

- 44 5. "Animal protection officer" means any person designated by the director as a special
45 municipal officer who is qualified to perform such duties under this chapter and the
46 laws of this state.
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- 48 6. "Animal services shelter" means any facility operated by a municipal agency, or its
49 authorized agents for the purpose of housing, impounding or caring for animals held
50 under the authority of this chapter or state law.
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- 52 7. "At large."
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- 54 a. The definition of "at large" in this Chapter, is subject to and subservient to
55 Sections 6.04.301 to 6.04.303 of this Chapter addressing dangerous or vicious animals.
56 For dangerous or vicious animals, any violation of Sections 6.04.301 to 6.04.303 are
57 violations also of the "at large" provisions of this Chapter.
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- 59 b.i. A non-vicious, non-dangerous animal is deemed "at large:"
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- 61 (a) If it is off the owner's property and not leashed or in an enclosed carrier;
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- 64 (b) If it is on the owner's property and not under the direct supervision of the
65 owner or not confined to the extent that the animal cannot leave the boundaries
66 of the property; examples of confinement are by use of fencing or other secure
67 enclosures or by tethering.
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- 69 b.ii. A non-dangerous or non-vicious animal shall not be considered "at large"
70 when held and controlled by a person by means of a leash or chain of proper
71 strength and length to control the action of the animal, or while confined
72 within a vehicle. If the animal within a parked vehicle can extend its entire
73 head outside the enclosed cabin compartment of the vehicle or beyond the side
74 of a truck bed, that animal shall be deemed at large.
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- 76 b.iii. A non-dangerous or non-vicious dog is not considered to be at large if within
77 the interior of designated areas which permit dogs to be off leash, as
78 established by the City of Casper.
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- 80 b.iv. Under any circumstance, on a City-owned Golf Course.
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- 82 8. "Attack" means an aggressive or violent action against a person or animal.
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- 84 9. "Cage and aviary birds" means those exotic captive reared birds, such as parrots, exotic
85 finches, and canaries, which are adapted to live and breed in a cage. For the purpose of
86 this chapter the monk parakeet (*myiopsitta monachus*) is not a cage and aviary bird.
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- 88 10. "Chicken" a domestic fowl kept for its production of eggs and meat.
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- 90 11. "Circus" means any nonresident variety show which features animal acts.
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92 12. "City-county health officer" means a representative of the Natrona County-City of
93 Casper Health Department, or a health official designated by the Casper City Manager.
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95 13. "Commercial animal establishment" means any pet store, grooming shop, auction, riding
96 school or stable, circus performing animal exhibition, kennel or other establishment in
97 which animals are used for commercial purposes.
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99 14. "Commercial purpose" means the keeping of animals for the purpose of profit.
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101 15. "Control" means an animal which:
102 a. is under a physical restraint so as to not be allowed to engage a passerby or other
103 animal; such as a leash or in an enclosed carrier.
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105 16. "Dangerous animal" means any animal under the totality of circumstances, which poses
106 an unacceptable risk of injuring a human, a pet or property. Indicia of a dangerous
107 animal shall include, but not be limited to, aggressive lunging, growling, snarling,
108 nipping, bearing teeth.
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110 17. "Director" means the City Manager or his/her designee.
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112 18. "Direct supervision" as used in the definition of "at large," above, means: The owner of
113 the animal is in the same area as the animal and not separated by any barrier; the owner
114 must be able to immediately see and effectively call and manage the animal.
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116 19. "Domesticated animals" means those individual animals which have been made
117 tractable or tame.
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119 20. "Isolation facility" means any place specified by the Director or his/her designee which
120 is equipped with a pen or cage which isolates an animal from contact with other
121 animals.
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123 21. "Kennel" or "cattery" means any premises wherein any person engages in the business
124 of boarding, breeding, buying, letting for hire, training for a fee, or selling dogs or cats,
125 or any residence or property on which is maintained more than three dogs and three cats
126 more than six months of age. It is illegal to maintain a kennel or cattery contrary to the
127 terms of this code, in a zone or location in which a kennel or cattery is not permitted.
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129 22. "License" means permission issued by the Director, or his/her designee, authorizing the
130 holder to keep a dog or cat. An identification tag shall be issued for each animal
131 licensed. A valid rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license.
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133 23. "License Tag" means a tag of a design prescribed by the Director, or his/her designee,
134 which bears the corresponding number of the dog or cat's license.
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- 136 24. "Licensing authority" means Metro Animal Services (MAS)
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138 25. "MAS" means Metro Animal Services
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140 26. "Microchip" means an identifying integrated circuit which is placed under the skin of an
141 animal.
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143 27. "Owner" includes a person who owns, harbors, keeps, maintains or exercises control
144 over an animal. Proof that a person is in control of a premise where an animal is
145 usually kept, harbored or maintained shall establish a prima facie presumption that such
146 person is the owner of such animal.
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148 28. "Proper shelter" means a structure with three (3) sides, a top and a bottom or a
149 commercially manufactured structure, which includes an igloo styled house, designed
150 and marketed to protect animals from outside elements. The shelter must have adequate
151 ventilation and drainage which allows the animal to enter, stand, turn around and lie
152 down in a natural manner. It shall be placed on the owner's premises to effectively
153 protect the animal from outside elements.
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155 29. "Public nuisance" means any animal is considered a public nuisance if it:
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157 a. trespasses on school grounds, or
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159 b. damages private or public property, or
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161 c. interferes with passersby or a passing vehicle, to include bicycles, or
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163 d. has bitten, scratched or attacked a person while at large, or
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165 e. while not on the owner's premises, attacks another animal, or,
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167 f. either individually or in concert, barks, whines, howls or otherwise makes noise in an
168 excessive, continuous or untimely fashion.
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170 g. interferes with the delivery of U.S. Mail or other delivery services.
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172 30. "Cat" A member of the feline family and shall not include exotic wild cats, wild species
173 of this family or hybrids thereof.
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175 31. "Dog" A member of the canine family, but shall not include wild species of this family,
176 or any hybrid thereof.
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178 32. "Facilities for keeping" The pens, stalls, stables, corrals, feeding area, sheds and
179 facilities of every kind where fowl, livestock or pets are penned, fed and/or protected
180 from the weather. This shall not be interpreted to include a grazing area.
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- 182 33. Fowl” includes feathered animals regardless of age, excluding parrots and chickens.
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184 34. “Grooming shop” A commercial establishment where animals are bathed, clipped, or
185 otherwise groomed.
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187 35. “High Risk Rabies Vector” means raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote and bat
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189 36. “Impound” means to place an animal in the Metro Animal Shelter, or the taking into
190 custody of an animal.
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192 37. “Licensed Veterinarian” A practitioner of veterinary medicine who holds a valid license
193 to practice their profession in the state in which they practice.
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195 38. “Livestock” Includes any species of equine, bovine, ovine, swine, caprine or any hybrid
196 thereof, regardless of age, sex, breed, size or purpose; inclusive of all ungulates.
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198 39. “Local Rabies Control Authority” The Metro Animal Protection Supervisor , as
199 appointed by the Casper Chief of Police.
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201 40. “Parrot” Any of numerous tropical and semi-tropical birds of the order of Psittaciformes,
202 characterized by short hooked bills, brightly colored plumage and in some species the
203 ability to mimic human speech.
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205 41. “Pen or corral” An enclosure in which livestock are kept.
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207 42. “Performing animal exhibition” Any spectacle, display, act or event other than circuses,
208 in which performing animals are used.
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210 43. “Pet” Any animal normally kept for pleasure rather than utility, excluding those defined
211 as fowl, livestock or wild by this code.
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213 44. “Pet shop” Any person, partnership or corporation, whether operated separately or in
214 connection with another business enterprise that buys, sells or boards any species of
215 pets.
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217 45. “Premises” A parcel of land (one or more contiguous lots) owned, leased or controlled
218 by one or more persons.
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220 46. “Quarantine” To detain and isolate due to suspected zoonosis or other communicable
221 disease or in the interest of public health and safety.
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223 47. "Rabies certificate" means a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian verifying that
224 an animal is vaccinated against rabies, and which includes the date of immunization, the
225 date that the immunization expires, and the type of vaccine used.
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227 48. “Tether or tethering” means to restrain a dog by tying the dog to any object or structure,

- 228 including, but not limited to, a house, tree, fence, post, pole, garage, or shed or similar
229 structure or object, by any means, including, but not limited to, a chain, rope, cord,
230 leash, or running line. "Tethering" shall not include using a leash to walk a dog.
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- 232 49. "Riding school or stable" Any place, which has available for hire, boarding and/or
233 riding instruction, any horse, donkey or mule.
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- 235 50. "Sanitary" Any condition of good order and cleanliness.
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- 237 51. "Service Animal" means as defined in 28 C.F.R.35.104 and 28 C.F.R. 36.104, including
238 a domesticated trained dog, that is owned in order to assist an individual with a
239 disability. Examples of service animals are dogs that are individually trained to do
240 work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including
241 physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Tasks performed
242 can include, among other things, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items, alerting
243 a person to a sound, reminding a person to take medication, or pressing an elevator
244 button. Emotional support animals and comfort animals are not service animals. The
245 work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's
246 disability. To be a service animal, there is no requirement for certified documentation
247 of training or designation; it is the task for which the animal provides disability
248 assistance which is determinative of whether an animal is a "service animal".
249 Conversely a doctor's letter does not turn an animal into a service animal.
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- 251 52. "Veterinary hospital" means any establishment maintained and operated by a licensed
252 veterinarian for surgery, wellness program, boarding, diagnosis and treatment of
253 diseased and injured animals.
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- 255 53. A "vicious animal" means any animal or animals that constitute a physical threat to
256 human beings or other animals. Proof of the fact that an animal has bitten or attacked a
257 person or other animal at any place where that attacked or bitten person or animal is
258 legally entitled to be, shall be prima facie evidence that an animal is vicious and there is
259 a rebuttable presumption that the attacking animal is a vicious animal.
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- 261 54. "Wild animal" or "exotic pet" means any live monkey (non-human primate), raccoon,
262 skunk, fox, snake, leopard, panther, tiger, lion, lynx, coyote, wolf, crocodilian, any
263 monitor exceeding three (3) feet in overall length or any animal which can normally be
264 found in the wild state or any hybrid thereof. Venomous and poisonous animals shall be
265 prohibited in the city limits of Casper, regardless of species or purpose.
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- 267 55. "Working day" means a day that the Metro Animal Services Shelter is open to the
268 public.
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- 270 56. "Ungulate" means a hoofed mammal.
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272 57. "Zoological garden" means any facility, other than a pet shop or kennel, displaying or
273 exhibiting one or more of non-domesticated animal(s) by a person, partnership,
274 corporation or government agency.
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276 6.04.020 - Dog and cat licensing requirements.
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278 A. It is unlawful for any person owning, keeping, harboring or having custody of any
279 dog or cat over six months of age, within the City of Casper, not to obtain a license as
280 provided for in this chapter for the dog or cat. This requirement will not apply to a non-
281 resident keeping a dog or cat within the City limits for a period of less than sixty (60) days.
282 The requirement does not apply to service animals.
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284 B. Dogs and cats must wear valid license tags at all times when off the premises of the
285 owner.
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287 C. Application for licenses shall be made to the licensing authority, which shall include
288 name and address of the applicant, description of the animal, the appropriate fee, and a
289 certificate to verify that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed
290 veterinarian, to include a description of the vaccine used, the date administered and the
291 expiration date of the vaccine.
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293 D. The license shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance, the license fee
294 must be paid upon issue or renewal and is not transferrable.
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296 E. Upon acceptance of the license application and fee, the licensing authority shall issue
297 a durable tag, stamped with an identifying number and the calendar year of issuance.
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299 F. A license shall be issued after payment of a license fee as established by resolution of
300 the City Council.
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302 G. A duplicate tag may be obtained upon payment in accordance with the fee resolution.
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304 H. No person shall use any license for any dog or cat other than the dog or cat for which
305 it is issued.
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307 6.04.035 - Dog exhibition, show and training permit.
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309 A. Any responsible individual may apply in writing for a dog exhibition, show and/or
310 training permit, to at the Recreation Division office. Subject to the conditions provided in
311 this section, such permit authorizes the holder and those under his or her control and
312 supervision, to utilize those city parks which are otherwise off-limits to dogs not under
313 physical restraint, for the purpose of exhibiting, showing and/or training dog(s) without
314 physical restraint. The issuance of any such permit is conditioned upon the following:
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316 1. The applicant assumes responsibility for all handlers and dogs which are present
317 in the park pursuant to the authority of the permit;

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2. To be effective, a permit shall be kept on the person of the applicant and the applicant shall remain in the park at all times during which dogs are present pursuant to the authority of the permit;

3. An applicant shall submit with the permit application, an administrative fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each event for which the permit is to be effective, with a maximum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per year, together with a cleaning and damage deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per event. An "event" is defined as an activity lasting not more than three (3) consecutive days. The cleaning and damage deposit shall be refunded to the applicant only if the area used pursuant to the authority of the permit is cleaned as provided in subdivision (5)(iii), and not damaged as provided in subdivision (5)(ii);

4. The applicant's recognition that such a permit does not entitle the holder to the exclusive use of the park, however, specific areas designated within the permit do entitle the holder to exclusive use of those designated areas.

5. The applicant's agreement:

- i. Not to allow any dog which is unrestrained under authority of the permit, to harass or molest any other animal or person using or present in the park,
- ii. Not to allow any dog which is present under the authority of the permit, to damage or destroy any public or private property located in the park, or the park itself,
- iii. To clean up and properly dispose of any waste deposited in the park by the dogs which are present pursuant to the authority of the permit, prior to leaving the park,
- iv. To personally indemnify and hold the City harmless for any damage or destruction caused by dogs which are present in the park pursuant to the authority of the permit,
- v. To maintain or ensure control over all dogs which are present in the park pursuant to the authority of the permit;

6. The absence of any violations of this code section by the applicant during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of application;

7. The absence of any previously scheduled event in the park which could be incompatible with the use applied for by the applicant.

B. An applicant's failure to abide by any permit condition, or the making of any false statement by an applicant on an application, is a violation of this section and upon

363 conviction is punishable by a fine of up to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) and/or
364 incarceration for up to six (6) months.

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366 C. Exhibitions, shows, and training events sponsored by the city shall not require a permit
367 as provided in this section.

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369 D. Permit applications shall be in substantially the following form:
370 Dog Exhibition, Show, and/or
371 Training Permit Application

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373 The undersigned applicant applies for a Dog Exhibition, Show, and/or Training Permit as
374 provided by Casper Municipal Code Section 6.04.035, a copy of which is reproduced on the
375 reverse of this application. The applicant agrees to the conditions set forth in said Code
376 section and represents that the following information is accurate in all respects:

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378 1. Date of application; and
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380 2. Name and street address of applicant; and
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382 3a. Date(s) for which permit is sought; and
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384 3b. Park for which permit is sought;
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386 4. Approximate number of dogs expected at event;
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388 5. Month and year of any violation of Section 6.04.035 by the applicant.

389 **WARNING: ANY FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION OR**
390 **FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN MUNICIPAL CODE**
391 **SECTION 6.04.035 (SEE REVERSE), IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$750.00**
392 **AND INCARCERATION FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS.**

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394 6.04.040 - Keeping of pets, livestock or fowl; limitations.

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396 (A) Number permitted.

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398 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than three cats and three dogs on
399 any premises within the City limits of Casper, except kennels and catteries will be allowed in the
400 City only in areas properly zoned for this type of business.

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402 2. No fowl or livestock shall be kept on any lot or tract of land located in a residentially
403 zoned area of the City; this applies to any and all ungulates.

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405 3. No more than ten (10) of any other pet shall be permitted on a single premises,
406 excluding fish, rodents and small cage birds.

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408 (B) Fencing Requirements.

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410 1. Unless otherwise provided, where fencing is required by this chapter, it shall be at
411 least three (3) feet in height and constructed of a material sufficient to confine the animal.
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413 2. Escape of an animal covered by this chapter shall be presumptive evidence that the
414 owner's fence does not sufficiently control the animal.
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416 6.04.050 – Beekeeping.
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418 A. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section,
419 shall have the following meanings ascribed to them.
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421 1. "Apiary" shall mean a place where bee colonies are kept.
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423 2. "Bee" shall mean any stage of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis*
424 *Mellifera* species.
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426 3. "Colony" shall mean a hive and its equipment and appurtenances,
427 including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.
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429 4. "Hive" shall mean a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.
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431 B. Hives. All bee colonies shall be kept in inspectable-type hives with removable
432 combs, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition as described in
433 Wyoming Statutes, Title 11.
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435 C. The applicant shall comply with State Regulations regarding the keeping of bees.
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437 D. Setback. All hives shall be located at least ten feet from any adjoining property
438 with the back of the hive facing the nearest abutting private property lines. Hives
439 may be located on the property line abutting alleyways.
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441 E. Fencing of Flyways. In each instance in which any colony is situated within
442 twenty-five feet of a developed public or private property line of the tract upon
443 which the apiary is stated, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the
444 property line. The beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least
445 six feet in height, consisting of a solid wall or fence parallel to the property line,
446 and extending ten feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are
447 forced to fly at an elevation of at least six feet above ground level over the
448 property in the vicinity of the apiary.
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450 F. Water. Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available
451 at all times to the bees, so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools,
452 bib cocks, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may
453 cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact. The water shall be maintained so as
454 not to become stagnant.

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456 G. Any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any
457 swarm of bees, or any colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by
458 virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper, is
459 unlawful and may be summarily destroyed or removed from the city by the city
460 manager or his designee.
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462 H. Violation of the regulations set forth can be grounds for seizure of the bees and
463 criminal prosecution by citation or summons in the Casper Municipal Court. The
464 keeping by any person of bee colonies in the city not in strict compliance with this
465 section is prohibited.
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467 6.04.070 - Animals for commercial purposes—Inspection.

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469 It shall be a condition of the issuance of any permit to any owner of animals kept for
470 commercial purposes that the inspectors of the City-county Health Department shall be permitted
471 to inspect all animals and the premises where animals are kept upon reasonable notice to the
472 owner, and the City Clerk shall, if such permission for inspection is refused, revoke the permit of
473 the owner.
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475 6.04.080 - Fees—Disposition and use.

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477 All license fees, impoundment fees, adoption fees and other revenue received by MAS shall
478 be deposited with the City in a fund for the sole purpose of defraying the expenses associated
479 with the operation of the Metro Animal Services shelter.
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481 6.04.090 - Animal waste—Owner responsibility.

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483 A. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of a dog, cat or other animal to keep
484 his/her property reasonably free and clear of feces and urine to prevent offensive odors or
485 unsanitary conditions in the enclosures or the surrounding areas where the animal are allowed.
486 There shall not be an unreasonable number of flies and there shall be no maggots. . Discarding
487 feces on any public or private property shall be considered a violation of this section.
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489 B. The owner of every dog, cat, or other animal is responsible for the removal of any
490 excreta deposited by his/her animal on public walks, recreation areas, or private property other
491 than that of the owner; however, this requirement shall not apply to an owner who is visually or
492 physically handicapped to the extent that the person is incapable of, or at physical risk, in
493 complying with this subparagraph.
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495 C. The owners and/or occupiers of property are responsible for the removal of any
496 excreta deposited on public walks, ways and areas by birds occupying or roosting on the owner
497 or occupier's property.
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499 6.04.100 - Animals at Large—Prohibited and Impoundment

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It is unlawful for any domesticated animal to be “at large”.

A. An animal’s owner violates the animal “at large” prohibition if the owner permits or does not reasonably prevent the animal from becoming “at large.”

B. Animal protection officers have the authority to take possession of and impound any animal at large. When in pursuit of any animal at large, the officer may go onto private property, exclusive of buildings, and take such animal into possession for impoundment.

C. No person may capture, restrain, harbor or take possession of an animal not owned by such person, unless the person shall notify or deliver the animal to the Metro Animal Services within twenty-four (24) hours. Metro Animal Services will make every attempt to identify and notify an owner and either impound the animal or complete a found report. This does not apply to persons who take possession of an animal at the owner's request.

D. If an animal is impounded at the Metro Animal Shelter, with a valid license attached to its collar, or if the animal is micro-chipped or has another form of identification the Metro Animal Services staff will attempt to notify the owner by phone or by mail or personal delivery to the last known address listed on the license application, or micro-chip registration log or other identification located on the animal. If an animal has been held at MAS for more than seven (7) days, the animal may be placed for adoption or humanely euthanized if not reclaimed within seven (7) days, unless the Director or his/her designee determines it is inhumane or unsafe to harbor such animal.

E. Animals that are at large, do not bear identification and are subsequently impounded at the Metro Animal Shelter shall be held no less than seven (7) working days from the date of impoundment, unless the Director or his/her designee determines it is inhumane or unsafe to harbor such animal.

6.04.120 - Animal Services Shelter duties and records.

A. The Animal Services Shelter which is notified, or to which an animal is delivered, shall keep a record of each animal, giving a description, the date of impoundment or notification, and the disposition of the animal.

B. Metro Animal Services is not required to release the names of adopters of unclaimed stray animals. MAS is also not required to release the names of owners who relinquish ownership of their animal.

6.04.130 - Animals surrendered for adoption—Holding period.

Any animal surrendered by its owner to the Metro Animal Shelter shall be held no less than three (3) working days, providing the animal is healthy and adequate kennel space is available.

546 6.04.140 - Impounded animals—Time for reclaiming.
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548 A. In the event the owner does not claim an animal within the time period prescribed in
549 this section and Sections 6.04.100, 6.04.130 and 6.04.150, the owner abandons all rights of
550 ownership to such animal.

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552 B. Any animal not reclaimed by its owner within the time period prescribed in the
553 sections cited above shall be deemed abandoned, and shall be placed for adoption, or
554 humanely euthanized.

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556 C. No animal surrendered to a municipal animal shelter will be released for research
557 purposes.

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559 6.04.150 - Impounded animals—Release conditions.
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561 A. The owner of an impounded animal shall pay the Metro Animal Services reclaim fee,
562 as established by resolution of the city council.

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564 B. Metro Animal Services may release an impounded animal to its owner if:

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566 1. The owner presents a valid form of identification;
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568 2. The owner presents evidence that the dog or cat is licensed. If the animal is not
569 licensed, the owner must purchase a license;
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571 3. The owner pays the fees associated with the impoundment, as set forth by
572 resolution.
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574 4. The owner may designate a representative to reclaim their animal when:

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576 1. the representative presents a valid form of identification.
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578 2. the representative pays the fees associated with the impoundment, as set forth
579 by resolution.
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581 3. the representative may have written authorization from the owner of the
582 animal granting permission to the representative to reclaim the animal on behalf of the
583 owner, or the owner may contact MAS , or an APO if the owner is out of town or
584 incapacitated and give verbal authorization.
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586 C. Metro Animal Services may release an animal to a person other than the owner or
587 humanely euthanize such animal if:
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589 1. The owner does not claim an impounded animal within the time periods prescribed in
590 this section and Sections 6.04.100, 6.04.130, 6.04.140, 6.04.210 and 6.04.250.
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592 2. When an animal becomes available for adoption, the person who is adopting the
593 animal must sign a statement agreeing to license the animal, vaccinate the animal against
594 rabies, unless the animal has a valid rabies certificate. The person who adopts the animal
595 must agree to have it spayed or castrated in accordance with the adoption agreement at the
596 owner's expense. Failing to comply with the terms of the adoption contract will constitute
597 violation of this section. Any owner who fails to fulfill the terms of any adoption will be
598 denied future adoptions from MAS, until the owner is in compliance. If there is a medical
599 reason the animal cannot be spayed or castrated, the owner shall be required to furnish MAS
600 with corresponding documentation from a licensed veterinarian.
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602 3. The person to whom the animal is released, pays any associated fees as set by
603 resolution.
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605 6.04.160 - Animals at large—Citation of violation when.
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607 In addition to, or in lieu of impounding an animal found at large, the animal protection
608 officer or police officer may issue to the known owner (or his/her agent) of such animal a
609 citation or notice of ordinance violation. A criminal warrant may be initiated if the owner or
610 his/her agent fails to appear as stated in the citation or notice, or fails to post an appropriate
611 bond in lieu of appearing.
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613 6.04.170 - Vaccination and rabies control—Animal bites.
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615 A. The owner of a dog or cat shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies when the
616 dog or cat reaches six (6) months of age. If the owner obtains the dog or cat, or brings the
617 dog or cat into the Metro Animal Services District after the dog or cat reaches six (6) months
618 of age, the owner shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies within thirty (30) days
619 after the dog or cat was obtained or brought into the Metro Animal Services District, unless
620 the dog or cat has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination
621 from this state or another state. The owner of a dog or cat shall have the dog or cat
622 revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date that the immunization expires,
623 as stated on the certificate of vaccination.
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625 B. The owner shall pay the cost of the rabies vaccination.
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627 C. A law enforcement officer, an animal services officer, or a county health officer or
628 his/her designee may order an animal quarantined if the officer has reason to believe the
629 animal bit a person, is infected with rabies, or has been in contact with a high risk rabies
630 vector animal. If a quarantine cannot be imposed because the animal cannot be captured, the
631 officer may euthanize the animal. The officer may euthanize the animal only as a last resort,
632 or if the owner agrees. The officer shall attempt to euthanize the animal in a humane manner
633 and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head. The specimen will be sent to the
634 State Veterinary Lab for testing. In addition, a law enforcement officer, an animal
635 protection officer, or a county health officer or his/her designee may euthanize an animal
636 and have it examined for the purpose of determining whether or not it has been infected with
637 rabies if the animal has not been vaccinated as provided in subsection A of this section, he

638 or she has reason to believe the animal has been exposed to or in physical contact with a
639 high risk rabies vector animal, and he or she has reason to believe the animal has been in
640 physical contact with humans.

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642 D. An officer who orders an animal to be quarantined shall deliver the animal, or shall
643 order the animal delivered, to an isolation facility as soon as possible, but no longer than
644 twenty-four (24) hours after the original order is issued. If the animal is currently immunized
645 against rabies and was not off the premises of the owner at the time of the bite, the officer
646 may order the animal quarantined on the owner's premises.

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648 E. The custodian of an isolation facility, or the owner, shall keep the animal which is
649 ordered to be quarantined in strict isolation under the supervision of a law enforcement
650 officer, an animal protection officer, or a county health officer or his/her designee.
651 Supervision for animals ordered quarantined on the owner's premises shall include
652 examination by a law enforcement officer, an animal protection officer, or a county health
653 officer or his/her designee within twenty-four (24) hours of the bite and on the tenth (10th)
654 day of quarantine, if the animal has not exhibited any symptoms of rabies, the animal will be
655 examined by a veterinarian and, upon the veterinarian's clearance, shall be released from
656 quarantine.

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658 F. A licensed veterinarian, a law enforcement officer, an animal protection officer, an
659 employee at MAS or a county health officer or his/her designee determines that an animal
660 exhibits symptoms of rabies during the quarantine period, the county health department shall
661 be notified, and the county health department or a veterinarian shall be consulted to confirm
662 the symptoms of rabies. If the county health department or veterinarian confirm the
663 symptoms of rabies, the officer who ordered the animal quarantined and/or another APO
664 and/ or the consulting veterinarian, shall euthanize the animal. If the animal has bitten a
665 person, the county health department shall notify the person and the person's physician.

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667 G. The owner of an animal is responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with
668 keeping the animal in an isolation facility, supervision and/or examination and treatment of
669 the animal by a veterinarian. If the owner is unknown, Metro Animal Services is responsible
670 for these expenses.

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672 H. An owner who refuses to comply with an order issued under this section to deliver an
673 animal to an officer, isolation facility or veterinarian, or who does not comply with the
674 conditions of an order that an animal be quarantined, shall be in violation of this section.

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676 I. Any person having knowledge that an animal has bitten a human shall immediately
677 report that incident to the Casper Police Department or the county health officer, together
678 with the name and address of the person or persons bitten, if known.

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680 6.04.180 - Cruelty to animals—Unlawful acts designated.

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682 It is a violation of this ordinance to inflict cruelty upon an animal as stated herein:
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684 A. No person shall override, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture or
685 torment an animal, or deprive an animal of necessary sustenance.

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687 B. No person shall cruelly beat, mutilate or kill an animal unless specifically authorized
688 by law.

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690 C. No person shall cause, instigate, be a spectator at or permit a dogfight, cockfight,
691 bullfight (bloodless or otherwise), or other combat involving animals.

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693 D. No person shall abandon any animal, but may relinquish the animal and ownership
694 rights in the animal to an animal shelter or other qualified caretaker.

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696 E. No person shall fail to provide his/her animal with sufficient good and wholesome
697 food and clean water, proper shelter to protect it from the weather (including sunlight),
698 veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment.

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700 F. It is unlawful to annoy, bait, harass, torment or tease any confined or chained animal.

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702 G. Unless specifically authorized by law, no person shall willfully maim or disfigure any
703 domestic or wild animal, or administer poison, or cause to be ingested any foreign object to
704 any such animal, or expose any poisonous substance with the intent that it shall be taken by
705 any animal, except pests of public health concern. The provisions of this section and
706 Sections 6.04.190, 6.04.200, subsections B and C of Section 6.04.210 and Sections 6.04.220
707 and 6.04.250 do not in any way limit the right of a police officer or animal protection officer
708 to humanly euthanize any wild or domestic animal if such officer determines that there is a
709 reasonable danger to the public safety or if the animal is sick or injured to an extent that
710 humanly euthanizing the animal is the appropriate action to take.

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712 H. No person shall tether a dog while the dog is outdoors, or within any structure that is
713 not the dog owner's home, except when all of the following conditions are met:

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715 1. The dog is in visual range of a responsible party.

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717 2. The tether is connected to the dog by a well fitted, buckle-type collar or a body
718 harness made of nylon or leather, not less than one-inch in width.

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720 3. The dog is tethered in such a manner as to prevent injury, strangulation, or
721 entanglement.

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723 4. The tether shall confine the dog to the owner's property.

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725 5. The dog has access to water, shelter, and dry ground.

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727 6. The dog is at least six months of age. Puppies shall not be tethered.

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729 7. No dog shall be tethered for more than 2 hours in any 24-hour period.

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731 I. The owner of every animal shall be required to provide such animal with sanitary
732 living conditions by timely removing animal waste from an interior or exterior pen, shelter,
733 yard or other keeping area. All animal waste must be disposed of in an approved container.

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735 6.04.190 - Baby animals and fowl.

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737 No person shall sell, offer for sale, barter or give away, ducklings, goslings or rabbits under
738 eight (8) weeks of age, as pets, toys, premiums or novelties, or color, dye or transport the
739 same into the City of Casper . Ducklings and geese younger than eight (8) weeks of age
740 may not be sold in quantities of less than twenty-five (25) to a single purchaser.

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742 6.04.200 - Animals as commercial incentives.

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744 No person shall give away, offer for sale or barter any live animal, fish, reptile or bird as a
745 prize for or as an inducement to enter any contest, game or competition, or as an inducement
746 to enter a place of amusement or business, or offer such vertebrate as an incentive to enter
747 any business agreement whereby the offer was the purpose of attracting trade.

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749 6.04.210 - Animals in motor vehicles—Unlawful acts.

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751 A. No person shall leave a dog unattended in the bed of a pickup truck in a public
752 parking area unless the dog is restrained in such a manner as to prevent the dog from making
753 physical contact with a pedestrian who is passing the truck in a place where that pedestrian
754 is legally entitled to be; if a dog is found to be not restrained as stated, the dog is “at large.”

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756 B. It is considered cruel and therefore unlawful for a person to leave an animal
757 unattended in a motor vehicle with excessive temperatures. When the temperature is sixty
758 (60) degrees Fahrenheit or above, unless, in the opinion of the officer, adequate ventilation
759 and water are provided, there exist the presence of a potential problem and APOs and other
760 law enforcement may undertake investigatory steps and actions appropriate under the
761 circumstances to protect the life of any animal confined in such a vehicle.

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763 C. No person shall carry an animal in a motorized vehicle in an inhumane or unsafe
764 manner.

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766 6.04.220 - Accidents injuring animals.

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768 The driver of any motor vehicle involved in an accident, within the City of Casper resulting
769 in injury to a domestic animal shall immediately and safely stop and render such assistance
770 as is safely possible, and shall take reasonable steps to notify the owner of such animal or
771 give notice of such accident to the Casper Police Department.

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773 6.04.230 - Removal of deceased animals.

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775 A. It shall be the duty of the animal protection officer to remove from the streets, alleys
776 and public places within the Animal Control District deceased animals, excluding livestock,
777 and large wild game animals, unless otherwise agreed with the Wyoming Game and Fish,
778 and shall notify the owner, if known.

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780 B. It shall be the duty of the owner to dispose of his/her own deceased animals from
781 his/her private property.

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783 6.04.240 - Trapping restrictions for dogs and cats.

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785 A. No traps shall be used for the capture of an animal by any person within the City of
786 Casper, other than humane live box traps. Also, no traps shall be set when trap temperatures
787 exceed ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit or fall below thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit.

788 B. Animals captured must be turned over to MAS as soon as reasonably possible, or
789 may be returned to the owner, if known.

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791 C. Traps must be checked every four (4) hours unless they are set in such a manner as to
792 provide proper shelter once the animal is confined.

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794 D. Animal control protection officers may go onto private property, exclusive of
795 buildings, to remove a trapped animal.

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797 6.04.250 - Cruelty to animals—Intervention authorized.

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799 A. In addition to the prosecution of violations in this Chapter, an animal protection
800 officer may lawfully interfere to prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty upon any
801 animal in his/her presence.

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803 B. A law enforcement officer or an animal protection officer may remove, shelter and
804 care for any animal found to be cruelly exposed to the weather, starved or denied adequate
805 water, neglected, abandoned or otherwise treated in a cruel manner, and shall deliver such
806 animal to MAS for proper care and placement. In all cases, the owner, if known, shall
807 immediately be notified if the owner or custodian is unknown and cannot, with reasonable
808 effort, be ascertained, or does not, within seven (7) days after impoundment of the animal, it
809 may be treated as abandoned and dealt with as provided in Sections 6.04.100 through
810 6.04.160, and subsection B of Section 6.04.210.

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812 C. Whenever, in the opinion of any law enforcement officer, animal control protection
813 officer or county health officer (officers), any animal is suffering from distemper, parvo
814 virus or other serious disease, or is severely maimed and suffering from injury, it shall be
815 lawful for such officer to humanely euthanize such animal after consulting with a licensed
816 veterinarian. If the animal is licensed, an attempt to notify its owner shall be made before the
817 animal is euthanized. The above-mentioned officers or designees may humanely euthanize
818 an animal without consulting with a licensed veterinarian or an owner if it is considered an
819 emergency situation, to relieve the animal from undue suffering. The owner thereof shall not

820 recover damages for such animal unless he/she shall prove that euthanasia was unwarranted
821 without reason under the circumstances known to the officers.

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823 6.04.260 – Fowl—Other Than Chickens--Location restrictions.

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825 Ducks, geese or turkeys may be kept and maintained within the Animal Control District only
826 in areas which are properly zoned for such use, or a zoning board of adjustment exception
827 has been allowed. Such exceptions may be granted for organized youth group projects.

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829 6.04.270 - Chicken hens – Enclosure and other limitations.

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831 Chicken hens shall be permitted in association with an occupied single-family residential
832 dwelling/structure as an accessory use, subject to the following regulations:

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834 1. The maximum number of chicken hens permitted shall be six (6).

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836 2. No roosters shall be permitted, with the exception that roosters shall be permitted in
837 the AG (urban agriculture) zoning district.

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839 3. Only chicken hens shall be permitted. Chicken hens may be any breed or crossbreed
840 of chicken. No hybrids will be allowed unless properly zoned, or a conditional use permit
841 has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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843 4. Chicken hens shall be provided with a covered, fully enclosed and predator-resistant
844 coop which is adequately ventilated, designed for easy access for cleaning, and shall consist
845 of an enclosed area (may include the pen) of at least five (5) square feet per chicken hen.
846 Chicken hens shall be protected from predators by being enclosed in the coop from dusk
847 until dawn.

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849 5. During daylight hours, the chicken hens shall have access to the coop/pen at all times.
850 If the chicken hens are permitted outside of the coop/pen, then the area which they have
851 access to must be secured, with a minimum of a six foot high privacy fence, and if
852 necessary, wing feathers shall be clipped to prevent the birds from flying and escaping.

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854 6. The coop/pen shall be cleaned and maintained so as not to cause excessive smells or
855 odors, dust, or attract excessive insects or vermin. The frequency of cleaning shall depend
856 on the number of chicken hens, the type of litter, the area of the coop, and the weather.
857 Section 6.04.090 shall apply to the enforcement of chicken waste, to include unharvested
858 eggs, and the owner's responsibilities.

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860 7. No butchering of chickens is permitted within the city limits.

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862 8. Coops and pens shall be constructed a minimum of six (6) feet from side and rear
863 property lines, and are only permitted in the rear yard of a home. If an alley is located
864 adjacent to the property, the minimum setback for the coop/pen shall be three (3) feet from
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9. It is unlawful for chicken hens to be at large, as defined in Section 6.04.010. Any chicken hen found to be at large may be taken into possession and impounded by Metro Animal Services, and shall be adopted, rehomed or euthanized if not reclaimed within five (5) working days.

10. Chicken hens shall be provided with access to adequate and fresh water at all times, and in a manner to prevent the water from freezing.

11. No coop shall exceed a footprint of sixty (60) square feet, or shall exceed a height of seven (7) feet at the highest point of the roof.

12. Chicken feed shall be stored in an airtight, metal container to discourage attracting mice, rats, and other vermin.

13. Chicken hens shall be confined in such a fashion as to prevent them from coming into contact with wild ducks or geese or their excrement.

14. The requirements of this section are minimum requirements and do not affect any private controls, including any more stringent regulations or prohibitions on the keeping of chicken hens contained in private covenants. Nothing in this chapter shall affect the authority of any owners' association to adopt and enforce more stringent standards for the keeping of chicken hens, or to prohibit outright the keeping of chicken hens on any property within the jurisdiction of such association.

6.04.280 - Livestock restrictions.

Livestock may be kept and maintained within the Animal Control District only in areas properly zoned for such use provided. However, that for the purpose of loading and shipping any such animal or animals, it shall not be unlawful to keep the same in loading pens, provided that no such animal shall be kept in such pens within the Animal Control District for a period of no more than twelve (12) hours.

6.04.290 – Poisonous/venomous prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to own or possess any poisonous and/or venomous snake, reptile, or spider. In addition to the penalties provided, the venomous snake, reptile or spider shall be humanely euthanized, unless the court permits an alternative option that will protect the public.

6.04.300 – Vicious animals - indicia.

Indicia of vicious animals includes, but is not limited to, animals that:

a. Have bitten, attacked, endangered or inflicted injury on a human being on public or private property;

912 b. Have injured or killed a domestic animal;

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914 c. Have interfered with delivery of mail by the United States Postal Service, or other
915 delivery services as attested to by the delivery carrier or witnessed by authorities;

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917 d. Have followed or chased a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds
918 in a menacing fashion or with apparent attitude of attack.

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920 6.04.301 – Vicious and Dangerous Animals – Limitations and Prohibitions.

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922 It shall be unlawful to keep, possess, or harbor a dangerous or vicious animal within City
923 limits as follows:

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925 No person shall have, keep, harbor, or allow to be upon any premises occupied by him/her,
926 or in or under his/her charge or control, any vicious or dangerous animal, or any animal that
927 may manifest a disposition to bite anyone, without having the animal properly restrained to
928 prevent the animal from inflicting damage upon any person or property (See 6.04.302(d)
929 below). When off the premises of its owner, such animal shall be securely caged or
930 muzzled, and restrained by a secure collar and leash not to exceed three (3) feet in length.
931 The leash shall be of sufficient strength to prevent escape and shall be under the direct
932 control of the owner.

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934 6.04.302 Public Safety Measures

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936 (a) If, under the provisions of this section and upon conviction of a person for harboring
937 a vicious dog in violation of this chapter, it shall appear to the court that the dog is living,
938 the court may, in addition to the punishment provided for violation of this chapter order the
939 animal protection officer or any officer to forthwith cause such dog to be humanely
940 euthanized, and for that purpose, and pursuant to the court's order, any such officer charged
941 with such duty shall have the right, pursuant to the court's order, to enter upon any premises
942 within the Animal Control District.

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944 (b) If the court under this subsection does not order an animal destroyed, the owner of
945 the animal shall, within ten (10) days, provide proof to the court that such animal has been
946 permanently marked with an implanted microchip. The microchip shall be implanted under
947 the skin behind the neck, between the shoulder blades and the number registered with Metro
948 Animal Services. Any expenses incurred in connection with microchipping shall be borne by
949 the pet owner or his/her agent. Microchipping shall be done by either a licensed veterinarian
950 or a Metro Animal Services officer.

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952 (c) Any dog, cat or animal of a vicious or dangerous nature found upon any property,
953 public or private, not the premises of the owner may, if such animal cannot be safely taken
954 up and impounded by reasonable means, be euthanized by the animal protection officer or
955 any police officer.

957 (d) No vicious or dangerous animal shall be unconfined on its owner's premises. A
958 vicious or dangerous animal is "unconfined" as the term is used in this section if the animal
959 is not securely confined indoors or confined in a securely enclosed and locked pen, or upon
960 the premises of the owner. Any pen or run area shall be suitable to confine the animal and to
961 prevent the entry of young children or persons other than the owner of the animal. The pen
962 or run area must have all sides at least six (6) feet high and a secure top. No sides of the pen
963 or run can be part of the perimeter property fence. If the pen or run structure has no bottom
964 secured to the sides, the sides must be imbedded into the ground no less than one (1) foot.
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966 (e) Any person owning a vicious or dangerous animal must have the animal spayed or
967 neutered, at the owner's expense, within fifteen days after the animal is found to be vicious
968 or dangerous by a court if the animal is currently not spayed or neutered.
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970 (f) The owner of a vicious or dangerous animal shall notify MAS or the Casper Police
971 Department immediately of the animal's escape or release, that the animal is loose,
972 unconfined, has attacked another animal or human being, has died or has been sold or given
973 away or relocated in any manner. If the vicious animal has been sold or given away, or if
974 the current owner moves, within the jurisdiction of MAS, the owner or keeper shall provide
975 MAS with the name, address and telephone number of the new owner or the new address of
976 the current owner. Upon sale or conveyance, the new owner will be obligated to comply
977 with the requirements of this section, and the current owner shall be required to comply with
978 the requirements of this section at any subsequent location or residence.
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980 (g) If an animal protection officer has probable cause to believe that a vicious or
981 dangerous animal is being kept, harbored or cared for, in violation of this chapter, the animal
982 protection control officer may seize and impound the animal if it is on property not of the
983 owner or seek a court order to impound the animal until a hearing on the matter may be held
984 or until the owners have built or bought an enclosure to protect the public as provided in this
985 chapter and/or otherwise addressed the court's order.
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987 (h) If a purported vicious or dangerous animal is impounded, the animal shall be held
988 pending trial and disposition of the case and thereafter pursuant to court order, unless the
989 court is convinced that the public will be protected by specified actions ordered by the court
990 or agreed upon by the court and owners.
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992 (i) The owner of a vicious or dangerous animal shall be liable for and shall pay all costs
993 associated with impoundment, removal, care, treatment and potentially euthanasia of said
994 animal.
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996 (j) If the owner of the animal impounded under subsection (a) of this section is not
997 reasonably ascertainable at the time of impoundment, the MAS Manager shall immediately
998 notify the owner by mail sent to the owner's last known address, postage prepaid, which
999 upon the passage of three (3) days be deemed complete service or by personal service upon
1000 the last known address, within five (5) business days after the animal's impoundment.
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1002 (k) The notice of impoundment shall inform the owner of the animal that the owner may
1003 request, in writing, a hearing to contest the impoundment. Upon receipt of the notice of
1004 impoundment either through personal service or by mail (receipt is complete three (3) days
1005 after mailing to the last known address of owner postage prepaid), the owner has seven (7)
1006 business days from personal service or ten (10) business days from date of mailing to
1007 request a hearing by serving on the MAS Manager a written request for the hearing.
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1009 (l) Upon request by the owner of the animal for a hearing under subsection (k), a hearing
1010 must be held within seven (7) business days after receipt of the request. Notice of the date,
1011 time and location of the hearing shall be provided by regular mail to the animal owner
1012 requesting the hearing, and the animal owner, if an active phone number is available shall be
1013 advised that a copy of the notice of hearing may be picked up from MAS or the Court's
1014 office. If the owner picks up the notice of hearing the obligation to provide a copy of the
1015 notice by regular mail is waived. The impoundment hearing shall determine if the animal
1016 poses a risk to public health and safety, as articulated for the definition and description of
1017 dangerous and vicious animals herein. The burden of proof for this determination is beyond
1018 a reasonable doubt.
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1020 (m) The owner must pay all of the cost of the impoundment and must post sufficient
1021 funds to cover the anticipated costs for continued impoundment. The owner may also seek
1022 the animal's release upon furnishing evidence that precautions are in place, which satisfy the
1023 court that the public's safety and welfare will be protected. Failure to post funds sufficient
1024 to pay for the costs of impoundment or getting the animal released constitutes a waiver of
1025 any rights the owner may have to a hearing under this chapter and the animal may be
1026 humanely euthanized.
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1028 6.04.303 – Continuation of Dangerous or Vicious Animal Declaration. 1029

1030 Any animal that has been declared dangerous or vicious by any agency or department of
1031 this City, another municipality, county, or state shall be subject to the provisions of this
1032 Ordinance. The person owning or having custody of any animal designated as dangerous or
1033 vicious by any municipality, county, or state government shall notify the Department of
1034 Animal Control of the animal's address and conditions of maintenance within ten (10) days
1035 of moving the animal into the City of Casper, Wyoming. The restrictions and conditions of
1036 maintenance of any animal declared dangerous or vicious by this City, another municipality,
1037 county, or state shall remain in force while the animal remains in the City. No animal
1038 declared dangerous or vicious by any other designation agency or department of another
1039 municipality, county, or state based solely on size, breed or mix of breeds, shall be subject to
1040 this Section.
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1042 6.04.305 – Reckless Animal Owner. 1043

1044 (a)(i) Any owner who is found to have violated this Chapter, other than by a violation
1045 of Sections 6.04.160, 6.04.180, and/or 6.04.310, three (3) or more times in an eighteen (18)
1046 month period, may be declared a reckless animal owner; or
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1048 (ii) Any owner who is found to have violated this Chapter, who is found to have
1049 violated this Chapter, by violating Sections 6.04.301, 6.04.302, or 6.04.303 two (2) or more
1050 times in any three-year period, may be declared a reckless animal owner.
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1052 (b) The Municipal Court shall issue a notification of the declaration or Reckless
1053 Animal Owner to the person with the following:
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1055 (i) name and address of the person subject to the declaration,
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1057 (ii) the description, violation, and conviction that led to the declaration,
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1059 (c) Once declared a reckless animal owner, pursuant to 6.04.305 (a)(i), above, the city
1060 licenses of all animals owned by the person shall be revoked and no new licenses shall be
1061 issued for the period of time set by the court, except that the period of license prohibition, to
1062 prevent the person from keeping or, possessing an animal shall not exceed a period of one
1063 (1) year from the date of the declaration.
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1065 (d) Once declared a reckless animal owner, pursuant to 6.04.305 (a)(ii), above, the city
1066 licenses of all animals owned by the person shall be revoked and no new licenses shall be
1067 issued for the period of time set by the court, except that the period of license prohibition, to
1068 prevent the person from keeping or, possessing an animal shall not exceed a period of thirty
1069 (30) consecutive months from the date of the declaration.
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1071 (e) A person declared to be a reckless animal owner may apply to the Municipal Court to
1072 have the no license declaration waived after a period of six months for a declaration made
1073 pursuant to 6.04.305(a)(i) and for a period of twelve (12) months for a declaration made
1074 pursuant to 6.04.305(a)(ii) upon meeting the following conditions:
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1076 (i) The person has no subsequent violations of this Chapter of the Code, and
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1078 (ii) The person has complied with all of the provisions of this act, since the courts
1079 declaration, and
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1081 (iii) The person provides proof to the Municipal Court of successful completion
1082 of a program designed to improve the person's understanding of animal
1083 ownership responsibilities and based upon an interview with the Court,
1084 establishes that understanding.
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1086 (iv) If the Court finds clear and convincing evidence that the person has complied
1087 with all conditions in this subsection, the Court may rescind the reckless owner
1088 declaration subject to conditions that can help to ensure no future violations. The
1089 person must provide clear and convincing proof that ownership of an animal in
1090 the future will be handled responsibly and not in violation of any law or
1091 ordinance.
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1093 6.04.310 - Public nuisance.

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A. No owner or person in charge of any dog or cat, or group of dogs and/or cats shall fail to exercise proper care and control of such animal or animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance, as defined in Section 6.04.010.

B. For the purposes of this section or a conviction hereunder, it shall not be necessary to demonstrate which animal in a group of animals has created a public nuisance as defined in Section 6.04.010.

6.04.320 - Breaking into animal services shelter prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to break into the animal services shelter, or vehicle, or turn loose or otherwise release any animal impounded therein, or hinder, destruct or prevent the animal control protection officer from impounding any animal liable to be impounded.

6.04.325 - Police canine exclusions, exemptions.

Police canines working on duty with law enforcement personnel are excluded from Sections 6.04.010(7), 6.04.010(19) and 6.04.010(23); and are exempted from Sections 6.04.170(C) through (G) and (I) and (J), and 6.04.300.

6.04.330 - Enforcement—Police department authority.

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by sworn officers of the city police department and/or animal protection officers. It is unlawful, and a violation of this chapter, to interfere with an animal protection officer in the performance of his/her duties, or to fail to obey the lawful order of an animal protection officer.

6.04.340 - Violation—Citation and notice to appear.

Whenever an animal protection officer observes or has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated one or more provisions of this chapter, such officer is authorized to prepare one or more written citations containing a notice to appear in municipal court. The citations, at a minimum, shall be written on a form which notifies the person of the offense with which he is charged, and the time and place where the person must appear to answer to the charge.

6.04.350 - Citation—Deemed complaint when—Disposition.

Every animal protection officer, upon issuing a citation herein authorized, shall deposit the original of the citation with the municipal court, and shall issue a copy of the same to the person against whom the violation is charged. Upon deposit of the original citation with the court, the citation may be disposed of only by trial in court or other official action by the judge of the court, which may include forfeiture of the bail, or by the deposit of sufficient bail with, or payment of a fine to the municipal court by the person to whom the citation was issued by the animal protection officer. When the citation is sworn to, as required under the

1140 general laws of the state in respect to a complaint charging a commission of the offense
1141 alleged in the citation to have been committed, then the citation, when filed with the
1142 municipal court, shall be deemed a lawful complaint for the purpose of prosecution under
1143 this chapter.

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1145 6.04.360 - Violation—Penalty.
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1147 A. For the purpose of this section, a "conviction" means a finding of guilt by the court
1148 after trial, or a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to the offense charged.
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1150 B. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, except 6.04.301,
1151 6.04.302, 6.04.303, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be
1152 punished by a fine of up to Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars. (\$750.00).
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1154 C. Any person who violates any of the provisions of Sections 6.04.301, 6.04.302 and
1155 6.04.303, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be punished
1156 by a fine of up to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) or six months in jail or both.
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1159 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF
1160 THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING:
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1163 That the Casper City Council, having determined that the Animal Care and
1164 Control Ordinance within the Casper Municipal Code, Chapter 6.04 shall be further defined and
1165 that the Chapter be repealed and replaced with the above.
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1168 This Ordinance shall become effective on March 12, 2019.
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1170 PASSED on 1st reading the 22nd day of January, 2019.
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1172 PASSED on 2nd reading the 5th day of February, 2019.
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1174 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON 3rd and final reading the 19th day
1175 of February, 2019.
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Fleur D. Tremel
City Clerk



CITY OF CASPER
A municipal corporation

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Charles Powell
Mayor