

**TOWN OF BEAR RIVER, WYOMING**

**ORDINANCE 2024-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BEAR RIVER, WYOMING, PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF BEAR RIVER, WYOMING AND PROVIDE DESIGNATED EXEMPTIONS. "FIREARMS" DEFINED AS; ANY WEAPON WHICH WILL OR IS DESIGNED TO EXPEL A PROJECTILE BY THE ACTION OF EXPLOSIVE GASES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bear River has not adopted legislation restricting the discharge of firearms and

**WHEREAS** it is determined by the Town Council that restricting the discharge of firearms would best serve the Town and protect its citizens from potential harm or property damage and ensure the piece of mind that the Town is peaceful and safe.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEAR RIVER, WYOMING. THAT:**

**SECTION ONE:**

- (A) No person shall discharge any firearm, as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 6-8-403 as amended, at any time within the corporate limits of The Town of Bear River, Wyoming save in self-defense or the defense of others as allowed by Wyoming State Law.
- (B) When a firearm is discharged in a safe and responsible manner, by the property owner or legal occupant of the property upon which the firearm discharge occurs, it will be considered an affirmative defense if the reason for the discharge is one of the following:
  - (1) By a Wyoming certified Peace Officer while in the lawful performance of his/her duty.
  - (2) The dispatch of injured or sick livestock which is on the property and the dispatched animal is promptly disposed of in accordance with the Town's Animal Control Ordinance.
  - (3) The dispatch of rodent (s) which is on the property, but only if authorized by State Law.
  - (4) The dispatch of predatory animal(s) which is on the property, providing said animal is threatening any person or livestock with physical or emotional harm, which is on the property, but only if authorized by State Law.
  - (5) The dispatch of domestic animal(s) which is on the property, provided they are threatening physical or emotional harm to any person or livestock which is on the property. If the domestic animal is trespassing but NOT threatening any person or livestock with physical or emotional harm, discharging of a firearm is not allowed,

but persons are encouraged to contact the Town of Bear River as soon as possible for enforcement. As per the Town's Animal Control ordinance.

(C) Any person convicted of violating this section may be subjected to a fine of up to \$750.00.

SECTION TWO; This ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and hereafter the date of its final passage and adoption.

Passed and approved on 1<sup>st</sup> reading this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

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Vernon Condie, Mayor

Attest:

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Barb Couture, Clerk/Treasurer

Passed and approved on 2nd reading this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

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Vernon Condie, Mayor

Attest:

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Barb Couture, Clerk/Treasurer

Passed, approved and adopted on 3rd reading this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

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Vernon Condie, Mayor

Attest:

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Barb Couture, Clerk/Treasurer



(iii) "Firearm" means any weapon which will or is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. "Firearm" shall not include any fully automatic weapon or any weapon designed to fire a rocket propelled grenade or any explosive projectile;

[Wyo. Stat. § 6-8-403](#)