

POLICE MEMORANDUM
#15-2024

DATE Nov. 25, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *Hmg*

FROM: James S. May, Jr., Chief of Police *JSM/217*

SUBJECT: CR-152 – 2025 Riverdale Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Services IGA

PURPOSE

To consider CR-152, a resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Adams County and the City for animal shelter and adoption services in 2025.

BACKGROUND

Riverdale Animal Shelter (RAS), an Adams County operated facility, provides sheltering services to Northglenn, Thornton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Lochbuie, Bennett, and Brighton. Northglenn’s animal shelter needs include:

- Adoption
- Care
- Boarding
- Shelter of impounded animals such as dogs, cats, fowl, small farm animals and other small domestic creatures
- Disposal
- Euthanasia
- Impoundment

In 2022, the Police Department (NPD) impounded 559 animals, of which 38 animal carcasses were disposed of and 126 reclaimed. In 2023, 528 animals were impounded, 35 animal carcasses disposed of, and 129 reclaimed.

Sheltering costs were \$32,036 in 2021 and \$32,661 in 2022 (this number was extrapolated based on past numbers). For 2021 and 2022, there was an average decrease of 16.97% in the cost of strays, disposals, quarantines, and protective custodies from the annual invoice amounts compared to the average of 2019 to 2020. That resulted in a drop in the 2023 and 2024 annual flat-rate fee for shelter services to \$27,118 annually, or a total of \$54,236 for the two-year period.

The RAS has been working with Adams County to make some changes to their method of assessing fees. This was prompted by higher-than-normal animal intakes for RAS, as well as increasing supply and operational costs in recent years. While that review is still in process, the County has decided not to make any changes to the City’s current flat-rate calculation formula for 2025. The flat-rate fee would be applicable for the 2025 calendar year based on the City’s two-year average usage for the 2021-2022 assessment period. Alternate billing structures will be discussed and would likely begin in 2026.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

The cost for 2025 would be \$40,350, to be made in four payments of \$10,087.50. Funds would come from the NPD budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-152, a resolution that, if approved, would authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council Members have any questions, please contact James S. May, Jr., Chief of Police, at jmay@northglenn.org or 303.450.8967.

ATTACHMENT

1. Cost of Care Analysis

CR-152 – 2025 Riverdale Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Services IGA

**Riverdale Animal Shelter
Cost of Care Analysis
City of Northglenn**

Billing History (Annual)	2021	2022	AVERAGE (2021-2024)
	\$ 32,036	\$ 32,661	\$ 29,733
	2023	2024	AVERAGE (2023 - 2024)
Total Annual Invoiced Amount (ACTUAL)	\$ 27,118	\$ 27,118	\$ 27,118
	2022	2023	AVERAGE
Expenses			
Salaries & Related (Kennel & Clinic)	\$ 1,507,332	\$ 1,951,867	\$ 1,729,600
Salaries & Related (Administrative & Volunteer)	\$ 983,662	\$ 1,079,341	\$ 1,031,502
Operation Expenses (Kennel)	\$ 127,226	\$ 166,812	\$ 147,019
Operation Expenses (Clinic)	\$ 190,043	\$ 195,966	\$ 193,004
Operation Expenses (Admin)	\$ 175,827	\$ 195,144	\$ 185,485
Operation Expenses (Volunteer)	\$ 13,943	\$ 19,982	\$ 16,963
Clinic Vaccines, Microchips, Tests (Operation Expense Offset)	\$ (86,932)	\$ (90,231)	\$ (88,581)
Donations Applied (Operation Expense Offset)	\$ (35,355)	\$ (64,746)	\$ (50,051)
Total Annual Expenses (ACTUAL)	\$ 2,875,745	\$ 3,454,136	\$ 3,164,941
Total Sheltering Days and Cost Per Day (ACTUAL)			
Sheltering Days	108,783	113,947	111,365
Cost Per Day	\$ 26	\$ 30	\$ 28
STRAYS, DISPOSALS, QUARANTINE & PROTECTIVE CUSTODY			
Total Strays (LESS Reclaims)	149	166	158
Mandatory Stray Hold Period (Days)	5.5	5.5	5.5
Total Stray Days	820	913	866
Total Cost of Animals on Stray Hold	\$ 21,664	\$ 27,676	\$ 24,670
Total Strays Reclaimed	93	107	100
Reclaim Fee per Animal	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Total Cost of Reclaim Fee	\$ 2,790	\$ 3,210	\$ 3,000
Total Number of Disposals	27	23	25
Cost Per Disposal	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35
Total Cost of Disposals	\$ 945	\$ 805	\$ 875
Total Number of Bite Quarantine (Strays) LESS Reclaims	-	-	-
Mandatory Bite Quarantine Hold (Days)	10	10	10
Cost Per Day (Boarding Rate)	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Total Cost of Animals on Bite Quarantine	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Number of Days on Protective Custody	1,105	457	781
Cost Per Day (Boarding Rate)	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Total Cost of Animals on Protective Custody	\$ 16,575	\$ 6,855	\$ 11,715
SHELTER, NEUTER, RETURN (SNR)			
Total Number of Cats SNR	1	5	3
SNR Fee Per Cat	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Total Cost of Cats SNR	\$ 30	\$ 150	\$ 90
Total Cost of Strays, Disposals, Quarantines, and Protective Custodies	\$ 42,004	\$ 38,696	\$ 40,350
% Inc/(Dec) from Annual Invoiced Amount (ACTUAL)	55%	43%	48.79%
COURT HOLDS AND BITE COURT			
Total Number Days of Court Hold	-	89	45
Cost Per Day (Boarding Rate)	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Total Cost of Animals on Court Hold	\$ -	\$ 1,335	\$ 668

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-152
Series of 2024

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN AND THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER/ADOPTION CENTER SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Northglenn, Colorado and the Adams County Board of County Commissioners, attached hereto, for animal control, shelter, and adoption services is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the City of Northglenn.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney

**ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
ANIMAL SHELTER/ADOPTION CENTER SERVICES**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER/ADOPTION CENTER SERVICES (IGA) is made this ____ day of _____ 2024 by and between the Adams County Board of County Commissioners, located at 4430 S. Adams County Parkway, Suite C5000A, Brighton, CO 80601, hereinafter referred to as the “County,” and the City of Northglenn, located at 11701 Community Center Drive., Northglenn, CO 80233, hereinafter referred to as “Northglenn.” This IGA is for animal shelter services to be provided by the Riverdale Animal Shelter (RAS) located at 12155 Park Blvd, Brighton, CO 80601.

In consideration of the mutual promises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the County and Northglenn agree to be legally bound as follows:

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Adoption fee:** Means the amount charged to a person adopting an animal for the costs of administrative services associated with the adoption.
- B. **Animal:** Means a dog, cat, or other small domestic creature.
- C. **Boarding fee:** Means the daily amount charged for the care of an animal while at RAS.
- D. **Care:** Means regularly providing food and water to animals in the RAS.
- E. **Impoundment fee:** Means the amount, in addition to the boarding fee, charged for costs associated with impounding an animal at RAS.
- F. **Service fees:** Means other fees charged for services provided by RAS, not otherwise specified herein, such as fees for humane euthanasia, disposing of dead animals, etc.
- G. **Shelter:** Means providing an enclosed kennel or pen that is regularly cleaned and maintained for an animal.

SECTION II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY

A. RAS, along with Northglenn Animal Control Officer(s), shall enforce Chapter 14 of the City of Northglenn Ordinances, as it pertains to animal control, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A. It is however understood, that the Riverdale Animal Shelter (RAS) will provide such services only as they pertain to dogs, cats, fowl, small farm animals, or other small domestic creatures. The fees charged by RAS for adoption, boarding, impoundment, and other services are as specified in Exhibit B which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

B. RAS shall provide for the shelter, care, adoption, reclaim, euthanasia, and/or disposal of animals impounded because of violations of Chapter 14 of the City of Northglenn Ordinances, and will obtain and/or maintain any and all licenses required by Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) § 35-80-101, *et seq.* For any animal on a court hold, such shelter and care shall continue until order of the Northglenn Municipal Court.

C. Any stray animal impounded for more than five (5) business days that is not reclaimed by its owner may be made available for adoption, transferred for rescue, or may be humanely euthanized, at the sole discretion of the RAS Executive Director, veterinarians, and/or designated RAS management staff. However, feral cats may be humanely euthanized after having been impounded for three (3) calendar days, as the circumstances at RAS may require based on the sole discretion of its Executive Director, veterinarians, and/or designated RAS management staff consistent with Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) § 35-80-106.3, as amended, or other relevant statutory provision in effect at the time.

D. Unless ownership of a released animal is specifically acknowledged by the releasing individual, any animals brought to RAS will be processed in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) §35-80-106.3.

E. RAS shall have the right to immediately and humanely euthanize any animal impounded at its facility if such animal is diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian as being terminally ill, injured, or diseased consistent with Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) § 35-80-106.3, as amended, or other relevant statutory provision in effect at the time.

F. RAS shall quarantine animals for rabies observation and shall report all suspected rabid animals to the local Health Department.

G. Any dog or cat impounded at RAS, with the exception of aggressive, severely ill, or injured animals, shall be inoculated with appropriate vaccines as indicated by protocol established by the shelter veterinarian.

H. RAS shall maintain a telephone answering service to receive inquiries on impounded animals from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. RAS will be closed on County-designated holidays.

I. RAS shall maintain records on all impounded animals, including a record of each animal's disposal, and shall allow Northglenn access to such records as reasonably requested. In addition, RAS shall submit to Northglenn by the twentieth (20th) calendar day of each month a summary report of animals received and the disposition thereof from the prior month.

J. Fees charged to Northglenn residents for services provided hereunder shall not exceed the fees charged to other residents of Adams County for the same or similar services.

K. The County will employ qualified personnel as necessary to perform the services to be provided hereunder.

L. No animal impounded at RAS shall be sold or given away to any person, organization, company, or other entity for the purposes of medical research or experimentation.

M. RAS personnel will regularly assist in completing the routine impoundment functions including: getting impound numbers from the computer; vaccinating animals; placing identification collars on animals; taking picture of animals; placing animals in kennels; and completing associated impoundment documentation (i.e. scanning animals and entering the scanned number on the impound cards, entering the animal's age, weight, and rabies tag number on the impound cards, etc.).

SECTION III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF NORTHGLENN

A. Northglenn hereby expressly authorizes RAS to enforce Chapter 14 of the City of Northglenn Ordinances, as it pertains to animal licensing and control. It is, however, understood that the County will provide such services only as they pertain to dogs, cats, or other small domestic animals, and fowl.

B. Northglenn agrees to notify RAS, at least 48 hours prior to the effective date thereof, of any changes or amendments to Chapter 14 of the City of Northglenn Ordinances.

C. Northglenn animal control officers shall cooperate with and provide assistance to concerning routine impoundment functions including: getting impound numbers from the computer; vaccinating animals; placing identification collars on animals; taking picture of animals; placing animals in kennels; and completing associated impoundment documentation (i.e. scanning animals and entering the scanned number on the impound cards, entering the animal's age, weight, and rabies tag number on the impound cards, etc.).

D. RAS does not always have a veterinarian onsite or available. For this reason, all sick and injured animals that Northglenn Animal Control Officers pick up must be taken to a veterinarian before impounding it into the shelter. A veterinarian report must be attached to the impound card. Sick animals are defined as animals that may be highly contagious to the rest of the animals and are showing signs such as diarrhea, bloody stools, lethargy, etc. Injured animals are defined as animals with signs of injuries including any limping as there may be a fracture, draining/infected skin wounds, appearance of mange (hair loss, especially around the head, and crusting skin), deep gashes that may need sutures, any animal that has been hit by a car, and any animal that otherwise appears to be in pain by vocalizing, whining or tensing. It is acceptable for Northglenn Animal Control Officers to contact the shelter prior to taking a sick or injured animal to an outside veterinarian or clinic. If the shelter veterinarian is available to consult with the animal control officer, he/she may approve for the animal control officer to bring the sick or injured animal directly to the shelter.

SECTION IV. PAYMENTS, FEES, AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

A. Fee Schedule and Fee Assessment

1. Commencing January 1, 2025, for all animals found in Northglenn and brought to the RAS by either City officials or private citizens, Northglenn shall pay the County according to the current fee structure for that calendar year. A copy of the current fee structure for 2025 is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.
2. Two Year Assessment. The County will reassess Northglenn's flat-rate fee every two years, on the even years, based on the average of two full years of Northglenn's usage data and the shelter's daily cost of care average for the prior two-year period. The fee schedule will be adjusted every two years based on this assessment.
3. Notice of Fee Schedule. The fee schedule for each following year that this agreement is renewed will be provided to Northglenn along with Northglenn's usage summary by no later than September 1st. The fee structure for each calendar year shall be fully incorporated into this IGA and shall supersede and replace the current Exhibit B.

B. The County will invoice Northglenn according to the current fee structure for that calendar year on the date(s) specified in Exhibit B. Payment shall be made in full by Northglenn to the County within thirty (30) days of the invoice date.

C. The County shall retain all impoundment, boarding, adoption, service and/or other fees collected in association with this IGA. The County shall also retain all gifts or contributions received in association with any services provided in association with this IGA.

D. In the rare event that an animal is delivered from Northglenn as a court hold, police hold or protective custody case, and said animal is deemed by staff to be too dangerous or in need for specialized care, RAS shall notify Northglenn if the animal(s) will be transferred to a separate entity. The separate entity will be a state-licensed animal care provider. Northglenn will be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer and care of the animal(s) by the separate entity.

E. Northglenn agrees to submit cost of care documents prepared by RAS to the court for restitution in cases where RAS has provided care and services for animals from Northglenn on court hold where the animal(s)' owner, or former owner, has potential responsibility for making restitution for such animal sheltering and care fees.

SECTION V. TERM

The initial term of this IGA shall be for a period of (12) (twelve) months, commencing on January 1, 2025, and terminating on December 31, 2025, and will automatically renew for successive one-year terms beginning January 1, 2026 according to the terms and conditions herein subject to the termination provisions set forth in Section XI in this IGA.

SECTION VI. FUND AVAILABILITY

Northglenn has appropriated sufficient funds for this IGA for the current fiscal year. Payment pursuant to the IGA, is subject to and contingent upon the continuing availability of Northglenn funds for the purposes hereof. In the event funds become unavailable, Northglenn may terminate this IGA in accordance with Section XI of this IGA.

SECTION VII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In providing services under this IGA, the County acts as an independent contractor. As such, the County shall be solely and entirely responsible for its acts, and the acts of its employees, agents, servants, and contractors during the term and performance of this IGA. No employee, agent, servant, or contractor of the County shall be deemed to be an employee, agent, or servant of Northglenn because of the performance of any services or work under this IGA. The County, at its expense, shall procure and maintain workers' compensation insurance and unemployment compensation insurance as required under Colorado law. Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, § 8-40-202(2)(b)(IV), C.R.S., as amended, the County understands that it and its employees and servants are not entitled to workers' compensation benefits from Northglenn. The County further understands that it is solely obligated for the payment of federal and state income tax on any moneys earned pursuant to this IGA.

SECTION VIII. NONDISCRIMINATION

The County shall not discriminate against any employee or qualified applicant for employment because of age, race, color, religion, marital status, disability, sex, or national origin. The County agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices provided by the local public agency setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

SECTION IX. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, each Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other, its officers, agents, and employees for, from, and against any and all claims, suits, expenses, damages, or other liabilities, including reasonable attorney fees and court costs, arising out of damage or injury to persons, entities, or property caused or sustained by any person(s) as a result of the its own performance or failure to perform pursuant to the terms of this IGA. Nothing herein shall be deemed by either party as a waiver of the rights, protections, defenses and limitations afforded both in accordance with the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act C.R.S. § 24-10-1012, *et seq.*, as same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION X. INSURANCE

The County is a "public entity" within the meaning of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act ("Act"), § 24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., as amended, and shall at all times during the term of this IGA maintain such liability insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance,

as is necessary to meet its liabilities under the Act

SECTION XI. TERMINATION

A. For Cause

If, through any cause, the County fails to fulfill its obligations under this IGA in a timely and proper manner, or if it violates any of the covenants, conditions, or stipulations of this IGA, Northglenn shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate this IGA, upon giving written notice to the County of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof.

B. For Convenience

Either party may terminate the IGA at any time by giving written notice as specified herein to the other party, which notice shall be given at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the termination. If the IGA is terminated by Northglenn the County will be paid in full for any services provided hereunder prior and up to the date of termination.

SECTION XII. MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

A. Jurisdiction and Venue

The laws of the State of Colorado shall govern as to the interpretation, validity, and effect of this IGA. The parties agree that jurisdiction and venue for any disputes arising under this IGA shall be with the 17th Judicial District, Colorado.

B. Compliance with Laws

During the performance of this IGA, the parties agree to strictly adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, including all licensing and permit requirements. The Parties hereto acknowledge that they are familiar with § 18-8-301, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (Bribery and Corrupt Influences), as amended, and § 18-8-401, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (Abuse of Public Office), as amended, and that no violations of such provisions are present.

C. Record Retention

The parties shall maintain records and documentation of the services provided under this IGA, including fiscal records, and shall retain the records for a period of three (3) years from the date this IGA is terminated. Said records and documents shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by authorized federal, state, County, or Northglenn personnel.

D. Assignability

Neither this IGA, nor any rights hereunder, in whole or in part, shall be assignable or

otherwise transferable by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

E. Waiver

Waiver of strict performance or the breach of any provision of this IGA shall not be deemed a waiver, nor shall it prejudice the waiving party's right to require strict performance of the same provision, or any other provision in the future, unless such waiver has rendered future performance commercially impossible.

F. Force Majeure

Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations hereunder to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by a force or event beyond the control of such party including, without limitation, war, embargoes, strikes, governmental restrictions, riots, fires, floods, earthquakes, or other acts of God.

G. Notice

Any notices given under this IGA are deemed to have been received and to be effective: (1) three (3) days after the same shall have been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested; (2) immediately upon hand delivery; or (3) immediately upon receipt of confirmation that a facsimile or electronic mail transmission was received. For the purposes of this agreement, any and all notices shall be addressed to the contacts listed below:

For the County:

Riverdale Animal Shelter
12155 Park Blvd, Brighton, CO 80601
Attn.: Stephanie Wilde
Phone No.: (720) 523-7907
Facsimile No.: (303) 523-7988
swilde@adcogov.org

and

Adams County Attorney's Office
4430 S. Adams County Parkway, Suite C5000B, Brighton, CO 80601
Attn: Heidi Miller
Phone No.: (720) 523-6116
Facsimile No.: (720) 523-6114
hmiller@adcogov.org

For Northglenn:
Chief James S. May Jr.
Northglenn Police Department

11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233
Phone No. 303-450-8967
Facsimile: 303-450-8896
E-mail: jmay@northglenn.org

H. Integration of Understanding

This IGA contains the entire understanding of the parties hereto and neither it, nor the rights and obligations hereunder, may be changed, modified, or waived except by an instrument in writing that is signed by the parties.

I. Paragraph Headings

Paragraph headings are inserted for the convenience of reference only.

J. Counterparts

This IGA may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

K. Parties Interested Herein

Nothing expressed or implied in this IGA is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or to give to, any person other than the parties, any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this IGA or any covenant, terms, conditions, or provisions hereof. All covenants, terms, conditions, and provisions in this IGA, by and on behalf of the County and Northglenn, shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the County and Northglenn

L. Severability

If any provision of this IGA is determined to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in effect, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms contained herein.

M. Authorization

Each party represents and warrants that it has the power and ability to enter into this IGA, to grant the rights granted herein, and to perform the duties and obligations herein described.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their names to be affixed.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

Chair

Date

ATTEST:
JOSH ZYGIELBAUM
CLERK AND RECORDER

Approved as to form:

Deputy Clerk

Adams County Attorney's Office

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO

Meredith Leighty, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

Johanna Small, MMC, City Clerk

Corey Y. Hoffmann, City Attorney

CHAPTER 14

ANIMAL CONTROL

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CHAPTER 14
ANIMAL CONTROL

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CHAPTER 14
ANIMAL CONTROL

ARTICLE 1. ANIMAL CONTROL--GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Section 14-1-1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance and in Chapter 14, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "**Animal control facility**" or "**Pound**" means the animal control facility for the City of Northglenn, State of Colorado, or any other place or facility temporarily or permanently designated by the City Manager or by ordinance for the impounding of dogs, cats, domestic animals, reptiles, or estrays.

(b) "**Animal control officer**" means and includes any animal control officer appointed pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, and any person authorized by this ordinance to perform the duties of an animal control officer.

(c) "**Apiary**" shall mean place where bee colonies are kept.

(d) "**Bovine animal**" means and includes any animal of the species commonly known as cattle or oxen, or other domestic animal of the genus *Bos*.

(e) "**Cat**" means a mammal of the species *felis domestica* or other species of the family *Felidae*.

(f) "**Community cat**" means a free-roaming cat that may be feral but is not wildlife, and who may be cared for by one or more residents of the immediate area, whether those resident(s) are known or unknown, and who are distinguishable from domestic cats because they are less socialized to humans and are unadoptable.

(g) "**Community cat caregiver**" means a person who, in accordance with a good fair effort to conduct trap-neuter-return, provides care to a community cat, including food, shelter or medical care. A community cat caregiver is not the owner of the community cat(s).

(h) "**Chicken**" means a domestic fowl of the subspecies *Domesticus* of the species *Gallus*.

(i) "**Chicken coop**" means a physical structure where chickens are kept and that provides such chickens with protection and shelter.

(j) "**Colony**" shall mean a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including honeybees, comb, honey pollen and brood.

(k) "**Dog**" means a mammal of the species *canis familiaris* or other species of the family *Canidae*.

(l) **"Domestic animal"** means and includes any domestic quadruped or biped not otherwise defined in this section; and any domestic fowl.

(m) **"Eartipping"** means the removal of the distal one-quarter of a community cat's left ear, which is approximately 3/8-inch, or 1 centimeter, in an adult and proportionally smaller in a kitten. Eartipping is performed under sterile conditions while the community cat is under anesthesia, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(n) **"Estray"** means and includes any bovine animal, horse, mule or ass found running at large upon public or private lands in the City of Northglenn.

(o) **"Flyway Barrier"** shall mean a permanent vertical structure made of common building materials or natural vegetation that augments a honeybee's flight path. A flyway barrier's utility is to adjust the flight path of honeybees causing them to fly above human contact.

(p) **"Guard dogs"** means and includes every dog kept for the purpose of guarding or protecting real or personal property which by reason of special training, breeding, or the known propensities of such dogs, known or intended by the owner of such premises to be likely to attack, or being spirited.

(q) **"Hive"** shall mean a structure intended for the housing of a honeybee colony.

(r) **"Holding fee"** means the fee provided by ordinance to be charged and collected by the City of Northglenn or its designated agent for the temporary holding and handling of any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile.

(s) **"Impoundment"** means confinement in an animal control facility, or temporary holding facility, and includes custody or possession by an animal control officer or police officer in any authorized place, vehicle, enclosure or building, pending transfer to an animal control facility or temporary holding facility or such holding facility as City Council shall, by agreement, make use of on behalf of the City or pending any investigation.

(t) **"Manager"** means the City Manager of the City of Northglenn, or the City Manager's authorized representative.

(u) **"Owner"** means and includes every person owning, possessing, keeping, or otherwise having the custody or control of any dog, cat, domestic animal, or reptile, subject to the provisions of ordinances of the City; and every person, of the age of eighteen years or more, in possession or control of premises upon which is kept any such dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile. An owner is not a community cat caregiver.

(v) **"Parcel"** shall mean a contiguous tract of land under common ownership.

(w) **"Pound fee"** means and includes all fees and charges established by the City of Northglenn for the impounding, care, boarding and release of any dog, cat, domestic animal, fowl, or reptile at the animal control facility.

(x) **"Predator resistant"** means building construction methods applied to a coop or shelter that restrict access to its inhabitants or contents. Methods applied may take the form of, but are not limited to, latches, hooks, barrier fencing, netting, or other forms of secondary barriers to the coop.

(y) **"Swarm"** shall mean the process by which a new honeybee colony is formed when the queen bee leaves the colony with a large group of worker bees.

(z) **"Temporary holding facility"** means and includes any building enclosure, vehicle, structure or place designated by the manager for temporary confinement of dogs, cats, domestic animals and reptiles subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

(aa) **"Trap-Neuter-Return"** or **"TNR"** means the nonlethal process of humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, eartipping, and returning community cats to their original location.

(bb) **"Veterinarian"** means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976; 471, 1977; 1075, 1992; 1713, 2016; 1714, 2016; 1765, 2019; 1834, 2022]

Section 14-1-2. Animal Control Officer.

(a) A person appointed by the Manager as an animal control officer shall be an officer of the City of Northglenn and shall be authorized and empowered to enforce the ordinances of the City of Northglenn as such officer.

(b) An animal control officer shall be an authorized public inspector of the City of Northglenn for the purposes designated or required by the provisions of this Chapter 14 of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(c) The animal control officer shall perform such duties as shall from time to time be provided by the ordinances of the City or by the Manager.

(d) Whenever any federal or state law imposes upon the City of Northglenn, or upon the Mayor or City Council thereof, a duty with respect to the care, custody, keeping, seizing, impoundment or control of any dog, cat, animal, fowl, fish, reptile, or insect, such duty shall be performed by the animal control officer under the authority of this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976]

Section 14-1-3. Police Officers--Authority and Assistance.

(a) It shall be lawful for any police officer of the City of Northglenn to do or perform any act or duty required, authorized or permitted to the animal control officer.

(b) It shall be lawful for the animal control officer, or any person performing the duties of an animal control officer, in the performance of any act or duty required, authorized or permitted by ordinance, regulation or the direction of the manager, to call to his assistance any police officer of the City or any person who is a peace officer under the laws of the State of Colorado.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976]

Section 14-1-4. Unlawful Acts.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, by using or threatening to use violence, force, physical interference, or obstacle, intentionally to obstruct, impair or hinder an animal control officer or police officer in the performance of his duty.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, seize or remove from the custody or possession of an animal control officer any dog, cat, animal or fowl which has been seized or impounded by the animal control officer.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, except an animal control officer as defined by this ordinance or a person authorized by this ordinance to perform the duties of an animal control officer, to represent himself to be an animal control officer and thereby obtain possession of any dog, cat, animal or fowl.

(d) It is unlawful and deemed a nuisance to allow any mice, rats, squirrels, skunks, rabbits, prairie dogs, gophers, or groundhogs to infest any real property within the City so as to encroach upon or cause damage to the property of another. Any abatement pursuant to Sections 9-11-7 through 9-11-12 shall conform to applicable state law and Division of Wildlife regulations.

(e) The raising or breeding of dogs, cats, domestic fowl or reptiles for commercial purposes is prohibited. Commercial purposes shall mean any raising or breeding of dogs for financial gain or benefit, including any trading for other tangible property or animals.

(f) There shall be no limitation on the number of household pets allowed per dwelling unit except for those set forth in other ordinances of the City of Northglenn or set forth in local or state health regulations.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976; 1734, 2017; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-1-5. Violations--Penalty. Any violation of any of the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 14 of the Northglenn Municipal Code shall be punishable as provided in Section 1-1-10(a)(2) of this Code.

[Source: Ord. 1130, 1995]

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CHAPTER 14
ANIMAL CONTROL

ARTICLE 2. DOG CONTROL.

Section 14-2-1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the keeping of dogs in the City of Northglenn, to provide for the impounding and disposition of stray dogs found in the City, and to provide for the impounding and disposition of dogs kept or found in violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-2. Title. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Northglenn Dog Control Ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-3. Rabies Inoculation Required.

(a) Every dog kept in the City of Northglenn shall be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian as frequently as recommended by the Compendium of Animal Rabies Control as promulgated by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians.

(b) Any dog not previously inoculated against rabies as required by subsection (a) shall comply with this Section within thirty (30) days after the date on which:

- (1) such dog is brought into the City of Northglenn; or
- (2) such dog is purchased or acquired by the owner.

(c) Any dog not inoculated in compliance with this Section shall be inoculated by a veterinarian designated by the City, and the owner or keeper of such dog shall be charged for such inoculation.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991; 1236, 1999]

Section 14-2-4. Exhibition of Rabies Tag.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the City of Northglenn any dog required by the provisions of this article to be vaccinated against rabies unless there is fastened to each such dog a collar or harness made of durable material, to which a current rabies vaccination tag is securely attached.

(b) Any dog required by the provisions of Section 14-2-3 to be vaccinated against rabies, which is running at large in the City of Northglenn without a current rabies vaccination tag shall be seized and impounded by an animal control officer.

(c) It shall be unlawful to keep any guard dog in the City of Northglenn unless there is fastened on such guard dog, a collar or harness, made of durable material, to which a current rabies vaccination tag is securely attached.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-5. Biting Dogs--Reports.

(a) Any owner of a dog in the City of Northglenn who knows or has probable cause to believe that such dog has bitten another person, shall report such fact to an animal control officer or police officer.

(b) Any dog reported under the provisions of this section, unless such dog has been vaccinated against rabies as provided by this article, may be confined by order of an animal control officer for rabies observation pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-4-12.

(c) Any vicious dog may be seized and impounded by an animal control officer. In the event such vicious dog cannot be seized by an animal control officer without exposing the officer to danger or personal injury by such dog, it shall be lawful for such officer, after making every reasonable effort to capture such dog, including the solicitation of assistance from the owner if such owner be ascertainable and available, to forthwith destroy such vicious dog.

(d) Any owner or keeper of a dog ordered held for observation, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) above, shall be assessed a fee as established by contract between the City of Northglenn and the City's designated animal control facility.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-6. Miscellaneous Unlawful Acts.

(a) No person shall affix to the collar or harness of any dog, or permit to remain so affixed, any rabies tag except the rabies tag issued for such dog at the time of its vaccination against rabies.

(b) No person except the owner thereof shall remove or cause to be removed from the collar or harness of any dog the rabies tag thereto affixed at the time of its vaccination against rabies.

(c) No person shall keep or possess any dog in the City of Northglenn unless such dog has been vaccinated against rabies as required by this ordinance.

(d) No person shall willfully cause, instigate, encourage, or promote any dog fight in the City of Northglenn.

(e) A person, being the owner or keeper of a dog, shall be guilty of dog at large if such dog runs at large within the City. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when it is off the premises of the owner or keeper and not within the effective control of that owner or keeper, his agent, servant, or competent member of his family, by means of a leash, cord or chain. A dog shall also be deemed to be running at large when it is on an unfenced portion of the premises of the owner or keeper and the owner or keeper is not physically present within eyesight of the dog. For purposes of this definition, the "**premises of the owner or keeper**" shall not include the common areas of condominiums, townhouses, and apartment buildings, or any public sidewalk, park, or right of way, and any dog not in the effective control of its owner or keeper upon the common area of any condominium, townhouse or apartment building, or any public area, shall be deemed to be running at large. A dog will not be deemed to be running at large in the following circumstances:

(1) The dog is at a City-designated off-leash dog park; or

(2) The dog is at a City-approved off-leash special event located on City property. These events include by way of example, but are not limited to, dog obedience classes, dog agility competitions, and frisbee dog exhibitions. A dog may be off-leash at such an event subject to the following:

(A) The dog must be within voice and sight control of the owner or keeper at all times in such a manner so as not to endanger persons or property;

(B) The organizer of such an off-leash special event shall obtain a permit from the Parks and Recreation Board. The permit will specify the location of the event, the date and time of the event, and the amount of human and dog participants permitted.

(f) Owners or keepers of dogs found to be at large pursuant to Section 14-2-6(e) are liable for all charges incurred by the City prior to impoundment, including but not limited to veterinary fees. The City may seek reimbursement for charges incurred through restitution or any other legal remedy available to the City.

(g) No person shall intentionally, willfully or negligently cause any dog to attack or bite any person, dog, cat or domestic animal.

(h) No person shall exhibit to an animal control officer or police officer any rabies tag, or receipt for rabies vaccination of any dog, presenting the same to apply to any dog other than the dog for which such rabies tag or receipt was issued.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991; 1329, 2003; 1684, 2014; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-2-7. Confinement or Muzzling of Dogs During Rabies Danger--Impoundment

of Dogs Not Confined or Muzzled. Whenever the Mayor shall find that any danger exists from rabies, plague or other canine-carried disease or that any other danger exists from dogs running at large within the City, he may issue his proclamation requiring every owner, possessor, or keeper of any dog within the City to confine or muzzle securely the same for such time as he may designate, during which time it shall be unlawful for any dog to be within the City unless so confined or muzzled securely with a strong wire or leather muzzle fastened so as to prevent any such dog from biting. It shall be the duty of the animal control officer and all police officers of the City to seize and impound any dog that may be found during the time so designated by the Mayor unless confined or muzzled as provided in this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-8. Female Dogs in Heat. Any unspayed female dog, while in heat, shall be securely confined during such period in the owner's, possessor's, or keeper's home, pen, or other enclosure.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-9. Vicious Dogs.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, keep, exercise control over, maintain, harbor, transport, or sell within the City of Northglenn any vicious dog.

(b) No person shall will fully cause, instigate, encourage, or promote any dog to aggressively threaten, attack, attempt to bite, or bite any person or other animal in the City; provided, however, that no violation of this subsection shall be deemed to have occurred where a dog is caused or encouraged to attack any person engaged in attacking or molesting another person.

(c) For the purpose of this Section 14-2-9, a vicious dog is defined as a dog, which at any place in the City, attacks or bites a human being or dog, cat or domestic animal or which repeatedly charges against a fence in an attempted to attack or charges to the end of its lead in an attempt to attack or has, bitten or attempted to bite; or aggressively threatened by charging, baring its teeth, growling and snapping or otherwise demonstrates vicious behavior toward a human being or another animal; provided, however, that no dog shall be deemed vicious solely by reason of having attacked, threatened, attempted to bite or bitten:

(1) A person who attacked such dog or who engaged in conduct reasonably calculated to provoke such dog to attack, threaten, or bite such person or another person; or

(2) Any person engaged in provoking or stopping a dog fight or any altercation between such dog and any other animal; or

(3) Any person engaged in attacking or molesting another person; or

(4) Any person engaged in unlawful entering into or upon the fenced or enclosed portion of the premises upon which such dog is kept; or into or upon any automobile or other vehicle parked or stored in, upon, OR on the street adjacent to such premises; or

(5) Any person engaged in unlawful or unauthorized entering into or UPON any vehicle in which such dog is kept or confined; or

(6) Any other animal engaged in the unauthorized entry into or upon the fenced or enclosed portion of the premises upon which such dog is kept; or

(7) Any person other than an authorized police officer or animal control officer engaged in capturing or attempting to capture such dog in the absence of the owner excepting any person attempting to capture a dog on such person's own property.

(8) Any person working as a veterinary health care worker, dog groomer, humane agency personnel, animal control officer, peace officer, professional dog handler, or trainer each acting in the performance of his or her respective duties.

(d) Any dog displaying vicious propensities, or having been deemed vicious by any court shall be restrained or confined and secured in an enclosure at all times.

(1) For the purposes of this Section 14-2-9 restrained shall mean that the dog is under the immediate physical control of a responsible person by a leash or lead and muzzled when not confined or enclosed.

(2) For the purposes of this Section 14-2-9 confinement shall mean that the dog is housed inside the owner's residence or in a secure enclosure which includes a top permanently attached to opaque sides at least six feet (6') high, a bottom that is either permanently connected to the sides or embedded into the ground no less than one foot (1'), and must be of such material and closed with a gate or door which cannot be opened by the dog or unauthorized persons.

(3) For the purposes of this Section 14-2-9 temporary enclosure shall be a secure enclosure used for the purposes of transporting the dog and which includes a top and bottom permanently attached to the sides except for a door for removal of the dog. Such enclosure shall be of such material, and such door closed and secured in such a manner, that the dog cannot exit the enclosure on its own.

(e) Law enforcement canines under the control of their handler and on official business are exempt from the provisions of this Section 14-2-9.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 14-2-9, any vicious dog that causes life threatening injuries or death to any person shall be humanely destroyed.

[Source: Ord. 1221, 1999; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-2-10. Pit Bulls Prohibited. Pit Bulls Prohibited, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

[Source: Ord. 1221, 1999]

Section 14-2-11. Duties of Animal Control Officer. In addition to any other duties which may be required from him by the Manager or by the ordinances of the City;

(a) The animal control officer may seize and impound any dog which is in violation of any of the provisions or requirements of this Chapter.

(b) The animal control officer may, whenever a violation of the provisions of this Chapter is committed by any person in his presence or whenever he shall have probable cause to believe that a violation of the provisions of this Chapter has been committed by any person, institute proceedings in the Municipal Court of the City of Northglenn for the prosecution of such violation, by issuing a summons and complaint.

(c) The animal control officer may, whenever he has reason to believe that any violation of this Chapter has been committed or exists, notify the owner of any dog, or dogs of the existence of such violation and request the discontinuance or correction of such violation within a reasonable time stated within such notice. Such notice shall contain a statement that the ordinances of the City provide for issuance of the summons and complaint for violations of the ordinance, and the possible penalties provided by the ordinance. This provision shall not apply to violations of Sections 14-2-9 and 14-2-10.

(d) The animal control officer may enter upon private property for the purpose of seizing a dog to be impounded if the animal control officer is in pursuit of a dog which he has probable cause to believe to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter and which has strayed to or taken refuge on such private property in the course of such pursuit, or if such entry onto private property is necessary to remove a danger of imminent bodily harm to a human being, animal, dog or cat.

(e) The animal control officer may enter upon private property for the purpose of seizing and impounding any dog kept upon such property in violation of the provisions of this Chapter;

(1) Pursuant to order of a municipal judge; or

(2) With the permission of the owner or tenant of such property.

(f) The animal control officer may seize and impound any injured dog found at large in the City, when the owner cannot be immediately located.

(g) The animal control officer shall dispose of any dead dogs found in the City. If such dead dog has a rabies tag attached, the animal control officer shall notify, or cause to be notified the owner thereof. The animal control officer shall remove and dispose of the rabies tag attached to such dead dog.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-12. Release of Impounded Dog--Compliance with Ordinance Procedures.

(a) No impounded dog shall be released from impoundment except upon compliance with the procedures provided by the Northglenn Impounding Ordinance.

(b) No impounded dog shall be released from impoundment until the pound fee has been paid to the animal control facility.

(c) Whenever any dog is released from impoundment, the owner shall be required to sign a receipt for the release of such dog, containing a description of the dog, and an acknowledgment of ownership on the part of such owner.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-13. Guard Dogs--Permit Required. Guard Dogs--Permit Required, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) No person shall keep any guard dog for the purpose of guarding or protecting real or personal property, in the City of Northglenn without first obtaining a permit therefor from the City Clerk of the City of Northglenn.

(b) Application for the permit required by this section shall be made to the City Clerk and shall be accompanied by payment of an initial application fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and an additional permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each dog therein described. The permit will specify the location at which such dog is to be kept, shall be non-transferable to any other location and shall expire on the date specified in the permit, which date shall not be later than one year after the date of issuance.

(c) No person shall keep any guard dog for the purpose of guarding or protecting real or personal property unless such dog is securely confined within a building or enclosure, with provision for adequate safeguards, against entry thereto by children and against accidental or unintentional entry by any person. Such building or enclosure shall be marked with a sign declaring the danger at every door, gate or entrance thereto and at intervals of every 100 feet of fenced enclosure.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association to cause to permit any dog to be kept in violation of this section; and any dog so kept in violation of this section may be seized and impounded by the animal control officer.

(e) No vicious dog, as defined in Section 14-2-9, shall be licensed as a guard dog.
[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991; 1221, 1999; 1384, 2004]

Section 14-2-14. Barking Dogs. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or have in his possession or harbor any dog which, without provocation, by frequent or habitual howling, barking, or otherwise, shall cause annoyance or disturbance to any persons. This section shall not apply to an animal control officer in the performance of his duties nor to hospitals conducted for treatment of dogs and small animals.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-15. Sanitation. The owner of any dog kept in the City of Northglenn shall cause excreta to be removed from any dog run or yard in which such dog is kept to prevent contamination of the dog and to prevent diseases, hazards and odors. The accumulation of excreta upon any premises in violation of the provisions of this section shall be unlawful and shall be deemed a public nuisance.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

Section 14-2-16. Violations--Penalty.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, Article 2 of Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code of the City of Northglenn.

(b) Proceedings for prosecution of violations of Section 14-2-6 (e) of this article shall be conducted in compliance with the applicable procedural requirements of Section 14-4-14 of this chapter.

(c) Violations of the provisions of Section 14-2-6 (e) of this article shall be punishable by a fine of at least twelve dollars (\$12.00) for the first offense within a one (1) year time period measured from the date of any prior violation of said provision. Additional violations within a one (1) year period shall be punishable by fines of at least twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for a second offense and at least sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each offense thereafter. No single violation shall be punishable by a fine of more than four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$499.00).

(d) Violations of the provisions of Section 14-2-9 shall be punishable as follows:

(1) For a first violation involving a threatening of, attack upon, or biting of, a human being, a mandatory fine, not subject to suspension, of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and the mandatory implantation in the dog of a unique identifying computer microchip

by a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense plus any additional penalty allowed hereunder, including the humane destruction of the dog, which the court deems proper. Evidence of such implantation and the unique identifying microchip number shall be certified by the veterinarian to the City's animal control officer(s) within ten (10) days of conviction or upon release of the dog from impoundment, whichever is less.

(2) For the second violation involving the threatening of, attack upon, or biting of, a human being by the same dog as was involved in the first violation, or any dog owned by the same person over a three (3) year period following the first violation, a fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) and the owner of the dog shall be required to obtain and maintain liability insurance on the dog in an amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) the evidence of such insurance shall be made by the insurer to the City's animal control officer(s), to spay or neuter the dog, to keep the dog securely confined as defined in subsection (d) when on the property of the owner, to keep the dog securely leashed and muzzled or secured in a temporary enclosure as defined in subsection (d) when away from the property of the owner, to refrain from selling or transferring ownership of the dog, to notify the City's animal control officer(s) immediately if the dog is lost or stolen, and/or any additional penalty allowed hereunder, including the humane destruction of the dog, which the court deems proper.

(3) For a third violation involving the threatening of, attack upon, or biting of a human being by the same dog as was involved in the first or second violation, or any dog owned by the same person over a three (3) year period following the first or second violation, a fine or not less than four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$499.00) and a mandatory jail sentence, not subject to suspension, of not less than five (5) days. Additionally, the dog shall be humanely destroyed.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 14-2-9, any vicious dog that causes life threatening injuries or death to any person shall be destroyed.

(e) Violations of provisions of Section 14-2-13 of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), or by imprisonment in the City jail or county jail for not more than ninety (90) days or by both fine and imprisonment.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in Section 14-2-16 (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this article, violations of the provisions of this Article 2 of Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code shall be punishable as provided in Section 1-1-10 (a) (2) of this Code.

[Source: Ord. 1130, 1995; 1221, 1999; 1392, 2005]

Section 14-2-17. Severability Clause. If any provisions of this article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid

provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

[Source: Ord. 1019, 1991]

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ARTICLE 3. CATS AND ANIMALS.

Section 14-3-1. Estrays. When any estray shall be found in the City of Northglenn, the animal control officer shall pick up such estray, shall within five (5) days thereafter, unless such estray is first claimed by the owner, notify by mail the state board of stock inspection commissioners, and shall otherwise comply with the provisions of Article 44 of Title 35, C.R.S., as amended. Such estray shall be kept and cared for as provided by the Northglenn Impounding Ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-3-2. Impounding of Cats.

(a) The animal control officer may seize any cat, whether a community cat or domestic cat, which is found strayed or running at large in any public highway, street or public way, or upon public property.

(b) The animal control officer may not impound any community cat. Once a community cat is seized, the animal control officer must turn over the community cat to a community cat caregiver for entrance into a Trap-Neuter-Return program.

(c) If a seized cat is found to be a domestic cat, it must be impounded, and its owner contacted. If it is unclear whether the cat is a community cat or a domestic cat, the cat must be released to a community cat caregiver.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973; 1834, 2022]

Section 14-3-3. Impounding of Animals. The animal control officer may seize and impound any domestic animal except an estray as defined in Section 14-1-1(n), any reptile which is found running at large in the City, or any community cat as defined in Section 14-1-1(f), except that any community cat may be impounded in response to a complaint verified by an animal control officer related to damage or other activity of the community cat that impacts the comfortable enjoyment of an individual's property.

[Source: Ord. 106, 1973; 1834, 2022]

Section 14-3-4. Entry on Private Property. The animal control officer may enter upon private property for the purpose of seizing a cat, domestic animal or reptile to be impounded, or for the purpose of seizing an estray, which has strayed to or taken refuge on such private property in the course of pursuit thereof by the animal control officer, or if such entry onto private property is necessary to remove or prevent a hazard or danger to any person or property, or if such entry is authorized by order of a municipal judge. The animal control officer may enter upon private property, with the consent of the owner of such property, in the performance of his duties under this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973]

Section 14-3-5. Removal of Dead and Injured Cats, Domestic Animals and Reptiles. The animal control officer may remove or cause to be removed from any public or private place in

the City any dead or injured cat, domestic animal or reptile, and thereupon impound or destroy the same. If any dead or injured cat has a rabies tag attached, the animal control officer shall notify, or cause to be notified, the owners thereof.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973]

Section 14-3-6. Rabies Inoculation Required.

(a) Every cat kept in the City of Northglenn shall be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian as frequently as recommended by the Compendium of Animal Rabies Control as promulgated by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians.

(b) Any cat not previously inoculated against rabies as required by subsection (a) shall comply with this section within thirty (30) days after the date on which:

(1) such cat is brought into the City of Northglenn; or

(2) such cat is purchased or acquired by the owner.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973; 1236, 1999]

Section 14-3-7. Exhibition of Rabies Tag.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the City of Northglenn any cat required by the provisions of Section 14-3-6 to be vaccinated against rabies unless:

(1) there is fastened on each such cat a collar or harness made of durable material, to which a current rabies vaccination tag is securely attached, or

(2) the owner of such cat has in his possession, and exhibits to the animal control officer, evidence that such cat has been vaccinated against rabies within the time required by this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973]

Section 14-3-8. Unlawful Acts.

(a) No person shall keep or possess an adult cat unless such cat has been vaccinated against rabies as required by Section 14-3-6 of this ordinance.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any cat or other domestic animal to permit or allow such cat or other domestic animal to run at large. Whenever any cat or other domestic animal shall be found running at large in the City, it shall be presumed until the contrary appears that such cat or other domestic animal is permitted by the owner of such cat or other domestic animal to run at large.

(c) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any female cat in heat to permit the same to run at large, or to fail to keep the same confined within a building or enclosure.

(d) Owners of cats or other domestic animals found to be at large pursuant to Sections 14-3-8(b) and 14-3-8(c), or found on private property pursuant to Section 14-3-4, are liable for

all charges incurred by the City and by property owners prior to impoundment, including without limitation, veterinary fees and public and private property damage. The City and property owner(s) may seek reimbursement for charges incurred through restitution or any other available legal remedy.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or possess, in the City of Northglenn any Canada lynx, cougar, tiger, leopard, mountain lion, panther, puma, bob cat, lynx cat, wild cat, timber wolf, grey wolf, prairie wolf, fox, coyote, badger, raccoon, hybrid wolf-dog, or any animal now or hereafter classified as a predatory animal by the statutes of the State of Colorado except as provided in Section 14-3-8(f). A hybrid wolf-dog is defined as any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of a timber wolf, grey wolf, or prairie wolf.

(f) Section 14-3-8(e) shall not apply to animals kept in secure confinement upon premises occupied and used for purposes of a circus, exhibition or other entertainment when such animals are kept in the City of Northglenn for not more than seven (7) days.

(g) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, have in his possession or harbor any cat, or other domestic animal which without provocation, shall cause annoyance or disturbance to any person by habitual howling, barking, meowing, squawking, squealing or otherwise disturbing the peace. This section shall not apply to an animal control officer in the performance of his duties, nor to hospitals conducted for treatment of small animals and cats.

(h) The owner of any cat, other domestic animal or reptile kept in the City of Northglenn shall cause excreta to be removed from any pen, cage or yard in which such cat, other domestic animal or reptile is kept to prevent contamination, diseases, hazards and odors. The accumulation of excreta upon any premises in violation of the provisions of this section shall be unlawful and shall be deemed a public nuisance.

(i) It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow a horse, except a miniature horse service animal as allowed by the guidelines promulgated under the Americans with Disabilities Act, as the same may be amended, on publicly owned or maintained park or open space property, including trails, unless such person has received written permission from the City Manager in the form of a permit or license for a special event or parade.

(j) The keeping of ducks, geese and other poultry (excluding chickens), cattle, horses, mules, goats, sheep, pigs, hooved animals and other domestic or bovine animals, other than birds kept indoors as pets is prohibited.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973; 271, 1973; 1048, 1992; 1075, 1993; 1546, 2009; 1765, 2019; 1834, 2022]

Section 14-3-9. Biting Cats and Animals--Reports.

(a) Any owner of a cat or ferret in the City of Northglenn, who knows or has probable cause to believe that such cat or ferret has bitten another person, shall report such fact to an animal control officer or police officer.

(b) Any person who knows or has probable cause to believe that any cat or ferret in the City of Northglenn has bitten any person or has bitten another cat, domestic animal or dog, may report such fact to an animal control officer or police officer.

(c) Any cat or ferret reported under the provisions of this Section, unless theretofore vaccinated against rabies as provided by this Article, may be confined by order of an animal control officer for rabies observation pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-4-12.

[Source: Ord. 246, 1973; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-3-10. Duties of Animal Control Officer. In addition to any other duties which may be required from him by the administrator or by the ordinances of the City:

(a) The animal control officer may seize and impound any cat, in accordance with Section 14-3-3, which is in violation of any of the provisions or requirements of this ordinance.

(b) The animal control officer may, whenever a violation of the provisions of this ordinance is committed by any person in his presence or whenever he shall have probable cause to believe that a violation of the provisions of this ordinance has been committed by any person, institute proceedings in the Municipal Court of the City of Northglenn for the prosecution of such violation, by issuing a summons and complaint.

(c) The animal control officer may, whenever a violation under the provisions of this ordinance is committed by any person in his presence, or whenever he shall have probable cause to believe that a violation of the provisions of this ordinance has been committed by any person, issue a warning notice requiring the correction or discontinuance of any violation or existing condition within a period of not more than seven (7) days.

(d) The animal control officer may, whenever he has reason to believe that any violation of this ordinance has been committed or exists, notify the owner of any cat, or cats, of the existence of such violation and request the discontinuance or correction of such violation within a reasonable time stated within such notice. Such notice may contain a statement that the ordinances of the City provide for issuance of the summons and complaint for violations of the ordinance, and the possible penalties provided by the ordinance.

(e) The animal control officer may enter upon private property for the purpose of seizing a cat to be impounded if the animal control officer is in pursuit of a cat which he has probable cause to believe to be in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance and which has strayed to or taken refuge on such private property in the course of such pursuit, or if such entry onto private property is necessary to remove a danger of imminent bodily harm to a human being, animal, dog or cat.

(f) Consistent with Section 14-3-2, the animal control officer may seize and impound any injured cat found at large in the City, when the owner cannot be immediately located or when such cat is a community cat.

(g) The animal control officer shall dispose of any dead cats found in the City. If such dead cat has a rabies tag attached, the animal control officer shall notify, or cause to be notified,

the owner thereof. The animal control officer shall remove and dispose of the rabies tag attached to such dead cat.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973; 1834, 2022]

Section 14-3-11. Violations--Penalty.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, Article 3 of Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code.

(b) Proceedings for prosecution of violations of Section 14-3-8 of this article shall be commenced only in compliance with the procedural requirements of Section 14-4-14 of this chapter.

(c) Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, Article 3 of Chapter 14 of the Northglenn Municipal Code, shall be punishable as provided in Section 1-1-10(a)(2) of this Code.

[Source: Ord. 318, 1974; 1130, 1995; 1834, 2022]

Section 14-3-12. Severability Clause. If any provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

[Source: Ord. 196, 1973]

Section 14-3-13. Three or More Rabbits--License Required.

(a) Any person residing in the City of Northglenn desiring to keep upon the premises upon which he resides three (3) or more rabbits may apply for a license pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

(b) A license issued under this ordinance may authorize the keeping by the person named in the license, and members of the immediate family of such person, upon the premises stated in the license, of the number of rabbits stated in the license as family pets.

(c) The keeping of rabbits for commercial purposes in residential zones is prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 11, of the Municipal Code, and a license issued under this ordinance does not authorize the keeping of rabbits for commercial purposes.

(d) Application for such license shall be made to the City Clerk upon forms provided by the City and accompanied by payment of a license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Such application shall contain such information as the City Clerk may require for purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, including at least the following:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant;
- (2) A description of the rabbits proposed to be kept and the number thereof;

(3) A statement of the number of rabbits, if any, kept at the same premises by any other person, and the name of such person.

(e) The holder of a license issued pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance may make application for an amended license as provided in Section 14-3-13(d).

[Source: Ord. 646, 1982]

Section 14-3-14. Limitation on Number of Rabbits Kept.

(a) No occupant of any residential dwelling unit in the City shall keep or permit to be kept upon the premises more than two (2) rabbits, unless such occupant or another occupant of the same dwelling unit has obtained and has in effect a license under the provisions of this ordinance authorizing the keeping of more than two rabbits.

(b) No occupant of any residential dwelling unit in the City for which a license authorizing the keeping of more than two rabbits has been issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall keep or permit to be kept upon such premises any rabbit or rabbits in excess of the number authorized by such license.

(c) No license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall authorize the keeping of more than six (6) rabbits upon the premises of the same dwelling unit.

[Source: Ord. 334, 1974]

Section 14-3-15. Limitation on Area and Location of Keeping Rabbits.

(a) The total area used for keeping of rabbits on the premises of any dwelling shall not exceed five hundred (500) square feet.

(b) Any area used for keeping of rabbits pursuant to a license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be located at the rear of the lot and shall not be located within seventy-five (75) feet of any dwelling.

[Source: Ord. 334, 1974]

Section 14-3-16. Cancellation, Suspension or Revocation of License.

(a) Any license issued under the provisions of this ordinance for the keeping of rabbits shall be subject to cancellation, suspension and revocation as provided by Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code.

(b) In addition to the grounds stated in said Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code, the following shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of such license.

- (1) The keeping of rabbits in such manner as to create a nuisance.
- (2) Mistreatment of rabbits by the licensee.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, proceedings for the cancellation, suspension or revocation of any license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be as provided in Section 14-2-17 and Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code.

[Source: Ord. 334, 1974]

Section 14-3-17. Keeping of Pigeons.

(a) Purpose. This Section is established to provide for regulations regarding the keeping of pigeons. More specifically, the purpose of this Section is to provide for the following:

(1) Regulate the dimensional requirements and parameters of accessories associated with the domestication of pigeons;

(2) Provide for adequate protection of pigeons in association with existing ordinances;

(3) Provide for appropriate regulations with regard to nuisances created by the keeping of pigeons;

(4) Establish a licensing protocol for the keeping of pigeons; and

(5) This Section does not supersede the covenants of any subdivision or homeowners association.

(b) Animal protection. Protection of animals, including pigeons is regulated by Chapter 9, Article 7 (Animal Protection Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(c) Nuisance. Any nuisance associated with the keeping of pigeons shall be regulated by Chapter 9, Article 11 (Northglenn Nuisance Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(d) The City shall not regulate or otherwise be deemed to have any responsibility for conflicts with the keeping of pigeons created by wildlife.

(e) Licensing of pigeons. Any person residing in the City of Northglenn desiring to keep upon their premises pigeons must apply for a license pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

(f) A license issued under this Section may authorize the keeping of pigeons by the person named in the license, and the members of the immediate family of such person, upon the premises stated in the license.

(g) A one-time application for such license shall be made to the Department of Planning and Development upon forms provided by the City and accompanied by payment of a license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Such application shall contain such information as the Department of Planning and Development may require for purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this Section, including at least the following:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant;
- (2) An acknowledgment of the regulations for the keeping of pigeons as prescribed by this Section;
- (3) Any license issued under the provisions of this Section for the keeping of pigeons shall be subject to cancellation, suspension and revocation as provided by Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code;
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, proceedings for the cancellation, suspension or revocation of any license issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be as provided in this Section and Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Northglenn Municipal Code;
- (5) The holder of a license issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section may make application for an amended license as provided in this Section; and
- (6) Upon the decision of the license holder to cease the raising of pigeons, the license holder shall notify the Planning and Development Department.

(h) Outdoor space requirements.

- (1) The total area used for the keeping of pigeons is limited to one percent (1%) of the total lot area per dwelling unit.
- (2) All such pigeons shall be confined within a completely enclosed area of not more than one percent (1%) of the total lot area per dwelling unit.
- (3) Such area of confinement shall be located more than twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling located on an adjacent lot, and more than ten (10) feet from any adjacent lot.

[Source: Ord. 1765, 2019]

Section 14-3-18. Keeping of Chickens.

(a) Purpose. This Section is established to provide for regulations regarding the keeping of domestic chickens on residential properties with separately enclosed rear yards as outlined in Chapter 11 of the Northglenn Municipal Code. More specifically, the purpose of this Section is to provide for the following:

- (1) Regulate the number of chickens allowed on specific properties;
- (2) Regulate the dimensional requirements and parameters of accessories associated with the domestication of chickens;
- (3) Provide for adequate protection of chickens in association with existing ordinances;

(4) Provide for appropriate regulations with regard to nuisances created by the keeping of chickens;

(5) Establish a licensing protocol for the keeping of chickens; and

(6) This Section 14-3-18 does not supersede the covenants of any subdivision or homeowners association.

(b) Animal Protection. Protection of animals, including chickens is regulated by Chapter 9, Article 7 (Animal Protection Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(c) Nuisance. Any nuisance associated with the keeping of chickens shall be regulated by Chapter 9, Article 11 (Northglenn Nuisance Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(d) Disruption of coops by wildlife. The City shall not regulate or otherwise be deemed to have any responsibility for conflicts with the keeping of chickens created by wildlife.

(e) Licensing of Chickens. Any person residing in the City of Northglenn desiring to keep upon their premises chickens must apply for a license pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

(f) A license issued under this Section 14-3-18 may authorize the keeping by the person named in the license, and the members of the immediate family of such person, upon the premises stated in the license, or the number of chickens stated in the license.

(g) A one-time application for such license shall be made to the Department of Planning and Development upon forms provided by the City and accompanied by payment of a license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Such application shall contain such information as the Department of Planning and Development may require for purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this Section 14-3-18, including at least the following:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) An acknowledgment of the regulations for the keeping of chicken hens as prescribed by this Section 14-3-18;

(3) Any license issued under the provisions of this Section 14-3-18 for the keeping of chickens shall be subject to cancellation, suspension and revocation as provided by Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, proceedings for the cancellation, suspension or revocation of any license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be as provided in Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(5) The holder of a license issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section may make application for an amended license as provided in this Section.

(6) Upon the decision of the license holder to cease the raising of chickens, the license holder shall notify Planning and Development.

(i) **Maximum Numbers.** No more than six (6) chickens are permitted per parcel.

(j) **Gender Restriction.** Females of the species (chicken hens) are allowed to be kept on the premises. Roosters or males of the species are prohibited.

(k) **Outdoor Space Requirement.** Chickens must be provided a minimum of twenty (20) square feet of permeable surface per bird and must be provided a coop that is predator resistant. Chicken coops are not subject to the architectural standards of accessory structures and shall not be included as part of lot requirements for the percentage of structure occupying the rear yard area.

(l) **Coop Size and Placement.** Chicken hen coops must adhere to the following size and placement regulations:

(1) Chicken Coop Size. Must not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) square feet, and must provide at least four (4) square feet of space per bird.

(2) Chicken Coop Height. Must not exceed six (6) feet in height.

(3) Chicken Coop Placement. Must be placed five (5) feet from property fence line and twenty (20) feet from residence or primary structure on adjacent property. Coops must reside in the rear yard of the premises as defined in Chapter 11 of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(m) **Chicken Ranging.** Chicken hens are restricted to the rear yard of any parcel in a residential zoning district. Chickens may range up to the property line but must be kept in the required chicken coop from dusk until dawn.

(n) **Fencing.** Chicken hens kept in the rear yard must be contained by a fence adequate to contain animals. The fence must be a minimum of four (4) feet in height.

(o) **Slaughtering.** Chicken hens may not be killed, on the premises, by or at the direction of the owner or keeper except pursuant to the lawful order of state or county health officials, or for the purpose of euthanasia when surrendered to a licensed veterinarian for such purpose, or as otherwise expressly permitted by law.

(p) **Excrement.** The owner of any chicken hens kept in the City of Northglenn shall cause excreta to be removed from any pen, cage, coop or yard in which such chickens are kept to prevent contamination, diseases, hazards and odors. The accumulation of excreta upon any premises in violation of the provisions of this section shall be unlawful and shall be deemed a public nuisance in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 11 (Northglenn Nuisance Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(q) The licensing of chicken hens provided herein shall not be deemed a property use within the meaning of C.R.S. § 38-1-101(3)(a), and nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to

confer a property right, but shall instead authorize a mere license for the activity of keeping chicken hens.

[Source: Ord. 1713, 2016; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-3-19. Keeping of Honey Bees.

(a) Purpose. This section is established to provide for regulations regarding the keeping of honey bees on residential properties with separately enclosed rear yards and as outlined in Chapter 11 of the Northglenn Municipal Code. This section does not regulate the keeping of bees on open space, parks or community gardens. More specifically, the purpose of this section is to provide for the following:

- (1) Establish certain requirements of sound beekeeping practices, which are intended to regulate the keeping of honey bees in populated areas;
- (2) Regulate the number and placement of hives on the property;
- (3) Provide for adequate protection of honey bees consistent with existing City regulations;
- (4) Provide for appropriate regulations with regard to nuisances created by the keeping of honey bees;
- (5) Establish a licensing protocol for the keeping of honey bees; and
- (6) This Section 14-3-19 does not supersede the covenants of any subdivision or homeowners association.

(b) Animal Protection. Protection of animals, including honey bees is regulated by Chapter 9, Article 7 (Animal Protection Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(c) Nuisance. Any nuisance associated with the keeping of bees shall be regulated by Chapter 9, Article 11 (Northglenn Nuisance Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(d) Disruption of hives by wildlife. The City shall not regulate or otherwise be deemed to have any responsibility for conflicts with the keeping of bees created by wildlife.

(e) Licensing of Honey Bees. Any person residing in the City of Northglenn desiring to keep upon their premises bees must apply for a license pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

(1) A license issued under this Section 14-3-19 may authorize the keeping by the person named in the license, and the members of the immediate family of such person, upon the premises stated in the license, or the number of honey bee hives stated in the license.

(2) Application for such license shall be made to the Department of Planning and Development upon forms provided by the City and accompanied by payment of a license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Such application shall contain such information as the

Department of Planning and Development may require for purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this Section 14-3-19, including at least the following:

A. The name and address of the applicant;

B. An acknowledgment of the regulations for the keeping of honey bees as prescribed by this Section 14-3-19.

(3) Any license issued under the provisions of this Section 14-3-19 for the keeping of honey bees shall be subject to cancellation, suspension and revocation as provided by Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, proceedings for the cancellation, suspension or revocation of any license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be as provided in Article 1 of Chapter 18 of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

(f) Maximum Number. No more than two (2) honey bee hives are permitted per parcel.

(g) Hive Placement. Hives must be placed in the rear yard.

(h) Aggressive bees and swarms. If a colony becomes aggressive or swarms, the beekeeper shall re-queen the colony with a queen selected from stock bred for gentleness and nonswarming characteristics.

(i) Hive Screening Required. The beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height consisting of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or combination thereof that will not allow the bees to pass through, and that is located within five (5) feet from the hive's egress, and is parallel to the property line and extending ten (10) feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all honey bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six (6) feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.

(j) Water. Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available at all times to the honey bees so that the honey bees are discouraged from congregating at swimming pools, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human or domestic pet contact.

(k) Prohibited. Africanized bees shall be prohibited.

(l) Maintenance of hives. Any honey bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any swarm of bees or colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper, is unlawful and shall be deemed a public nuisance in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 11 (Northglenn Nuisance Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code. The hive may be summarily destroyed or removed from the City by an appropriate designee. The beekeeper will have thirty (30) days from the time of the complaint to bring the hive/hives into compliance.

(m) The licensing of honey bees provided herein shall not be deemed a property use within the meaning of C.R.S. § 38-1-101(3)(a), and nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to confer a property right, but shall instead authorize a mere license for the activity of keeping honey bees.

[Source: Ord. 1714, 2016; 1765, 2019]

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CHAPTER 14
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ARTICLE 4. IMPOUNDING.

Section 14-4-1. Title and Purpose.

(a) The provisions of this article 4 of Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code shall be known and cited as the Northglenn Impounding Ordinance.

(b) The provisions of this article shall govern the impounding, custody, control, release and disposition of dogs, cats, domestic animals and reptiles impounded or confined pursuant to the ordinances of the City.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976]

Section 14-4-2. Pound Facilities.

(a) The City Council shall designate an appropriate animal holding facility as the animal control facility of the City of Northglenn, wherein shall be kept all dogs, cats, domestic animals and reptiles impounded, pursuant to the ordinances of the City, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(b) The Manager may designate one or more temporary holding facilities for the temporary impoundment, holding or confinement of dogs, cats, domestic animals and reptiles subject to the provisions of this chapter.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976; 982, 1989; 1221, 1999]

Section 14-4-3. Care of Estrays. Any bovine animal, horse, mule or ass taken up as stray shall be properly cared for, fed, and provided with necessary services of a veterinarian, and kept or housed at the animal control facility of the City of Northglenn, or at such other suitable place or facility as the Manager shall direct. Owners of any stray are liable for all charges incurred by the City, including, but not limited to, veterinary fees. The City may seek reimbursement for charges incurred through restitution or any other legal remedy available to the City.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-4-4. Disposition of Injured Dog or Animal.

(a) In the event a seriously or critically injured dog, cat, domestic animal, or reptile is in the custody of the animal control facility without identification, without a rabies tag, or other means of identifying the owner, the supervisor of Animal Control of the City of Northglenn is hereby and herewith authorized to dispose of such dog, cat, domestic animal, or reptile without holding the same for any period.

(b) In the event a seriously or critically injured dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile impounded by an animal control officer is without identification, without a rabies tag, or other means of identifying the owner, such animal control officer is hereby and herewith authorized to dispose of such injured dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile without holding the same for any period and without placing the same in the animal control facility.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976; 982, 1989]

Section 14-4-5. Notice of Impoundment. In every case of impoundment, the animal control officer shall cause to be entered in the records of the Northglenn Police Department within eight (8) hours after seizure, and for six consecutive days thereafter, a description of each dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile impounded; the date, place and approximate time of seizure; and the name and address of the animal control facility in which the same is impounded. Such records shall be open to inspection by any person during regular business hours.

[Source: Ord. 955, 1989]

Section 14-4-6. Procedure for Release of Impounded Dog or Cat.

(a) No dog or cat shall be released from impoundment except upon compliance with the redemption procedure provided by ordinance, or upon order of a municipal judge, the manager, or an animal control officer.

(b) Any dog or cat impounded solely by reason of violation of the requirements of this chapter relating to rabies vaccination or the display of a rabies tag or rabies vaccination receipt, may be redeemed by the owner or the agent of the owner upon:

(1) Satisfactory proof of ownership;

(2) Proof of compliance with the rabies vaccination requirements of this chapter; and

(3) Payment of all fees and charges, including, but not limited to, any veterinary charges, and impoundment fees as established by contract between the City of Northglenn and the City's designated animal control facility.

(c) Any dog or cat impounded by reason of being found running at large in the City of Northglenn may be redeemed by the owner or the agent of the owner upon:

(1) Satisfactory proof of ownership;

(2) Proof of compliance with the rabies vaccination requirements of this chapter;

(3) Payment of all fees and charges, including, but not limited to, any veterinary charges and impoundment fees as established by contract between the City of Northglenn and the City's designated animal control facility.

(4) Compliance with the requirements of Sections 14-4-14 and 14-4-15 of this article.

(d) A dog or cat impounded by order of any court shall not be released except as ordered by such court.

(e) Any impounded dog or cat who has been found running at large shall be required to have a unique identifying microchip implanted in the dog or cat by the contracted animal shelter or a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense. Evidence of such microchip implantation and the unique identifying microchip number shall be provided by the contracted animal shelter or veterinarian to the City's animal control officer(s) within ten (10) days of conviction or upon release of the dog or cat from impoundment, whichever is less.

[Source: Ord. 852, 1987; 982, 1989; 1221, 1999; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-4-7. Procedure for Release of Impounded Domestic Animal or Reptile. Any impounded domestic animal, fowl or reptile, except an estray subject to the provisions of Section 14-3-1, may be redeemed by the owner thereof or the agent of the owner upon satisfactory proof of ownership together with the payment of the appropriate fee.

[Source: Ord. 471, 1977]

Section 14-4-8. Disposition of Impounded Dogs.

(a) If a complaint has been filed in the municipal court, an impounded dog shall not be destroyed except by order of a municipal judge.

(b) If a complaint has not been filed in the municipal court, because the owner of an impounded dog is not known or cannot be located, and such dog has not been claimed within five (5) days of the date of impoundment, not counting the day of impoundment, such dog may be sold, given away or destroyed in accordance with the procedures established by the City of Northglenn and the animal control facility. For purposes of this paragraph, **days** means days during which the pound is open to the public.

(c) If a complaint has not been filed in the municipal court, but the owner, possessor or keeper of an impounded dog has been notified of the impoundment as provided by this ordinance and such dog has not been claimed within six days of the date of impoundment, such dog may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of in the manner provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The date on which notice of the impoundment of such dog is posted in a public place pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance shall conclusively be presumed to be the date of impoundment for all purposes of this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 935, 1988; 982, 1989; 1236, 1999]

Section 14-4-9. Disposition of Impounded Cats and Other Animals.

(a) If an impounded cat has not been claimed within five (5) days of the date of impoundment, not counting the day of impoundment, such cat may be sold, given away or destroyed in accordance with the procedures established by the City of Northglenn and the animal control facility. For purposes of this paragraph, **days** means days during which the pound is open to the public.

(b) If any domestic animal or reptile, except an estray subject to the provisions of Section 14-3-1, has not been claimed within five (5) days of the date of impoundment, not counting the first day of impoundment, such domestic animal or reptile may be sold, given away or destroyed in accordance with the procedures established by the City of Northglenn and the animal control facility. For purposes of this paragraph, **days** means days during which the pound is open to the public.

[Source: Ord. 935, 1988; 1236, 1999]

Section 14-4-10. Exceptions--Authority of Manager. The provisions of any other section of this ordinance notwithstanding, the Manager shall have the power and authority, whenever in his judgment the interest of the City of Northglenn requires such action, to extend any time period provided by this ordinance; to waive or refund payment of any fee required by this ordinance when it shall appear that such fee has been unlawfully imposed or collected; or to order that any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile shall not be destroyed or disposed of as may be provided by this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976]

Section 14-4-11. Authority of Municipal Court to Order Disposition of Dog or Animal.

(1) The Municipal Court of the City of Northglenn shall have the authority:

(a) To order the destruction of a vicious dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile, whether or not impounded, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) below.

(b) To order the disposition of any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile impounded and subject to disposition by order of court under the provisions of any City ordinance.

(c) To order the waiver or refund of any fee required by this ordinance when it shall appear that such fee has been unlawfully imposed or collected.

(d) To order that any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile shall not be destroyed as permitted by this ordinance.

(e) To extend any time period provided by this ordinance.

(f) To order the confinement for rabies observation of any dog, cat or domestic animal in any circumstances in which such confinement is provided or permitted under the provisions of this article.

(g) To order the release from impoundment or confinement of any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile impounded or confined under the provisions of this chapter.

(h) To make and enforce such orders as the judge shall deem necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes and enforcement of this ordinance, or to correct or prevent injustice in the application of any provisions of this ordinance.

(2) Prior to ordering the destruction of a dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile, the court shall conduct a hearing at the earliest date available to the court and the parties to determine if the animal shall be destroyed. At said hearing, the Colorado Rules of Evidence shall not apply, and the court shall ensure that evidence shall be offered and questioning shall be conducted in an orderly manner and according to basic notions of fairness. At said hearing, the Court shall consider, as applicable, the following:

(A) Any evidence presented at any trial involving the animal;

(B) The conduct of the animal during the incident charged;

(C) Any other evidence of dangerous or violent behavior by the animal, or threats thereof;

(D) Any prior violations by the owner, possessor, keeper or controller of the animal of this chapter or similar laws of any state or political subdivision thereof;

(E) Any prior violations by any other owner, possessor, keeper or controller of the animal, involving the same animal, of any violation of this chapter or any similar laws of any state or political subdivision thereof;

(F) Any other conditions existing on the property where the animal has been or will be kept which would affect the likelihood of any danger to any person, animal or property;

(G) Any evidence of any ameliorative action taken by the owner, possessor, keeper or controller of the animal which would affect the likelihood of any danger to any person, animal or property;

(H) Any other evidence relevant to the issues to be determined by the court;

(I) If the defendant is not an owner of the animal, and if the name and address of an owner is known to the City or the court, said owner shall be notified in writing of the date, time, place and purpose of said hearing at least five days before said hearing. Notice shall be sufficient if served in compliance with C.M.C.R. 206(F);

(J) If at such hearing, the City establishes by a preponderance of the evidence, that there is a reasonable likelihood of future injury to person, property or animals, the court shall order the animal to be destroyed in a humane manner. Upon oral motion of the defendant or an owner, said order shall be stayed for 30 days to allow the movant to appeal said order, provided the movant pays the estimated costs of impoundment within 24 hours of the entering of the stay;

(K) If the court determines that it is not appropriate to order the animal destroyed, the court may order the animal returned and to be kept under such circumstances as will ensure the safety of persons, property or other animals.

[Source: Ord. 905, 1988]

Section 14-4-12. Confinement for Rabies Observation.

(a) An animal control officer may by order cause any dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep to be confined for a period of ten (10) days for rabies observation when:

(1) He has probable cause to believe that such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep has bitten any person, or has bitten any dog, cat or domestic animal of different ownership; or

(2) He has probable cause to believe that a person has been bitten by a dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep, and a reasonable basis for believing that the dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep proposed to be confined has bitten or could have bitten such person; or

(3) He has probable cause to believe that such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep has rabies; or

(4) He has probable cause to believe that such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep has been exposed to rabies.

(b) Whenever any dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep is ordered confined under the provisions of Section 14-4-12(a), and such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep has not been

vaccinated against rabies as provided by this chapter, the animal control officer shall order such confinement at the place provided by Section 14-4-12(d)(1) or (2).

(c) Whenever any dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep which has been vaccinated against rabies as provided in this chapter is ordered confined under the provisions of Section 14-4-12(a), the animal control officer may order such confinement on the premises of the owner of such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep, if he determines:

(1) That such owner resides in the City of Northglenn; and

(2) That such confinement can be accomplished without exposing the public to danger from the dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep so confined.

(d) If the animal control officer determines that confinement of such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep cannot be accomplished as provided in Section 14-4-12(c), he may order such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep confined for the purposes of Section 14-4-12(a);

(1) At a private veterinary hospital, at the expense of the owner of such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep, if such owner agrees to be responsible for such expense; or

(2) At the animal control facility, in which event the owner of such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep shall be responsible for payment of the pound fee established by this ordinance.

(e) Whenever any dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep is confined in the animal control facility for the purposes of Section 14-4-12(a), and the owner thereof is known or is located:

(1) The owner shall be given written notice of the period of confinement and the purpose thereof;

(2) Such notice shall state that upon expiration of the period of confinement, if such dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep is not found to be rabid, the same will be deemed impounded subject to redemption as provided in the Municipal Code.

(f) Upon the expiration of any period of confinement for rabies observation, any dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep confined in the animal control facility for such observation shall be deemed impounded. The day following expiration of such period of confinement shall be the first day of impoundment, and notice thereof shall be posted in the municipal building of the City of Northglenn as provided by Section 14-4-5. Such impounded dog, cat, ferret, horse, cow or sheep may be claimed, redeemed or disposed of as provided in this article.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-4-13. Temporary Holding Facility.

(a) Any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile impounded under the provisions of the ordinances of the City, if the owner thereof can be identified and located, may be placed in the discretion of the Manager or an animal control officer, in a temporary holding facility.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile placed in a temporary holding facility, or temporarily held under the provisions of this ordinance, may be released as provided in Section 14-4-14 of this ordinance.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976]

Section 14-4-14. Procedure for Impounding and Release of Dogs and Cats--Temporary Holding Fee.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "**Notice**" means a notice issued by an animal control officer to the owner of a dog or cat, notifying such owner that such dog or cat was running at large in the City on a date certain, and containing a schedule or statement of the penalties and fees provided therefore by ordinance.

(2) "**Incident**" means any date on which any dog or cat was running at large in the City, as shown by the records of the City, as the result of which:

(i) Such dog or cat was impounded; or

(ii) A notice was issued to the owner pursuant to the provisions of this section; or

(iii) A summons and complaint was issued to the owner for violation of a City ordinance.

(3) "**Running at large**" means running at large in violation of a City ordinance.

(4) The words "**summons may issue**" mean that the animal control officer, if he shall have probable cause to believe that a violation of the provisions of Section 14-2-6(e) or Section 14-3-8(b) of this chapter has been committed by the owner of such dog or cat, shall institute proceedings for the prosecution of such violation, by issuing to the owner of such dog or cat a summons and complaint which shall require the appearance of said owner before the Municipal Court, or at the clerk's office of said court, to answer the charges therein specified.

(b) In the case of any impounded dog or cat, whose owner has not previously been the subject of an incident, found running at large by an animal control officer; such dog or cat shall be released from the temporary holding facility, to the owner, upon compliance with the provisions of Section 14-4-15 of this article and the following:

(1) Payment of all fees and charges, including, but not limited to, any veterinary charges and impoundment fees shall be as established by contract between the City of Northglenn and the City's designated animal control facility.

(2) Display of proof of rabies vaccination.

(c) In the case of any impounded dog or cat, whose owner has once previously been the subject of an incident, found running at large by an animal control officer a summons may issue and such dog or cat shall be released from the holding facility, to the owner, upon compliance with the provisions of Section 14-4-15 of this article and the following:

(1) Payment of all fees and charges, including, but not limited to, any veterinary charges and impoundment fees shall be as established by contract between the City of Northglenn and the City's designated animal control facility.

(2) Display of proof of rabies vaccination.

(d) In the case of any impounded dog or cat, whose owner has more than once previously been the subject of an incident, found running at large by an animal control officer such dog or cat shall be released from the temporary holding facility, to the owner, upon compliance with the provisions of Section 14-4-15 of this article and the following:

(1) Payment of all fees and charges, including, but not limited to, any veterinary charges and impoundment fees shall be as established by contract between the City of Northglenn and the City's designated animal control facility.

(2) Display of proof of rabies vaccination; and

(3) The animal control officer, if he shall have probable cause to believe that a violation of the provisions of Section 14-2-6(e) or Section 14-3-8(b) of this chapter has been committed by the owner of such dog or cat, shall institute proceedings for the prosecution of such violation, by issuing to the owner of such dog or cat a summons and complaint which shall require the mandatory appearance of said owner before the Municipal Court of the City of Northglenn to answer the charges therein specified. If for any reason proceedings are not commenced as herein provided, a notice shall issue to the owner of such dog or cat.

(e) Whenever any dog or cat shall be found running at large by an animal control officer, but the animal control officer is unable to capture such dog or cat outside the enclosed

premises of the owner thereof, summons may issue. The animal control officer shall, in any case in which summons does not issue:

(1) If such dog or cat has not previously been the subject of an incident, issue a notice to the owner thereof.

(2) If such dog or cat has once previously been the subject of an incident, issue a notice, containing the words "**second notice**", to the owner thereof.

(3) If such a dog or cat has more than once been the subject of an incident, and the animal control officer has probable cause to believe that a violation of the provisions of Section 14-2-6(e) or Section 14-3-8(b) of this chapter has been committed by the owner of such dog or cat, the animal control officer shall institute proceedings for the prosecution of such violation, by issuing to the owner of such dog or cat a summons and complaint which shall require the mandatory appearance of said owner before the Municipal Court of the City of Northglenn to answer the charges therein specified.

(f) Whenever any dog or cat is found running at large in the City, the determination that the owner of such dog or cat has previously been the subject of one or more incidents shall be made on the basis of records of incidents during the period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the violation for the purposes of which the determination is made.

(g) If the owner of any impounded dog or cat subject to a temporary holding fee under the provisions of this ordinance shall establish, by affidavit or as otherwise provided by rule of the Manager, that he is an indigent person without money or property to pay the temporary holding fee, the animal control officer may release such dog or cat without payment of such temporary holding fee.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976; 829, 1986; 982, 1989; 1765, 2019]

Section 14-4-15. Temporary Holding--Records Required.

(a) The records required by this section are in addition to all other records required by ordinance or by order of the Manager.

(b) At the time of release of any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile from any temporary holding facility pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-4-13 and 14-4-14 of this ordinance, the Manager shall make and keep or cause to be made and kept a record or records containing at least the following information:

(1) The name and address of the owner of such dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile;

(2) The date, time and place at which such dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile was seized by the animal control officer;

(3) The date of release;

(4) The holding fee paid;

(5) The name and address of the person receiving such dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile upon release;

(6) The signature of the person named pursuant to Section 14-1-6(d)(5), affirming or verifying the information required by Sections 14-1-6(d)(1) to (5).

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976]

Section 14-4-16. Other Records Required.

(a) At the time of release to the owner of any dog, cat, domestic animal or reptile, not impounded or held in a temporary holding facility, the animal control officer shall make and cause to be filed with the Manager a record or records containing at least the information provided by Section 14-4-15(b) of this article.

(b) At the time of issuance of any notice pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-4-14 of this article, the animal control officer shall make and cause to be filed with the Manager a record or records containing at least the information provided by Section 14-4-15(b) of this article.

(c) An animal control officer issuing a summons and complaint pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-4-14 of this article shall make and cause to be filed with the Manager a record or records containing at least the information provided by Section 14-4-15(b) of this article.

(d) The records required by the provisions of this section and Section 14-4-15 to be made and kept shall be filed for the purpose of providing an accurate and complete record of all incidents and violations and for the proper and fair administration of the provisions of this chapter.

[Source: Ord. 436, 1976]

Section 14-4-17. Trap-Spay-Neuter Program.

(a) Trap-Neuter-Return ("TNR") shall be permitted to be practiced by community cat caregivers, as defined in Section 14-1-1(g), organizations, and animal control, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law. As part of TNR, spay or neuter and vaccination for rabies shall take place under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(b) A trapped eartipped cat will be released on the site where trapped unless veterinary care is required. An eartipped cat received by a shelter or animal control will be returned to the location where trapped unless veterinary care is required.

(c) Community cat caregivers may reclaim impounded community cats without proof of ownership solely for the purpose of carrying out TNR or returning eartipped community cats to their original locations.

(d) A community cat caregiver who returns a community cat to its original location while conducting TNR does not impermissibly abandon the cat.

(e) TNR shall be the preferred disposition for impounded community cats. Animal control facilities and shelters shall be authorized and encouraged to conduct TNR or to direct impounded community cats to a TNR program.

[Source: Ord. 1834, 2022]

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ARTICLE 5. ANIMAL CRUELTY.

Section 14-5-1. Definitions.

(a) **Abandon** means the leaving of an animal without adequate provisions for the animal's proper care by its owner, the person responsible for the animal's care or custody, or any other person having possession of such animal.

(b) **Animal** means any living non-human creature.

(c) **Mistreatment** includes every act or omission which causes or unreasonably permits the continuation of, unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering.

(d) **Neglect** includes failure to provide food, water, protection from the elements, opportunity for exercise, or other care normal, usual, and proper for an animal's health and well-being.

[Source: Ord. 1734, 2017]

Section 14-5-2. Cruelty to Animals--Neglect of Animals--Offenses. It is unlawful for any person to commit cruelty to or neglect animals. A person commits cruelty to animals if he knowingly or with criminal negligence overdrives, overloads, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beats, needlessly mutilates, needlessly kills, carries or confines in or upon any vehicles in a cruel or reckless manner, or otherwise mistreats or neglects any animal, or causes or procures it to be done, or, having the charge or custody of any animal, fails to provide it with proper food, drink, or protection from the weather or abandons it.

[Source: Ord. 1734, 2017]

Section 14-5-3. Animal Fighting.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to cause, sponsor, arrange, hold, or encourage a fight between animals for the purpose of monetary gain or entertainment.

(b) For the purpose of this Section, a person encourages a fight between animals for the purpose of monetary gain or entertainment if he:

(1) Is knowingly present at or wagers on such a fight;

(2) Owns, trains, transports, possesses, or equips an animal with the intent that such animal will be engaged in such a fight;

(3) Knowingly allows any such fight to occur on any property owned or controlled by him;

(4) Knowingly allows any animal used for such a fight to be kept, boarded, housed, or trained on, or transported in, any property owned or controlled by him;

(5) Knowingly uses any means of communication for the purpose of promoting such a fight; or

(6) Knowingly possesses any animal used for such a fight or any device intended to enhance the animal's fighting ability.

(c) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit normal hunting practices as approved by the Division of Wildlife.

(d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the training of animals or the use of equipment in the training of animals for any purpose not prohibited by law.

[Source: Ord. 1734, 2017]

Section 14-5-4. Trapping of Animals--Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to trap or set any traps or trapping devices designed to capture, enclose, hold or otherwise prohibit the free movement of any animal, except insects, rodents, and vermin, in a manner designed or readily calculated to injure such animal, except such traps or trapping devices as may be set at the direction of authorized animal control officers or other designated state wildlife personnel.

[Source: Ord. 1734, 2017]

Section 14-5-5. Removal of Animal. In the event there is probable cause to believe that a violation of any of the provisions of this Article has occurred, the Municipal Court, an animal control officer, police officer or other designated official may remove the animal or animals from the possession of the person involved. The Municipal Court may order the temporary or permanent removal of the animal or animals involved from the possession of any individual convicted of violating this Article.

[Source: Ord. 1734, 2017]

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Article 6. SAVING CLAUSE--SEVERABILITY.

14-6-1. Severability Clause.

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ARTICLE 6. SAVING CLAUSE--SEVERABILITY.

Section 14-6-1. Severability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance or of Chapter 14 of the Northglenn Municipal Code or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of this ordinance or this chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance and this chapter are declared to be severable.

[Source: Ord. 197, 1973]

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Article 7. REPEALED (ORD. 1292, 2001).

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ARTICLE 7. REPEALED (ORD. 1292, 2001).

Repealed.

Exhibit B: Annual Flat Rate Fee Schedule
Between Riverdale Animal Shelter and the City of Northglenn

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025:

The Annual Flat Rate Fee for Shelter Services for the City of Northglenn in 2025 will be **\$40,350.00**. This annual flat rate fee will be payable in four (4) payments. Invoices will be issued as follows and payable within thirty days of the invoice date.

January 1, 2025	\$10,087.50
April 1, 2025	\$10,087.50
July 1, 2025	\$10,087.50
October 1, 2025	\$10,087.50