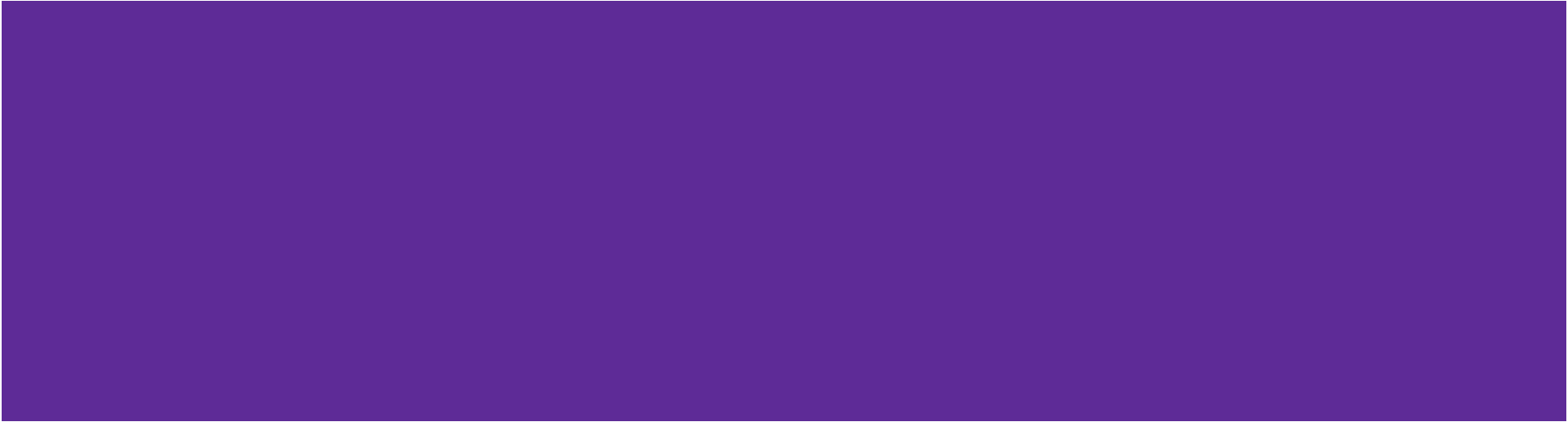


Draft Animal Ordinance

March 3, 2021, 6:00 pm

Town of Bluff Planning & Zoning Commission



Purpose and Intent

- To allow agriculture and the keeping of farm animals within Bluff on a small scale for personal, noncommercial use or limited on site commercial use.
- **Intent:**
 - to establish the standards and criteria by which farm/domestic animals may be kept within the town of Bluff.
 - maintain the rural heritage of Bluff and protect animal welfare

Important Definitions and Limits

Animals Small: rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys

Animals Medium: goats and sheep

Animals Large: horses, ponies, cows, mules, burros, llamas, and pigs

- A. **Allowed in all zones** unless restricted by private covenants
- B. Maximum Numbers Allowed: **Residential/Commercial: 2 large animals per acre or 4 medium sized animals per acre**, or a combination, not to exceed, 4 total large and medium animals per acre as long as each animal has a sufficient and secure habitat area.

Animal Care: Animal Cruelty Utah Code 76-9-301

Animal cruelty prevention statements are within the ordinance with reference to:

- Failure to provide **proper shelter, sanitation, food**
- torturing, seriously overworking an animal
- transporting or confining in a cruel manner or abandoning an animal in your custody or leaving an animal inside an **automobile in hot weather** to suffer/die
- killing, injuring, or poisoning an animal without legal privilege

NUISANCE ANIMALS; TRESPASS

Revocation of privilege: If animals within town limits are creating a nuisance and complaints are brought to Town Council then animal privileges could be revoked if not corrected by animal owner.

The ordinance does not specifically address **barking dogs**.

Do not let your animal enter or **trespass** upon private or public property without the permission of the property owner.

Remove all soiled waste, food, bedding, and other debris to eliminate accumulation of insects, rodents, or disease and to **eliminate noxious or offensive odors**.

Animal owners could be fined for not taking corrective action; animals impounded

Free roaming domestic animals

- Free roaming domestic or farm animals can be determined a nuisance if **consistently trespassing** and causing damage on neighboring properties.
- **The feeding of feral cats is discouraged** and food left out for feral cats is subject to removal by a Town Official.

Dangerous Animals

- Dangerous animals, including dogs, are prohibited
- Subject to removal by town-appointed officer

Other components

- Allows sale of personal excess agricultural products
- Feedlots and Concentrated Animal Feed Operations (CAFOs) prohibited in all zones
- Beekeeping is allowed in all zones