

ORDINANCE 15-06

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND REGULATION OF CATS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON AND PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING THEREOF AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH FERAL AND UNLICENSED CATS IN THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON, THUS LEADING TO NUISANCES AND HEALTH HAZARDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON, BIG HORN COUNTY, WYOMING:

Section 1: The presence of unlicensed cats within the Town of Burlington is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and the owners or harborers of any such cats are hereby declared to be maintainers of such nuisances. "Nuisance" will mean any cat that is "at large", damages, soils, defiles or defecates on private or public property other than that of its owner or keepers; causes garbage which has been placed in garbage containers to be strewn or deposited on private or public property; habitually, constantly or frequently disturbs the sleep, rest, tranquility or peace of any neighborhood or person; any cat in heat, which creates offensive odors and noises disturbing to any neighborhood or person.

Section 2: ALL cats living within the Town of Burlington shall be vaccinated for Rabies. Proof of vaccination of such cats shall be provided by the owner to the Town of Burlington. All Rabies tags shall be worn and visible at all times. Break-away collars are available for cat owners who are concerned for the safety of their cats.

Section 3: Should any cats be caught in a live trap, it shall be necessary, if possible, for the Town of Burlington to notify the owner or keeper of the cat that the cat has been captured. The owner of the cat shall be required to show proof of vaccination and obtain a license for said cat before the cat shall be released back to the owner within 24 hours.

Section 4: There shall be a levied annual license fee on all cats within the Town of Burlington of \$5.00 for spayed females and neutered males and \$20.00 for unsprayed females or intact males. There shall be a limit of four cats per household.

Section 5: Other than herein provided, notice, demand or request to any cat owner or harborer shall not be necessary, and anyone re-licensing or renewing a license after the expiration of the license period fixed herein shall be taxed an additional \$5.00 for delinquent payment. A FREE licensing day shall be provided to give the opportunity to cat owners to get their cats licensed. Proof of vaccination must be provided.

Section 6: Each and every owner or harborer of a cat, upon payment of said license fee, shall receive a license tag and it shall be the duty of such owner to provide a collar for such cat, on which shall be affixed said license/ tag.

Section 7: Annual licenses shall be required by February 1 of each year. The free licensing day shall be advertised and announced.

Section 8: In an attempt by the town to control the feral cat population, any person who feeds feral cats shall be fined a minimum of \$50.00.

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Wade Agard, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Wink Bennett, Clerk/Treasurer

1<sup>st</sup> Reading-----November 10, 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-----November 19, 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading-----December 8, 2015