

ORDINANCE 497

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BAYFIELD AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3-16 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 3-19 DOG LICENSE, AND SECTION 3-24 KENNELS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees have determined that the code sections that regulate animal definitions, tag/license fees and kennels are outdated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees have determined that amending Article II, Section 3-16, Section 3-19 and Section 3-24 is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BAYFIELD, COLORADO, THAT

SECTION 3-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BAYFIELD IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 3-16. Definitions.

Animal: For the purposes of this article, animal shall mean dog or cat.

Cat: Both male and female members of the species of domestic cat, *Felis catus*.

Dog: Both male and female members of the species of domestic dog, *Canis familiaris*.

Kennel: Includes any building, facility or fenced location that is used for breeding, boarding, rescue or any similar facility that contains four or more cats, four or more dogs, or more than four of any combination of cats and dogs.

Owner: Any person owning or having the custody of or who keeps or harbors a dog or cat or knowingly permits a dog or cat to remain on or about any premises occupied by that person for a period of two weeks or more. An owner includes any person who feeds, shelters or attracts an otherwise stray animal.

Running at large: A dog off or away from the premises of the owner or keeper thereof, and not under the control of such owner or a member of his immediate family, either by leash, cord or chain not more than eight feet long. The head of any household having a dog in its possession shall be presumed to be the owner of such dog.

Vicious or dangerous dogs: A dog that has committed an unprovoked bite or attack on a person or animal either on public or private property, or that approaches a person in an apparent attitude of attack when unprovoked. A dog which lunges aggressively at its enclosure, chain or tether when a person walks past, or chases children or adults passing by shall be considered vicious or dangerous.

SECTION 3-19 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BAYFIELD IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 3-19. Dog license.

A dog license is required for all dogs over the age of four months that live within the town limits. Licensing will help reunite lost pets with their families and must be renewed every year prior to February 1st and requires proof of vaccination. Said licenses shall be effective for the calendar year of issuance. Failure to license any dog within a calendar year does not negate the licensing charges due for that calendar year and will result in the requirement that the delinquent charges be paid at such time as the animal is next licensed. Dogs born during any calendar year shall be licensed within thirty (30) days after the dog reaches the age of four months. Dogs purchased, obtained, or otherwise acquired, and dogs of new residents of the town shall be licensed within thirty (30) days after such acquisition or establishing residence. All dogs are required to wear their metal license tag on their collar or harness at all times. The metal tag received with the initial license registration is permanently assigned to that dog unless the owner request to pay for a replacement tag. The town will not issue a new tag every year. No license shall be issued to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

The annual license fee for persons keeping, maintaining, harboring or possessing dogs within the town shall be set by the board of trustees by Resolution. The town clerk shall make said fee schedule available to any person upon request. Discounts will be given to spayed/neutered dogs with proof of procedure, and to seniors over the age of sixty-five with spayed/neutered dogs.


SECTION 3-24 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BAYFIELD IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 3-24. Kennels.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, harbor or possess upon the premises of any one household more than three cats, three dogs or a combination of four of these animals, unless the owner or person in charge thereof shall have obtained a kennel license. Application for a kennel license shall be made to the town's land use administrator after determination has been made of the appropriate land use process for the use. Puppies or kittens shall not be counted for purposes of this section until they reach the age of three months.


ADOPTED AND TITLE ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

Attest:



Dustin Hayden, Town Clerk

Mayor:



Ashleigh Parkington