ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - _08_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 3-5 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
OF ROCK SPRINGS ENTITLED "HUMANE CONTROL AND REGULATION
OF ANIMALS".

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Rock Springs recognizes that the willful abandonment of pets by their owners is cruel and inhumane; and,

WHEREAS, abandoning an animal often leads to a harsh life and an early death for the animals; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Rock Springs finds that abandoning an animal should be charged as a criminal offense punishable by a fine and jail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That Article 3-5 of the Rock Springs City Ordinances entitled "HUMANE CONTROL AND REGULATION OF ANIMALS", is hereby amended to read as follows:

3-521 Definitions.

Abandon: To leave an animal to its own devices without support or provision for shelter, food and medical care.

3-532 Cruelty to Animals.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to **abandon,** overdrive, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture, cruelly beat, carry in a cruel and inhumane manner, tease, torment, torture or otherwise abuse, molest or annoy any animal or to cause any of these acts or omissions to be done.

3-542   Penalties.

(a) Unless otherwise provided any person convicted of violating any provision of this Article or of failing to meet any duty imposed herein may be fined up to Seven Hundred and Fifty ($750.00) Dollars **and/or be sentenced to serve up to six (6) months in jail.** Each day's violation is a separate offense. If a person is convicted of violating Sections 3-532, 3-533 or 3-534 his animal license may be revoked and his animals confiscated. No new animal licenses may ever be issued to such a person unless such privilege is restored to said person by ordinance of the Governing Body of the City of Rock Springs.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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President of the Council

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

1st Reading_____

2nd Reading_____

3rd Reading_____