

ORDINANCE NO. 17 - 05

An ordinance of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado amending Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code including updating the leash law boundaries, clarifying and defining voice and sight control, setting a maximum number of dogs per household, and requiring all dog owners to carry a dog leash and waste pickup bag at all times.

WHEREAS, the Ridgway Community approached Town Council with a request to modify the regulations for dogs within the Town of Ridgway; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has had a significant number of public discussions regarding regulations for dogs; and

WHEREAS, community members have gathered informally to reconcile differences with regard to the Town’s regulations that apply to dogs; and

WHEREAS, the community has put forth ideas and thoughts on the regulations for dogs and has requested the Town Council consider those ideas and thoughts when considering revised and new regulations for dogs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined it is necessary and appropriate to change the Town’s regulations for dogs to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of the Ridgway community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Subsection 11-1-6(H) Subsection (10) of the Ridgway Municipal Code, is amended and Subsection (11) is added, as follows:

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(10) The owner or custodian and the dog were not located within an area of the Town bounded by Amelia Street, Moffat Street, Railroad Street, Otto Street (between Railroad and Cora Streets), Frederick Street (between Cora and Mary Streets), and Charles Street (Mary to Amelia Street) the Uncompahgre River Trail, Rollans Park, or any area posted for leash control only, or in attendance at a sporting event.

(11) In all other areas of Town not bound by the mandatory leash area in subsection (10) above, dogs are required to be under voice and sight control, which includes **ALL** of the following: the

dog returns to your side **immediately** upon a single command, the dog remains at your side regardless of any distractions, and the dog does not **NOT** charge, chase or display aggression toward any person, dog, wildlife, livestock or other being.

SECTION 2.

Subsection 11-1-11 NUISANCE Subsections (E) and (F) of the Ridgway Municipal Code are added, as follows:

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(E) No more than 4 dogs are allowed per household.

(F) Custodians of dogs are required at all times to carry a leash and a bag suitable for picking up dog waste.

INTRODUCED before the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado on the 7th day of June, 2017

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, A HOME-RULE
MUNICIPALITY

By _____
John Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Kraft, MMC, Town Clerk

Approved As to Form:

BO JAMES NERLIN, Town Attorney

HEARD AND FINALLY ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, this 12th day of July, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Ridgway Town Council on June 7th, 2017, published by title and posted thereafter, and adopted by the Town Council on July 12th, 2017.

(SEAL)

Pam Kraft, MMC, Town Clerk