

**ORDINANCE NO. 22**

Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 100.020.130 OF THE GLENWOOD SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE.

the City of Glenwood Springs (“Glenwood Springs” or the “City”) is a home-rule municipality organized under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Glenwood Springs Home Rule Charter; and

Section 100.020.130 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code addresses the impoundment of animals; and

City Staff has recommended updating Section 100.020.130 as set forth on **Exhibit A** attached hereto; and

the City Council finds and declares that it is necessary for the preservation of health and safety of the City and its residents to amend Section 100.020.130.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

**Section 2.** Section 100.020.130 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code is amended as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY THIS 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO

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Ingrid Wussow, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Ryan Muse, City Clerk

INTRODUCED, READ ON SECOND READING, PASSED AND ORDERED  
PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THIS 5 DAY OF  
DECEMBER 2024.

CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO

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Ingrid Wussow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan Muse, City Clerk

## EXHIBIT A

The following sections of the Municipal Code are amended as follows with double underlined text added and ~~strike through text~~ deleted.

### ARTICLE 100.020 ANIMAL CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE

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#### 100.020.130 - Impoundment of animals.

- (a) *In general.* Animals shall be taken up and held in an animal shelter ~~a suitable place provided therefor~~ when found in the City under any of the following conditions:
- (1) Any animal, except domestic house cats, running at large.
  - (2) Any animal without a current rabies tag attached to its collar or harness; or
  - (3) ~~A dog without a current license tag attached to its collar or harness.~~ Any animal held as evidence or as part of the commission of a crime;
  - (4) Any animal that is a victim of abuse or cruelty pursuant to Section 100.020.140.
- (b) *Redemption or disposition of impounded animals.*
- (1) As soon as practicable after impoundment, notice of impoundment shall be given to the owner thereof, if known; and if not known, notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Glenwood Springs Municipal Building for a period of five (5) working days.
  - (2) Any pet animal impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall become the property of the animal shelter after five (5) days of impoundment. For purposes of this Section, the animal shelter facility complies with Section 35-80-106.3, C.R.S., regarding animal holding periods.
  - (3) Any impounded animal not held as a vicious animal, held as evidence or as part of the commission of a crime, or that is being impounded pursuant to (a) (4) above may be redeemed by payment of impoundment fees, room and board costs, and, if applicable, license fees and rabies vaccination costs. If the owner contests ~~his/her~~ their guilt, the animal may be released upon payment equal to the impoundment fee, room and board costs, and, if applicable, license fee and vaccination costs. If the owner is acquitted, the amount of the impoundment fee and room and board costs shall be returned; if convicted, the entire amount of the fees and costs shall be retained by the City and deemed payment of the applicable fees. ~~If any animal is not claimed within five (5) working days of the date of notice, said animal shall be deemed abandoned and may be euthanized.~~
  - (4) Any animal impounded pursuant to (a)(3) or (a)(4) or being held as a viscous animal shall be released only on order of the Court.
  - (5) After the required time period, the Glenwood Springs Animal Control may release to a bona fide humane society, rescue group or a person having no previous ownership interest in the

animal, any pet animal which is not designated as dangerous or diseased. Upon release of the animal, the recipient may be required to pay a fee as established by the animal shelter, including but not limited to fees for adoption, rabies vaccinations, pet license and sterilization or other associated costs.

(6) In the event an impounded pet animal, in the opinion of a veterinarian, or animal shelter supervisor, if a veterinarian is not available, is experiencing extreme pain or suffering, the animal may be disposed of immediately by the animal shelter through euthanasia after the animal shelter has exhausted reasonable efforts to contact the owner; however, for pet animals with identification, the animal shelter shall exhaust reasonable efforts to contact the owner for up to twenty-four (24) hours.

(7) Nothing in this Section or this Article shall be construed to prevent any Animal Control officer, animal shelter staff or peace officer from taking whatever action is reasonably necessary to protect themselves or others from bodily injury or serious bodily injury by any animal.

(c) *Fees.* There shall be charged to the owner of each animal impounded the following fees, whether or not such owner redeems the animal:

(1) *Impoundment fee:* Ten dollars (\$10.00) for the first impoundment of an animal; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the second impoundment of the same animal; and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each subsequent impoundment of an animal within one (1) year;

(2) *Room and board:* The actual cost charged to the City by the kennel boarding the animal;

(3) *Rabies vaccination:* If required, the actual cost charged to the City;

(4) *License fee:* If required, the cost of a license pursuant to Section 100.020.050;

(5) *Euthanasia fee:* The actual cost charged to the City by the veterinarian euthanizing the animal.

The City shall retain a copy of any statement provided to it establishing the actual cost to the City for such fees. It shall be unlawful for any owner to fail to make arrangements for the redemption, surrender or disposition of any animal impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Article, or to fail to pay any fees associated with the redemption, surrender or disposition of such animal.