats, and domesticated birds. Pets also include tropical fish, amphibians, reptiles, or invertebrates of a number that do not constitute a health hazard or nuisance, and can be safely and humanely kept in aquariums, cages, or enclosures, the cumulative size of which shall not exceed fifty (50) cubic feet per household. Pets shall not include exotic, pygmy, or dwarf variations of animals defined as either "wild animals" or "livestock," including but not limited to, miniature horses, pygmy goats, and Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, notwithstanding that such animals may be kept as household pets by residents of other communities.
16. **Pet Shop.** Any establishment containing cages or exhibition pens, not part of the kennel, wherein dogs, cats, birds or other pets for sale are kept or displayed.

17. **Quarantine.** The isolation of an animal in a substantial enclosure, so the animal is not subject to contact with other animals or unauthorized persons.
18. **Restraint Device.** Any chain, leash, cord, rope or other device commonly used to restrain an animal.
19. **Service Dog.** A dog trained by a recognized training establishment as Defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to assist persons that require medical or safety assistance as in "visually-impaired," "hearing-impaired," or "mobility-limited."
20. **Third-party Professional.** A neutral, qualified individual with expertise in animal health, behavior, or agricultural management who is consulted to provide an independent assessment in cases of alleged animal nuisance. This individual may include, but is not limited to, a licensed veterinarian, an agricultural extension officer, a certified animal behaviorist, or a professional with relevant experience in livestock or animal welfare and will be paid on an hourly negotiation based on fair market value. The third-party professional must have no personal or financial interest in the outcome of the case and must base their assessment on established best practices and shall consider normal rural activities, smells, sounds and environments.
22. **Wild Animal.** Any animal which is not commonly domesticated, or which is of a wild or predatory nature, or any animal which, because of its size, growth propensity, vicious nature or other characteristics, would constitute an unreasonable danger to human life, health, or property if not kept, maintained, or confined in a safe and secure manner. Those animals, however domesticated, shall include but are not limited to:
- A. Alligators, crocodiles, caiman.
 - B. Bears (ursidae). All bears including grizzly bears, brown bears and black bears.
 - C. Cat family (felidae). All except the commonly accepted domestic cats; including cheetahs, cougars, leopards, lions, lynx, bobcats, panthers, mountain lions, tigers and wildcats. Any cat crossbred with a wild animal as described herein shall be considered to be wild.
 - D. Dog family (canidae). All dogs, with the exception of domesticated dogs, including but not limited to fox, coyote, wolf and wild dingo. Any dog crossbred with a wild animal, as described herein, shall be considered to be a wild animal.
 - E. Porcupines.
 - F. Primates (all subhuman primates).
 - G. Raccoons (all varieties).
 - H. Skunks.
 - I. Venomous snakes or lizards.
 - J. Any snake or reptile of such size or characteristics as to pose a threat to human life.
 - K. Weasels (all weasels, martins, wolverines, badgers, otters, ermine, mink and mongoose), except that the possession of mink shall not be prohibited when raised commercially for their pelts, in or upon a property constructed for a legally operated ranch.
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Chapter 02. Administration.

02.010. Animal Control Department Created

For the purpose of resolving animal related disputes in the corporate limits of Bear river City

02.020. Power and Authority of Animal Control Officials.

Any person employed as an Animal Control Officer or Backup Animal Control Officer shall take the oath of office and shall be vested with the power and authority to enforce this ordinance. The Animal Control Officer or Backup Animal Control Officers are hereby authorized and empowered to apprehend and take with them and impound any animal found in violation of this ordinance, and all other duties prescribed in the enforcement of this ordinance.

02.030. Right of Entry for Enforcement.

In the enforcement of this ordinance, all Law Enforcement Officers or Animal Control Officers or Backup Animal Control Officers of Bear River town, are hereby authorized to enter onto the open premises of any person or entity to take possession of any animal in violation of this ordinance.

02.040. Interfering with Officers Prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally interfere with any Animal Control Officer in the lawful discharge of his duties as prescribed in this ordinance.

02.050. Animal Shelter Provided.

Temporary Pens are provided by Bear River City to hold confined animals, ensuring proper care and constant supervision, either physically or via uninterrupted remote surveillance. Animal Control Officers will make every reasonable effort to locate the owner and return the animal. Owners must reclaim their animal by paying any applicable fees.

If Bear River City contracts with other government agencies to provide shelter wherein impounded animals can be adequately attended, the control and regulation of these shelters will be by their respective community standards.

02.060. Role of Box Elder County Sherriff's Department

The Box Elder County Sherriff's Department will enforce the following:

- A. Urgent or Emergency Situations: Such as animal attacks or aggressive behavior.
- B. Incident Reporting: Residents who dangerously harassed by animals should report incidents to the Sheriff, who will investigate and take appropriate action including enforcement of the penalties found within this ordinance. Residents may choose to remain anonymous when making a report.
- C. Coordination with Bear River City Animal Control Officer: The Sheriff may coordinate with the Bear River City Animal Control Officer in situations when the seizure of an at-large animal is necessary.

Chapter 03. Licensure and Regulatory Permits.

03.010. Licensing and Registration of Dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor or maintain a dog over the age of six (6) months of age, without registering and obtaining a license for such dog(s) from Bear River City. The registering and licensing period shall begin with the calendar year and shall run for one year. A license application may be made up to Ninety (90) days after the start of the calendar year (January 1). All dogs must be registered and licensed, as required, before April 1 or will be subject to additional licensing late fee and/or fines. All dogs brought into Bear River City shall require registering and licensing within thirty (30) days after they enter Bear River City, or within thirty (30) days after having reached the age of six (6) months. Persons who fail to obtain a license, as required, within the time period specified in this section will be subject to an additional licensing "late fee."

No dog shall be licensed as spayed or neutered without proof that the surgery has been performed. Proof that the dog has a current rabies inoculation shall be presented at the time the license is applied for. Proof must be in writing and must include the licensed veterinarian who administered the vaccine or a tag with veterinarian clinic name and tag control number engraved. The period of the vaccination shall be greater than the valid length of the license to be obtained.

03.020. Exemptions for Licensing.

The provisions of Chapter 03.010 of this ordinance shall not apply to the following:

- A. No Bear River City license required for:
 1. Licensed dogs whose owners are nonresidents, temporarily (up to thirty (30) days) within Bear River City
 2. Dogs, temporarily in the possession of persons or organizations for the purpose of training such dogs, to assist the disabled when such dogs are properly tagged and under the supervision of legitimate trainers;
 3. Service dogs shall be licensed for identification purposes at no charge, if such dogs are actually being used by physically disabled persons, for the purpose of answering their needs;
 4. Government working dogs, which are owned or maintained by such agencies.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this section shall be construed so as to exempt any dog from having a current rabies vaccination every two (2) years.

03.030. Tag and Collar Required.

Upon payment of the license fee, there shall be issued to the owner, a metallic tag for each dog so licensed. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tab must be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In the event a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the City Administration Office, upon presentation of a receipt showing payment of the license fee. The license shall not be transferable from one dog to another, and no refund shall be made on any dog license for any reason whatsoever.

03.040. Removal of Tag Unlawful.

It shall be unlawful to deprive a registered dog of its collar and/or its tag.

03.050. Boarding of Dogs.

Bear River City does not license or allow Animal Boarding Establishments within the city.

Chapter 04. Maintenance and Conduct of Animals.

04.010. Animals Attacking Persons or Other Animals.

A. Unlawful: it shall be unlawful for the Owner of any animal to allow such animal to bite, attack, or chase any person, domesticated animal or any species of hoofed, protected wildlife, or domestic fowl.

B. Owner Liability: Any Owner in violation of subsection A of this Section shall be strictly liable for violation of this Section. In addition to being subject to prosecution under subsection A of this Section, the Owner of such animal shall also be liable for damages to any person injured or to the owner of any animal injured or destroyed thereby.

C. Defenses: The following shall be considered in mitigating the penalties or damages, or in dismissing the charge:

1. That the animal was properly confined on the premises.
2. That the animal was deliberately or maliciously provoked.

D. Animal May Be Killed: Any law enforcement or animal control officer or person may kill an animal while it is committing any of the acts specified in subsection A of this Section or while such animal is being pursued thereafter, pursuant to Utah Code.

E. Impound: After any animal bites, attacks, chases or worries any person, domesticated animal, or any species of hoofed, protected wildlife, or domestic fowl, the Animal Control Officer may impound or order impoundment the animal, which may not be redeemed while awaiting final disposition of any criminal charges associated with said animal.

F. Destruction of Animal: Upon conviction of any offense under this Section, or upon failure to appear after citation, the Court may, after attempting to notify the animal's owner, order the Animal Control Officer or other authorized person, to destroy the animal, or may order such other disposition of the animal, as will protect the inhabitants and animals of Bear River City.

G. Allow: The term "allow" in this Section shall be defined broadly, and such definition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: directing, commanding and giving permission as well as failing to adequately restrain or failing to effectively control.

04.020. Nuisance Animals.

A. Defined: Any owner of an animal causing a "nuisance," as defined below, shall be in violation of this Chapter and subject to the penalties provided herein. Any animal shall be deemed a nuisance if the animal:

1. causes damage to the property of anyone other than its owner;
2. causes unreasonable odors;
3. causes unsanitary conditions;
4. defecates on any public property, or on any private property without the consent of the owner of such private property, unless the owner of such animal shall remove any such defecation to a proper trash receptacle;
5. barks, whines or howls or makes other disturbing noises in an excessive, continuous or untimely fashion;
6. unreasonably and continuously disturbs or threatens passersby by barking, snapping, pawing, clawing, biting or growling;
7. chases vehicles;

8. is continuously or excessively found to be an Animal at Large or in violation of City Ordinances;
9. is determined by the Animal Control officer to be a public nuisance by virtue of being offensive or dangerous to the public health, welfare or safety;

B. Remedy: Any individuals or entities making a complaint of a nuisance animal must communicate in person or by digital methods, including but not limited to email, phone calls, and text messages to the Bear River City Animal Control Officer or the Backup Animal Control Officer to report the alleged violation. The Animal Control Officer will inspect the property or area where incident(s) occurred and submit a report and recommendation to the Animal Control Oversight Committee. The Committee will recommend whether a nuisance exists as determined by this ordinance and propose and enforce a resolution in a specific timeline. If there is no consensus by the Committee, or an appeal is requested, a third-party professional may be consulted to evaluate the case and determine whether a nuisance exists. Nuisances will be cited as a Class C Misdemeanor. Any nuisance which continues subsequent to the receipt of a citation shall be deemed a separate offense and may be cited as such.

C. Nuisance Penalty (fines shall be paid within 30 days):

1. First Offense: The animal owner may receive a warning or fine not exceeding \$250, depending on the severity of the violation
2. Second Offense: The animal owner will receive an increased fine not exceeding \$500.
3. Third and Subsequent Offense: shall be considered a Class C Misdemeanor and further legal action may be pursued by Bear River City.

D. Grievance Process: If a citizen disagrees with the Animal Control Oversight Committee's determination regarding the existence or nonexistence of an animal-related nuisance, that citizen may initiate a formal grievance process by submitting a written appeal to the City within 10 calendar days of the decision. To proceed with the appeal, the citizen must deposit \$200 with the City Recorder at the time of submission. Upon receiving the appeal and deposit, the City will arrange for a third-party professional to review the case. The third-party professional's determination shall be final and binding. If the third-party professional reverses the original decision of the Animal Control Oversight Committee, the \$200 deposit shall be refunded in full to the appellant. If the third-party professional upholds the original decision, the \$200 deposit shall be retained by the City to help offset the cost of the review.

04.030. Female Dogs in Heat.

Any owner of any female dog in heat, shall, in addition to restraining such dog from running at large, cause such dog to be constantly confined in a building or secure enclosure so as to prevent it from attracting, by scent, or coming into contact with other dogs and creating a nuisance, except for planned breeding.

04.040. Disruptive Dogs.

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog which by loud barking, howling or yelping interferes with the health and welfare of any person or neighborhood. A violation of this Section shall be an infraction and subject to penalty, and such is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and each day a violation is permitted to exist or continue shall constitute a separate offense. This Section shall not apply to the Bear River City animal containment pens.

04.050. Animals at Large Prohibited.

A. Unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any animal as defined herein, to be allowed, either negligently or with specific intent, to run at large as defined in this ordinance. However, dogs may be at large while participating in field trials and obedience classes organized and sanctioned by recognized dog clubs, while assisting their owner or trainer in legal hunting or in herding of livestock, while assisting a peace officer engaged in law enforcement duties, or while being trained for the above purposes, or while on the owner's private property, so long as such dogs are under the direct and effective sound or gesture control, and within sight of owners or such individuals noted above, to assure that such animals do not violate any provisions of this ordinance.

B. Animal Owners Responsibility. Owners must ensure that animals remain on their property. Animals, especially dogs, must not approach or harass, including but not limited to, pedestrians, bikers, runners, vehicles, and other animals such as horses, on public streets or sidewalks. If an animal poses an immediate threat, residents shall contact the Box Elder County Sheriff's Department, and they can choose to remain anonymous.

04.060. Staking Animals Improperly on Unenclosed Premises.

It is unlawful for any person to chain, stake out or tether any animal on any unenclosed premises, in such a manner that the animal may go beyond the property line, unless such person has permission of the owner of the affected property, or the person with whom he shares joint tenancy. Animals shall not be staked, tethered, or fenced in a manner that allows them access to public roadway easements.

04.070. Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited - Exceptions.

It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, barter, give away, keep, own, harbor or purchase any animal not defined as a "Pet" under Section 4.01 of this title, or any wild animal, as defined in Title 50 of the code of Federal Regulation, Utah Law or regulation, or Section 4.01 of in this title, or which is fierce, dangerous, noxious, or naturally inclined to do harm; provided, however, that an animal shelter, zoological park, veterinary hospital, humane society shelter, public laboratory, circus, sideshow, amusement show, or facility for education or scientific purposes may keep such animal if protective devices are provided and adequate to prevent such animal from escaping or injuring the public.

04.080. Animal Cruelty Prohibited

Any owner or person having charge, care, custody or control of any animal or animals and subjecting them to "cruelty," as defined below, shall be in violation of this chapter and subject to the penalties in this section. The following shall be deemed "cruelty:"

- A. Physical Abuse:** It is unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously kill, maim, disfigure, torture, beat with a stick, chain, club or other object, mutilate, burn or scald, overdrive or otherwise cruelly set upon any animal.
- B. Lack of Care and Maintenance:** It shall be the duty of any person to provide any animal in his or her charge or custody, as owner or otherwise, with adequate food, drink, care, and shelter.
- C. Animals in Vehicles:** It shall be unlawful for any person to confine any animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel or inhumane manner, including, not limited to, carrying or confining such animal without adequate ventilation or for an unusual length of time.

Chapter 05. Impoundment.

05.010. Impoundment Authorized.

The Animal Control Department shall place all animals which are taken into custody under the supervision of the Animal Control Officer or Backup Animal Control Officer in an authorized area per the purview of the Animal Control Oversight Committee to hold animals, ensuring proper care and constant supervision, either physically or via uninterrupted remote surveillance. Animal Control Officers will make every reasonable effort to locate the owner and return the animal. Owners must reclaim their animal by paying any applicable fees.

The following animals may be taken into custody and impounded as deemed necessary:

- A. Any animal being kept or maintained contrary to the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. Any animal running at large, with any reasonable means used to immobilize or capture such animal.
- C. Any animal which is by this ordinance required to be licensed and is not licensed; an animal not wearing a tag shall be presumed to be unlicensed for the purposes of this section.
- D. Sick or injured animals, whose owner requests impoundment, and agrees to pay a reasonable fee for services rendered.
- E. Any abandoned, neglected animal, whose safety may be threatened, should the animal not be readily placed into protective custody.
- F. Animals which are not vaccinated for rabies in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance.
- G. Any animal needing to be held for quarantine.
- H. Any animal, in the custody of any person or persons who are arrested or otherwise detained, by any police officer, in the event another responsible party cannot be located by the owner.

05.040. Terms of Impoundment Destruction and Disposal of Animals.

A. Animals shall be impounded for a minimum of three (3) working days before further disposition or relocation when possible.

If an animal is licensed or has other identification, the impoundment shall be for three (3) working days. Reasonable effort shall be made to notify the owner of any animal wearing a license or other identification during that time. Notice shall be deemed given when sent to the last known address of the listed owner. Any animal voluntarily relinquished to the animal control facility by the owner thereof, for destruction or other disposition need not be kept for the minimum holding period before release or other disposition, as herein provided.

B. After the minimum of three (3) working days the disposition or destruction of an animal shall be given to a nearby public or private shelter when possible.

Chapter 06. Rabies Control/Animal Bites.

06.010. Vaccination Requirements.

All dogs or other pet animals susceptible to rabies, for which a federally approved vaccine is available, shall be vaccinated at six (6) months of age by a licensed veterinarian or rabies clinic. Every dog shall be revaccinated every twenty-four (24) months thereafter. Any unvaccinated dog over six (6) months of age, adopted or brought into the jurisdiction, must likewise be vaccinated initially. Thereafter valid protection must be maintained.

06.020. Exception for Transient Animals.

The provisions of this chapter, with respect to vaccination, shall not apply to any animal owned by a person temporarily remaining within the jurisdiction for less than thirty (30) days. Such animal(s) shall be confined by a restraining device and under supervision of the owner. It is unlawful to bring any animal into the jurisdiction which does not comply with the animal health laws and import regulations.

06.030. Vaccination Certification and Tags.

A. It shall be the duty of each veterinarian when vaccinating any animal for rabies to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination, in duplicate, which includes the following information:

1. Owner's name and address
2. Description of the animal
3. Date of vaccination
4. Rabies vaccination tag number
5. Type of vaccine administered
6. Manufacturer's serial number of vaccine

B. A copy of the certificate shall be distributed to the owner of the animal, and original retained by the issuing veterinarian. The veterinarian and the owner shall retain their copies of the certificate for the interval between vaccinations specified in this chapter.

C. Additionally, a metal or durable plastic rabies vaccination tag or rabies identification microchip implanted beneath the skin, serially numbered, shall be securely attached to the collar, implanted microchip or harness of the animal. An animal not wearing such a tag shall be deemed to be unvaccinated and may be impounded and dealt with pursuant to this ordinance.

06.040. Impoundment of Animals Without Valid Rabies Vaccination Tags.

A. Any vaccinated animal impounded because of a lack of a rabies vaccination tag may be reclaimed by its owner by furnishing proof of a rabies vaccination and payment of all impoundment fees prior to release.

B. Any unvaccinated animal may be reclaimed prior to disposal by payment of impoundment fees and by obtaining or providing proof of a rabies vaccination within seventy-two (72) hours of release.

C. Any animal not reclaimed within the prescribed period of time shall be disposed of.

06.050. Rabid Animal Reports.

Any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of an animal known to have been exposed to or suspected of having rabies or of an animal or person bitten by such a suspected animal, shall notify the Department of Animal Control or the State of County Health Department.

06.060. Quarantine and Disposition of Biting Animals.

A. An animal that has rabies or shows signs of having rabies and every animal bitten by another

animal affected with rabies or that has been exposed to rabies, shall be reported by the owner as set forth above and shall immediately be confined in a secure place by the owner. The owner shall turn over the animal to the Animal Control Agents upon demand.

B. The owner of any animal or species subject to rabies, which has been bitten by another animal known to be capable of harboring the rabies virus, shall surrender the animal to an authorized official upon demand. Any person authorized to enforce this ordinance may enter upon private property to seize the animal if the owner refuses to surrender the animal.

C. Any animal of a species subject to rabies that bites a person or animal or is suspected of having rabies may be seized and quarantined for observation for a period of not less than twelve (12) days by the Animal Control Department. The owner of the animal shall bear the cost of confinement. The Animal Shelter shall be the normal place for such quarantine but other arrangements, including confinement by the owner, may be made by the Animal Control Department if the animal has current rabies vaccinations at the time the bite is inflicted or if there are other special circumstances justifying an exception. A person who has custody of an animal under quarantine shall immediately notify the Animal Control Department if the animal shows any signs of sickness or abnormal behavior or if the animal escapes confinement. It is unlawful for any person who has custody of a quarantined animal to fail or refuse to allow a health or Animal Control Officer to make an inspection or examination during the period of quarantine. If the animal dies within twelve (12) days from the date of the bite, the person having custody shall immediately notify the Animal Control Department in order that the department may immediately remove and deliver the head to the State Health Department. If at the end of the twelve (12) day period an investigating officer of the Department of Animal Care and Control examines the animal and finds no sign of rabies, the animal may be released to the owner, or in the case of a stray, it shall be disposed of as provided in Section 05.040.

D. Unvaccinated Bitten Animals.

1. In the case of an unvaccinated animal species subject to rabies, which is known to have been bitten by a known rabid animal, such bitten or exposed animal shall be immediately destroyed.

2. If the owner is unwilling to destroy the bitten or exposed animal, the animal shall be immediately isolated and quarantined for six (6) months under veterinary supervision, the cost of such confinement to be paid in advance by the owner. The animal shall be destroyed if the owner does not comply herewith.

E. Vaccinated Bitten Animals.

1. If the bitten animal is currently vaccinated and not revaccinated within twenty-four (24) hours, the animal shall be isolated and quarantined under veterinary supervision for ten (10) days.

2. The animal shall be destroyed if the owner does not comply with subdivisions one or two of this subsection E, regarding exposure by known rabid animals.

F. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove any such animal from the place of quarantine without written permission.

06.070. Bites - Duty to Report.

A. Any person having knowledge of any individual or animal having been bitten by an animal of a species subject to rabies shall report the incident immediately to the Animal Control Department.

B. The owner of an animal that bites a person and any person bitten by an animal shall report the bite to the Animal Control Department within twenty-four (24) hours of the bite, regardless of whether or not the biting animal is of a species subject to rabies.

C. A physician or other medical personnel who renders professional treatment to a person bitten by an animal, the bite of which might cause rabies, shall report the fact that he has rendered professional treatment to the Animal Control Department within twenty-four (24) hours of his first professional attendance. He shall report the name, sex and address of the person bitten, as well as the type and location of the bite. If known, he shall give the name and address of the owner of the animal that inflicted the bite, and any other facts that may assist the Animal Control Department.

D. Any person treating an animal bitten, injured or mauled by another animal shall report the incident to the Animal Control Department. The report shall contain the name and address of the owner of the wounded, injured or bitten animal, the name and address of the owner and description of the animal which caused the injury, and the location of the incident.

E. Any person not conforming with the requirements of this chapter shall be in violation of this ordinance.

Chapter 07. Animal Care and Offenses.

07.010. Defense.

A. Any person may kill an animal while it is attacking any domestic animal having a commercial value, or any species of hoofed protected wildlife, while attacking domestic fowls, or while such animal is being pursued thereafter.

B. Any animal making vicious and unprovoked attack on any person, except when the attack is in defense of the person, family or property of the animal's owner, may be killed by a person while it is making such an attack.

07.020. Injuries and Communicable Diseases.

No person shall knowingly harbor or keep any animal with a serious injury, or afflicted with mange, ringworm, distemper, parvo, kennel cough, or any other contagious disease, unless such animal is being given adequate treatment to control or eliminate disease.

07.030. Charge of Violator Seizure of Animals.

It shall be the duty of a person filing charges, under this chapter, to seize or arrange to be seized, an animal found in the keeping or custody of a person being charged, and which are being used or will be used, as evidence in the case, resulting from such charge. The person making said seizure shall cause such animals to be delivered immediately to the Animal Control Department, or in such cases as may be necessary, to a veterinarian for treatment. It shall be the duty of that department to humanely hold such animals until further court order regarding their disposal. The perpetrator of any such act shall be responsible for the cost of impoundment, board and any medical expenses incurred during the holding period of the animal.

07.040. Harboring of Animals Prohibited, Duty to Notify.

It is unlawful for any person to harbor or keep within this jurisdiction any lost or strayed animal. Whenever any animal shall be found which appears to be lost or strayed, it shall be the duty of the finder to notify the Bear River City Animal Control officer within seventy-two (72) hours. An Animal Control Officer may take the animal into protective custody or authorize the finder to maintain possession of the animal until its owner is located or the animal is properly licensed.

07.050. Places Prohibited to Animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or permit any animals, whether on a leash or in the arms of the owner, in any establishment or place of business where food or food products are sold or distributed, including but not limited to restaurants, grocery stores, meat markets, and fruit and vegetable stores. This, however, shall not apply to guide dogs or to government working dogs, while they are being used in law enforcement exercises.

Chapter 08. Enforcement and Penalties.

08.010. Power and Authority of Animal Control Officer.

In the performance of his/her duties, the Animal Control Officer is hereby vested with the power and authority of that office. Badges of authority shall be issued by Bear River City Council. The Animal Control Officer shall perform regular general inspections of the town to proactively identify animal nuisance violations.

08.020 Investigation.

Animal Control Officer and/or Peace Officers may enter upon privately owned land to investigate reports of vicious animals, cruelty cases, rabies and other contagious animal disease, or to investigate violations of and enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

08.030 Penalty.

Any violation of the provisions of this Chapter, either by failing to do those acts required herein or by doing any act prohibited herein, shall be considered a Class C Misdemeanor unless otherwise specifically stated in this chapter.

08.040 Civil Disputes.

Any incident relating to animals attacking persons or livestock, where such incident is not reported within twenty-four (24) hours, constitutes a civil dispute. Neither the City nor its employees shall become involved in civil disputes arising between persons because of damages caused by animals.

Should any civil dispute arise from a violation of this Chapter, and if the Animal Control Officer responds, the limit of the City's responsibility is to provide testimony by order of a subpoena as to what was personally observed by such Officer, and make public records available. Any settlement or claims for damages are strictly a civil matter and must be pursued by the damaged party.

08.050 Fees Adjusted by Resolution.

Any and all of the fees and/or licensing costs established by this Ordinance may be revised, adjusted or amended by resolution, duly and properly passed by the Bear River City Council.

08.060 Severability Clause.

If any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

09.010 Repealer of Conflicting Enactments.

All provisions of previous Bear River City Ordinances, Bear River City Land Management Code, Resolutions and Amendments which are in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, including, but not limited, to any animal-related sections in Chapter 7.1.16.1, 7.1.2.1 of the Land Management Code.

The provisions of this ordinance are in addition to all other City ordinances, the laws of the State of Utah, and the laws of the United States. Whenever a conflict exists, the more restrictive provision shall apply to the extent allowed by law.

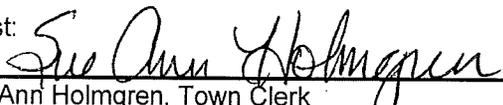
Adoption of ordinance.

The City Council of Bear River City, Utah finds it in the best interests of the peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of Bear River City that this ordinance take effect as soon as lawfully possible. This ordinance, therefore, shall take effect immediately after its passage and posting.

Adopted by the City Council of Bear River City, Utah in regular session this - day of (Month) 20__

Council Members voting in favor 3 Against 0 Abstaining 0


Megan Armstrong, Mayor

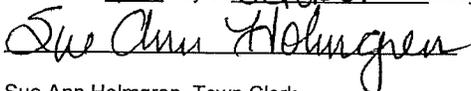
Attest: 
Sue Ann Holmgren, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, the duly appointed and acting town clerk for the City of Bear River, hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Ordinance No. BEAR RIVER CITY DOG AND ANIMAL ORDINANCE were posted at three public places within the municipality this 2025-10-08 which public places are:

- 1. Bear River City Civic Center
- 2. Bear River City Post Office
- 3. Bear River City Old Town Hall

Dated this 23rd day of October 2025


Sue Ann Holmgren, Town Clerk