### TITLE 32 ANIMALS

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### Chapter 32.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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### **32.01.02: DEFINITIONS**

ANIMAL: Any mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish, except humans.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: An Animal Control Officer shall be any person appointed to perform this duty as provided by this Title or any police or law enforcement officer of the City of Sturgis.

ANIMAL SHELTER: Any premises designated by action of the City for the purpose of impounding and caring for all animals found to be in violation of this Title.

APPOINTED DESIGNEE: For the purpose of this Title the appointed designee shall be any person appointed by, or employee of the City of Sturgis, or in the case of a disaster, or other emergency situation, any member of an animal rescue or animal care group authorized by the City of Sturgis.

AT LARGE: Any animal shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under the immediate control of a competent person.

EXPOSED TO RABIES: An animal has been exposed to rabies within the meaning of this Title, if it has been bitten by or has been exposed to any animal known to or suspected of being infected with rabies.

KENNEL: Any premises where a person engages in the business of boarding seven (7) or more cats and dogs for private pet owners, for all or part of a day, including pet sitting establishments, and short-term boarding facilities for purposes other than veterinary medical procedures and observation. A breeding operation is considered a KENNEL under this definition if a person, two or more times in a twelve (12) month period, intentionally breeds domestic animals with the intention of selling or bartering the offspring of the animals. A KENNEL is subject to all applicable requirements of this Title as well as the

applicable portions of Title 18 (Zoning), including that it be located in a commercial district or be subject to the Use on Review process as an "at home" business. A KENNEL shall also comply with all applicable requirements of State laws and regulations.

### (Kennel revised by Ordinance 2019-04, effective 3/5/2019)

OWNER: Any person, groups of persons or corporations owning, keeping, or harboring an animal.

RESTRAINT: An animal is under restraint if it is controlled by a leash, "at heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, in a vehicle, if attached to said vehicle or confined inside of the vehicle, in such a manner as not to allow it to reach outside the confines of that vehicle, or within a vehicle being driven on the street or parked within the property limits of its owner or keeper.

ROLLING 12-MONTH PERIOD: Any 12 consecutive months following a violation.

SHELTER TECHNICIAN: Any person who is employed by the City to care for the daily needs of food, water, and shelter of any animal impounded by the Animal Control Officer or Meade County Sheriff's Deputy.

SPAYED FEMALE: A matron that has undergone surgery to prevent conception, whose owner can provide suitable proof of said surgery.

VICIOUS ANIMAL: An animal that has killed a human being or has inflicted injury on a human being that required medical treatment, or has killed or seriously injured a domestic animal without provocation, except for the following:

- a. An animal that was provoked
- b. An animal that was acting to protect persons or property, or
- c. An animal that injured or killed a person who was trespassing.

(Vicious Animal added by Ordinance 2014-10, effective 8/6/2014)

# 32.01.03: PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT

Any violation of the provisions of this Title is a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by the maximum punishment set forth by the laws of the state of South Dakota pursuant to SDCL 22-6-2. Said punishment may also include payment of any costs and/or restitution authorized by this Title or state law. Violations may also be subject to administrative citations as provided in this Title.

The provisions of this title shall be enforced by the Animal Control Office, the Code Enforcement Officer, their duly appointed agents, the Sturgis Police Department, or any law enforcement agency with authority to issue citations in the City of Sturgis. All violations in this section may be investigated by the Police Department with possible criminal charges. Any of the above enforcement agencies are authorized to issue an administrative citation for any violation of this Title.

The administrative citation penalty for a violation of this Title shall be \$75.00 for a first violation, \$100.00 for a second violation, and \$140.00 for a third and subsequent violation. Any increase in administrative penalty for subsequent violations must occur within a 12-month rolling period.

Any specific penalty or enforcement provided in specific sections of this Title are cumulative to the general penalties and enforcement provided under this section.

(32.01.03 revised by Ordinance 2015-11, effective 11-18-2015) (32.01.03 revised by Ordinance 2016-06, effective 8-17-2016)

## **32.01.04: APPEALS**

# A. APPEAL PERMITTED

Any person aggrieved by a citation issued by any code enforcement officer under this Title may appeal said citation to the City Council within 20 days from receipt of citation. Before filing an appeal, the aggrieved person is strongly encouraged to meet with the Chief of Police and the City Manager to discuss why the person believes the citation was issued in error. If unresolved, the Appeal may be commenced.

Appeals shall be commenced by filing a notice of appeal with the City Manager, or appointed designee, within 20 days from receipt of citation. There shall be a Thirty-Five Dollar (\$35.00) filing fee assessed for filing an appeal, which shall be paid to the City of Sturgis at the time of filing the notice of appeal. The City Manager, or appointed designee, may waive the assessed fee if the appellant provides a reasonable basis showing hardship or lack of ability to pay the fee.

The notice of appeal shall include a statement of the action complained of, why the same should be modified or rescinded, an address, including an email address if applicable, where the appellant can be mailed notice of hearings, and a copy of the citation issued. Upon receipt of the appeal documents from the City Manager, the Finance Officer shall deliver a copy of the appeal to the city attorney.

## **B. TIME OF HEARING AND NOTICE**

A public hearing shall be held on all appeals within 45 working days after the filing of the appeal, unless a later date is agreed upon by the aggrieved person and the City. The City shall cause written notice of the date, time, and place of such hearing to be served upon the aggrieved person by personal service or certified mail to the address set forth in the appeal documents at least ten days prior to the hearing. The appeal shall be scheduled on the agenda of a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council for a period of at 30 minutes unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

# C. HEARING PROCEDURES

The following rules shall govern the procedures for an administrative hearing:

- 1. Hearings and administrative appeals need not be conducted according to the technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses;
- 2. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the type of evidence upon which reasonable persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which might make improper the admission of such evidence after objection in civil or criminal actions in courts of competent jurisdiction in this state;
- 3. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious evidence and evidence which lacks trustworthiness shall be excluded.

# D. RIGHTS OF PARTIES AT HEARING

The aggrieved person and the City shall have these rights among others:

- 1. To call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issue of the hearing;
- 2. To introduce documentary, physical and oral evidence;
- 3. To cross examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing; and
- 4. To rebut evidence.

# **E. DECISION**

After each appeal hearing, the Council shall consider the evidence in executive session, and may state its decision when it has concluded the executive session. In addition, the council shall provide written findings stating the following:

- 1. The evidence the City Council relied upon in reaching its decision;
- 2. Based upon such written findings, the Council may sustain or dismiss the citation or decision;
- 3. In sustaining citation, the Council may in its discretion reduce or waive the payment of any civil penalty, permit, reinstatements, late penalty fee, or repeat offender increase.

# F. REPORT, COSTS

A written report of the decision, including the findings, shall be furnished to the aggrieved person and the City Manager within 20 working days from the date the appeal hearing is closed. The City and the aggrieved person shall bear their own respective cost of the appeal proceeding. The decision of the City Council shall be final.

# G. SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

The decision of the Council may be subject to judicial review as provided by law.

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### 32.02.01: ANIMAL SHELTER

The City shall provide and maintain suitable shelter for the impounding of animals. Such shelter shall be so constructed that animals of different kinds and different sizes may be segregated, and maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Such shelter may either be constructed and operated by the City, or the City may enter into a contract with a veterinarian or other suitable person for the supplying and operation of the same. All animals confined in such shelter shall be regularly fed, watered, and treated in a humane manner.

The City may hire Shelter Technicians as needed. Persons holding this position shall be responsible for the daily maintenance of the shelter, the record keeping of the intake and release of animals, the maintenance of a working adoption program, the accurate and detailed accounting of all monies generated by the animal shelter. Monies collected by Shelter Technicians shall be presented to the City Finance Officer without delay.

### 32.02.02: CERTAIN ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No person shall allow, bring, keep, or maintain, into or within the City, whether under control or at large, any horse, cow, mule, swine, sheep, goats, water fowl, pigeons, or any other exotic, unusual, or other animals not commonly kept as domestic pets in urban environments. This prohibition applies except as otherwise provided in Section 32.02.03.

## **32.02.03: EXCEPTIONS**

The animals mentioned in the previous Section shall be allowed within the City only when:

- A. They are used or are part of a legally authorized circus, menagerie, or carnival;
- B. They are used in or are a part of a legally authorized parade, provided that such animals shall only be allowed within the City for said purpose for the length of time necessary to participate in said parade;
- C. They are in the process of being transported from one area outside of the City to another, in which case they shall be in constant supervision and control of the owner, manager, or driver and such transporting shall be done with all due speed and care;
- D. They are on the premises of a duly licensed stock exchange, livestock sale ring, or veterinarian hospital;
- E. They are a part of a legally authorized livestock show or exhibition; or
- F. They are animals of an exotic nature and are kept as pets. There shall be no more than one such species on any premises, and the owner shall have received prior approval of the City Planning and Permitting Department, and the Animal Control Officer before the animal is moved to the premises, and permitted to remain. As applicable, any exotic or prohibited animal allowed as a pet under this section must comply with all applicable requirements of this Title, including but not limited to, rabies certification, animals at large, and other requirements. The Animal Control Officer, Chief of Police, or a designated administrative official, may place additional requirements on the exotic pet as they deem necessary to ensure the safety of the community and pet owner.

# 32.02.04: ANIMALS TO BE IMPOUNDED: REDEMPTION

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to impound any animal found in violation of the provisions of this Title, and any persons claiming any animal so impounded shall pay to the Animal Control Officer for its discharge from the animal shelter, the sum of \$10.00 for each day or fractional part of a day each animal has been impounded, except that in the case of impounded fowl or pigeons the charge shall be \$1.50 per day per bird. The City shall have a lien against the animals for the cost of keeping and caring for such impounded animals in the amount it would take to have said animal discharged under the provisions herein. The City may foreclose said lien as by law provided by the foreclosure of liens against chattels.

# 32.02.05: CHEMICAL IMMOBILIZATION

The Animal Control Officer or his duly appointed designee is hereby authorized to use, operate and possess such devices that are designated to propel projectiles for the purpose of intermuscular injection of drugs used in the humane capture of animals. Any person using the above-described devices shall have specialized training in the use of the device, any and all departmental policies concerning the device, in the drugs, in the proper use of the drugs, and in the care of the animal after such drugs have been injected.

# 32.02.06: CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: GENERALLY

No person shall cruelly treat any animal in any way. Any person who inhumanely

beats, or wantonly or maliciously tortures, neglects or deprives an animal of necessary food, potable water, or shelter; or overloads, abandons, mutilates or without justified cause kills any animal shall be guilty of a violation of this Section. Neglect includes a failure to remove odor-producing or other waste, failure to provide adequate sanitation, veterinary care, adequate facilities or other care recognized as customary to maintain an animal's health and well-being consistent with the species, breed, physical condition, and type of animal.

# 32.02.07: TEASING AND MOLESTING

Any person who inhumanely teases, molests, baits or in any way bothers any animal shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Section.

# 32.02.08: KILLING, INJURING, OR POISONING ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously kill, wound, or injure any animal in any way except as to protect the lives of any person or livestock from being attacked by such animal; or to willfully or maliciously administer poison to any animal that is the property of another person or to expose any such poison substance with the intent that the same shall be taken and swallowed by any dog or cat or any animal that is the property of another person.

# 32.02.09: FIGHTS BETWEEN ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No person shall willfully allow any animal to fight, worry, or injure another animal, nor shall any person keep any house, pit, or other place to be used in permitting any fighting, worrying, or injuring of animals.

## **32.02.10: ABANDONMENT**

It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any animal upon a public right of way, or upon the property of another, or upon property owned by that person within the City.

# 32.02.11: INSPECTION ON REPORT

In addition to general authority to investigate a violation of an ordinance, an Animal Control Officer or Police Officer is authorized to inspect the area within a residence where any animal is kept when the Department receives two credible complaints within a 7-day period that an illegal number of animals being kept at a residence or other defined location. A credible complaint for the purpose of this Ordinance is a complaint from a person over the age of 18 who is a legal resident residing within five hundred (500) feet of the location at which the alleged illegal animal(s) are being kept.

### 32.02.12: ILLEGAL ANIMALS SURRENDERED

When a Police Officer or Animal Control Officer determines that an illegal number of animals as provided herein are located at a residence, the Officer shall give written notice to the resident that the illegal animals must be surrendered to the Animal Shelter within 2 business days of that notice. As an alternative to surrender within that time, the resident may provide credible documentation to the Department that the illegal animal(s) have been legally transferred to another location, euthanized, or that the resident has submitted an application for an Excess Animal Permit or Kennel License for the illegal animals.

## 32.02.13: EXCESS ANIMAL PERMIT

Any person owning, possessing, or maintaining more than the legal limit of a total of six (6) common domestic animals (not including fish and chickens), for a period of more than eighteen (18) weeks within a twelve-month period, shall apply for an annual Excess Animal Permit. To do so the person shall make application on a form provided by the Sturgis Police Department and pay a -\$10.00 application fee. The City will then, by letter, request written consent of the majority of adults residing within 400 feet of the exterior boundaries of the residence for which the application is submitted. An Animal Control Officer will make a site inspection and submit a written site inspection report and recommendation to the Chief of Police. The report shall state location of the proposed permit site and the number of animals proposed. If approved for more than six animals, subsequent renewal of the annual Permit shall require compliance with all applicable provisions of this Title, as well as compliance with all other applicable City ordinances, State laws and regulations.

## 32.02.14: RABIES CONTROL: IMPOUNDING FOR OBSERVATION

When any person owning or harboring an animal has been notified that said animal has bitten or attacked any person, the owner must immediately place the animal under the care and observation of the Animal Control Officer or a licensed veterinarian for a period of not less than ten (10) days, however, in those cases where the animal is a dog and the owner has a current rabies vaccination for said dog, the Officer may, if he feels the facilities are adequate, and if the owner is a responsible person, allow the quarantine of the dog on the owner's premises. In such a case, the owner must sign a statement in which the owner recognizes and assumes the responsibility that is involved with the quarantine of a dog that has bitten. A quarantined dog must, at all times, be available for inspection during the quarantine.

At the end of the ten (10) day period of observation, the animal shall be examined by a veterinarian or the Animal Control Officer, and if cleared, may be reclaimed by the owner, and the owner must pay the expense incurred incident thereto to include a daily impound fee of \$10.00 per day.

Any animal impounded or placed for observation showing active signs of rabies, suspected of having rabies, or known to have been exposed to rabies, shall be confined under competent observation for such time as may be deemed necessary to determine a diagnosis.

Any animal that has bitten or attacked and cannot be captured, shows signs of or is suspected of rabies, or any animal that has no confirmable rabies vaccination history may be destroyed in such a manner that the head is not damaged and can be submitted for rabies examination to a laboratory.

Every unvaccinated animal bitten by another animal showing positive symptoms of rabies shall be forthwith destroyed or shall, at the owner's option and expense, be held for observation for not less than six (6) months under direct supervision of a veterinarian, and the animal is to receive a rabies vaccination one (1) month prior to its release from observation.

Every owner having knowledge that his animal has bitten or is suspected of biting a human being, shall forthwith report the same to the Sturgis Police Department for disposition of said animal under the provisions of the ordinance.

# 32.02.15: KEEPING RABID ANIMALS

No person shall knowingly harbor or keep any animal infected with rabies or any animal known to have been bitten by an animal known to be infected with rabies.

### 32.02.16: REPORT OF SUSPECTED CASES: GENERAL

Any person who shall suspect any animal in the City to be infected with rabies shall report said animal to the Animal Control Officer, describing the animal and giving the name and address of the owner if known.

## 32.02.17: REPORT OF SUSPECTED CASES: VETERINARIANS

Veterinarians within the City receiving information or reports of suspected rabies in wild animals or domestic animals shall report such information to any Animal Control Officer in the City.

## 32.02.18: REPORT OF SUSPECTED CASES: PHYSICIANS

Physicians within the City, immediately upon treatment of any person bitten by an animal, shall report such information to any Animal Control Officer of the City.

### 32.02.19: INVESTIGATION

For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this Title and to enforce the provisions thereof, any Animal Control Officer, or their appointed designee, is empowered to enter any premises upon which an animal is kept or harbored and to demand the extradition by the owner of such animal, any applicable licenses, or a valid rabies certificate for said animal. It is further provided that the Animal Control Officer, or their appointed designee, may enter upon the premises where any animal is kept in a reportedly cruel or inhumane manner and demand to examine such animal and to take possession of such animal if there is probable cause to believe an animal or animals have been treated inhumanely.

The Animal Control Officer, or their appointed designee, is hereby authorized to follow and enter upon any enclosure or lot within the City in quest of any animal suspected of being infected by rabies, or to apprehend any dog which has been observed running at large.

### **32.02.20: INTERFERENCE**

No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any official in the performance of any duty of his office, or seek to release any animal in the custody of the Animal Control Officer except as herein provided.

### 32.02.21: RECORDS

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to keep accurate and detailed records of the licensing of, impounding, and disposition of all animals coming into their custody. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of all bite cases reported to them and their investigation of the same. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of the Animal Control Officer to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of all monies collected by them, and promptly transfer and deliver all money or funds received to the Finance Office consistent with City policies. These records shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by Police Department and Finance Office staff, and other persons responsible for similar records in the City. The records shall be audited annually in the same manner as other City records are audited. The City Manager may appoint another person to perform the duties under this Section.

(32.02.18 (now21) revised by Ordinance 2016-06, effective 8-17-2016)

## 32.02.22: VICIOUS, FEROCIOUS, VENOMOUS, OR DANGEROUS ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow to be kept or maintained, run at large, or displayed in a crowded area within the City, any animal of a venomous, vicious, ferocious, or dangerous habit, nature, or disposition. Any such animal found running at large within the City, may be impounded or disposed of by the Animal Control Officer. All persons or organizations authorized by the City are excluded from this provision.

## 32.02.23: ENFORCEMENT – TRANSFERRED TO 32.01.03

(32.02.20 (now 23) revised by Ordinance 2016-06, effective 8-17-2016) (32.02.06, 32.02.11-13, 32.02.19 revised by Ordinance 2019-04, effective 3-5-2019)

### Chapter 32.03 DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

#### SECTIONS:

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### 32.03.01: RABIES CERTIFICATE

Every person who keeps, maintains, or has in his control any dog, cat or ferret, or other domestic animal within the City, shall have the animal inoculated for the prevention of rabies at least every two (2) years with the modified live virus. It shall be the duty of the owner of the animal to place a collar around the neck of each animal so owned or kept by him to which the metallic rabies tag furnished by a licensed veterinarian shall be securely fastened. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any animal, over the age of six (6) months without obtaining the rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian.

### **32.03.02: EXEMPTIONS**

Hospitals, clinics and other premises operated by a licensed veterinarian for the care and treatment of dogs, cats, or ferrets are exempt from provisions of this ordinance.

## 32.03.03: ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

A. General - Any person who owns or who has under his care a dog, cat, ferret, or other domestic animal shall not allow said animal to run at large in the City, and except as provided for in 32.03.03(B), when said animal is present within the City, it shall either be on a leash not longer than ten feet controlled by a person, or properly secured to a leash which has been tied to an immovable object, or confined within an enclosure sufficient to keep said animal restrained from escaping such enclosure. No animal shall be leashed to an immovable object so as to permit the animal to walk on or over any public sidewalk or street, or any property of another person other than that of the owner of said animal. Any animal not confined by leash or enclosure as set forth herein, is hereby declared to be running at large and is declared to be a public nuisance. When animals are found running at large, and their ownership can be discovered by examination of any rabies license which must be affixed to the animal or by inquiry of any person residing in the immediate vicinity where the animal was first taken into possession, such animal need not be impounded, but the Animal Control Officer may cite the owner of such animal to appear in Court to answer charges of violations of this ordinance. Such citation shall state the violation date, time, location, breed, and color of the animal, rabies tag number, if known, and the name and address of the owner of said animal. Said notice shall direct the owner to appear before the Magistrate Court to answer to the charge of such violation.

B. <u>Public Park, Recreation Areas, Bike Path and Cemetery</u> – It shall be unlawful to have any animal in any public park, recreation area, Bike Path, or cemetery, or in an area specifically designated as a pet area within the City, except under leash control and on designated roads and walkways. Any persons or organizations otherwise authorized by the City are exempt from this limitation.

### (32.03.03 revised effective 7-4-2012, Ordinance 2012-10)

## 32.03.04: IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS

Any dog, cat, or ferret found running at large as defined in this ordinance may be taken by the Animal Control Officer and impounded in the animal shelter to be confined in a humane manner. Any animal impounded and not claimed by their owners at the expiration of seven (7) days may be disposed of at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, or appointed designee, except as hereinafter provided in certain cases of certain dogs, cats, and ferrets. Immediately after impounding such dog, cat, or ferret, before euthanizing or disposing of it, the owner shall be given notice of the conditions whereby he/she may regain possession of such dog, cat, or ferret. If any owner has requested his animal to be euthanized and disposed of humanely, the Animal Control Officer or appointed designee, may collect from said owner a fee that will cover the cost of such euthanization, disposal and impoundment for the City.

## 32.03.05: REDEMPTION OR DESTRUCTION OF DOGS, CATS, OR FERRETS RUNNING AT LARGE - UNTAGGED

During the period of possession, any person, by paying the City the sum of \$10.00 per day or any part thereof to a maximum of seven (7) days or any part thereof for the impound and having a current rabies certificate may redeem and obtain possession of a dog, cat, or ferret that was untagged or tagged and thereby impounded. If the owner of any impounded dog, cat, or ferret, under the provisions of the article, shall fail to redeem such dog, cat, or ferret within seven (7) consecutive days, not counting Sunday and holidays, after such impounding, said dog, cat, or ferret shall be disposed of by humane euthanization or adoption by the Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer may euthanize by a humane manner any sick or injured animal which has been impounded without holding it for seven (7) days if its condition is such that euthanization is the most humane manner to dispose of the animal.

(32.03.04 & 32.03.05 revised with Ordinance 2021-04, effective 8/16/2021)

### **32.03.06: DOGS WITH DESTRUCTIVE HABITS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or suffer to run at large within the City, any dog with destructive habits or disposition, which destroys property other then that of his owner, or is in the habit of barking at persons passing along or using the streets and public sidewalks of the City. The Animal Control Officer under proper authority is hereby empowered to impound any such animal.

### 32.03.07: KENNELS – LICENSE REQUIRED FOR

Any person owning, possessing, keeping or maintaining within the City, a kennel as defined above for a period of more than eighteen (18) weeks shall be required to first obtain a Kennel license. For purposes of this ordinance, anyone operating or maintaining a kennel as defined above for a period of more than eighteen (18) weeks shall also comply with all the provisions of this Title, as well as all applicable provisions of Title 18 for a commercial enterprise, and also all applicable State laws and regulations.

# 32.03.08: LICENSE FEE FOR KENNEL

# **CITY OF STURGIS – ORDINANCES**

License or annual renewal inspection fee shall be \$50.00 per year. The Sturgis Police Department will oversee the Animal Control Officer's performance of annual inspections and renewals.

## 32.03.09: KENNEL LICENSE APPLICATION

To obtain a kennel license as required herein, a person shall make application on a form provided by the Sturgis Police Department and pay the license fee. The City will then, by letter, request written consent of the majority of adults residing within 400 feet of the exterior boundaries of the premises where such kennel is proposed to be located and kept. The Animal Control Officer shall make a site inspection and submit the application and written site inspection report to the Chief of Police. The report shall state the name and place where such kennel is to be located, the number of animals proposed, and the size of the kennel proposed to be kept. If approved each subsequent annual license application shall require that applicant be in compliance with all applicable zoning laws, all applicable provisions of this title and with all other applicable rules and regulations of the State of South Dakota, and the City before approval.

(32.03.07-09 revised by Ordinance 2019-04, effective 3-5-2019)

### 32.03.10: BARKING DOGS

No person owning or possessing any dog, licensed or unlicensed, confined on the premises, or otherwise, shall suffer or permit such dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by continuous barking or howling or making other loud or unusual noises. It shall be the duty of any person in possession of any such dog, which disturbs the peace and quiet to dispose of the disturbance even if disposing of the dog is the only effective means.

(Title 1 moved to Title 32 and replaced in its entirety effective 4/22/05, Ordinance 2005-05)

# Chapter 32.04 VICIOUS ANIMAL

### (32.04 replaced in entirety by Ordinance 2014-10, effective 8/6/14)

### SECTIONS:

32.04.01: Definition of a Vicious Animal

- 32.04.02: Declaration of a Vicious Animal
- 32.04.03: Violations of this Ordinance

# 32.04.01: DEFINITION OF A VICIOUS ANIMAL

An animal may be declared to be vicious by the chief of police under the following guidelines:

- A. Upon written request of the victim or the attending physician of the victim of an animal bite or serious scratch.
- B. Upon receipt of an officer report or credible written witness statement describing an animal which in a vicious or terrorizing manner approaches a person or another animal in an apparent attitude of attack, or bites, inflicts injury, assaults, or otherwise attacks a person or other animal, upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public or private grounds or places within the City.
- C. No animal may be declared vicious if the injury or damage is sustained by any person who is committing or attempting to commit a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the animal, or who was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the animal, or who was committing or attempting to commit a crime.

### 32.04.02: DECLARATION OF A VICIOUS ANIMAL

When the chief of police, after researching the matter thoroughly, signs a Declaration of Vicious Animal, the Declaration shall be filed with the City Finance Office and the chief of police shall notify the owner of the declaration in writing that the animal must be registered as a vicious animal within 24 hours after the receipt of the written notice. The notice shall be served either in person or by mailing the notice by certified mail.

The owner of an animal that has been declared vicious shall make application to the animal control office to register the vicious animal and shall comply with the following:

- A. The owner of the animal shall notify animal services if:
  - i. Changes in ownership of the animal;
  - ii. Name, address and telephone number of a new owner;
  - iii. Address change of the owner or any change in where the animal is housed;
  - iv. Any change in the health status of the animal;
  - v. Death of the animal.
- B. If the animal is outdoors, attended, and off the owners property, the animal shall be muzzled on a leash no longer than six feet and under the control of a person over 18 years of age;

- C. If the animal is outdoors and unattended, the animal must be locked in an escape-proof area approved by animal services. Minimum area standards shall include the following:
  - i. Fencing materials shall not have openings with a diameter of more than two inches. In the case of a wooden fence, the gaps shall not be more than two inches.
  - ii. Any gates within the pen or structure shall be lockable and of a design to prevent the entry of children or the escape of the animal.
  - iii. The required pen or structure shall have secure sides and may need a secure top if determined by animal services. If the pen or structure has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides shall be imbedded into the ground or concrete.
  - iv. The pen or structure shall protect the animal from the elements.
  - v. The pen or structure may be required to have double exterior walls to prevent the insertion of fingers, hands or other objects.
- D. The animal shall be permanently identified by injecting an identification microchip into the animal using standard veterinarian procedures and practices. The number and the veterinarian who injected the microchip are to be reported to animal control staff and the Sturgis Police Department.
- E. A universal sign denoting a vicious animal shall be displayed on the area or enclosure and on a place visible from the sidewalk or road adjacent to the property where the animal is kept.
- F. The owner shall carry \$100,000 animal liability insurance covering the medical and/or veterinary costs resulting from the vicious actions or any other damage the animal may do or cause to be done. Proof of insurance shall be filed with animal control staff and the Sturgis Police Department.
- G. The owner shall present proof of current rabies vaccination and current city license of the animal to animal services.
- H. The owner shall present proof the animal has been altered to prevent reproduction to animal control staff and the Sturgis Police Department.

# 32.04.03: VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER

If the conditions the ordinance are not complied with, the animal shall be euthanized in a humane manner and proof of euthanasia filed with animal control.

Any vicious animal not in compliance with this Chapter may be seized by the Animal Control Officer or any police officer and impounded. If the animal cannot be captured, it may be destroyed. If the animal has been running at large, or bites a person, or bites another animal, the Animal Control Officer or any police officer may order the owner to deliver the animal to the animal shelter immediately, and the owner ordered to appear in court to show just cause to why this animal shall not be destroyed. If the owner fails to deliver the animal as ordered, the Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall use those means as are necessary to impound the animal. If a vicious animal is impounded, all costs of keeping and caring for the animal while impounded, in excess of the normal daily charge, shall be at the owner's expense and shall be paid before the animal may be released to the owner.

If the registered owner of the animal refuses to comply with the conditions of this ordinance the animal may be euthanized in a humane manner and proof of euthanasia filed with animal control staff, the Police Department and the City Finance Office.

(32.04 replaced in entirety by Ordinance 2014-10, effective 8/6/14)

## CHAPTER 32.05 HOBBY BEEKEEPING

#### (32.05 added with Ordinance 2017-01, effective 04-06-2017)

Section

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## 32.05.01: SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The City of Sturgis recognizes the unique role bees play in maintaining the growth of the wide variety of plant species present in the Sturgis community. To balance the interests of those persons who desire to keep bees with those who might find unregulated bee keeping activities and the unrestricted presence of bees offensive, the City now adopts this ordinance.

### **32.05.02: DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms and phrases are defined and shall be interpreted as such throughout this chapter:

- A. APIARY. Any place where one or more colonies of bees are kept.
- B. **BEES.** Any "life" stage of the common honeybee, *Apis mellifera L*, or any other species of bees which is allowed in South Dakota by SDCL Chapter 38-18.
- C. *COLONY*. The bees in any hive, including queens, workers and drones.
- D. *HIVE.* Any frame hive, box hive, box, barrel, log gum, skep or any other container or combinations of such containers which may be used as a domicile for bees, with a total size not to exceed 36 inches wide, 36 inches deep and 78 inches high.
- E. BEEKEEPER. A person who engages in hobby beekeeping within the City.
- F. *HOBBY BEEKEEPING.* The activities associated with keeping, controlling, harboring, and/or maintaining one or more colonies of bees within city limits.

### 32.05.03: COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS

Beekeepers shall register each hive and apiary they own, possess or manage within the City as required by SDCL Chapter 38-18. Beekeepers shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including but not limited to those provisions found within SDCL Chapter 38-18, South Dakota Administrative Rules Article 12:41, and city ordinances, including any applicable zoning regulations.

# 32.05.04: REQUIRED LOCATION OF HIVES

- A. *PROXIMITY TO RESIDENCES*. No person shall establish or maintain any hive or keep any bees on the premises within 15 feet of any dwelling. This restriction does not apply to residences occupied by a beekeeper residing on the same lot where the hive is located.
- B. *HIVE PLACEMENT*. All hives shall be placed appropriately on the lot so as to inhibit access to the hive from adjacent properties and to prevent interference with the movements of people on adjacent property or in the public right-of-way. Hives shall not be placed within any setback applicable to the zoning district as found in Title 18. Hives shall not be placed within any drainage easement on the property. In addition, the front of the hive shall face away from the nearest property line, sidewalk, and/or right-of-way, whichever is closest. However, the "facing" requirement shall not be applicable if sufficient screen exists, as described in subsection C below, between the hive and the closest property line, side walk or right-of-way.
- C. *SCREENING*. Hobby beekeepers are encouraged to use screening which meets or exceeds accepted industry standards between the hive and neighboring lots, sidewalks and/or rights-of-way, such as fences, hedges, walls or similar barriers to inhibit interference between bees and persons on adjacent sidewalks, rights-of-way and property.

# 32.05.05: APIARY MANAGEMENT

A beekeeper shall:

- A. Provide an adequate and convenient source of water at all times to the bees on the property on which the apiary is located, to prevent bees from congregating at other water sources where they may come into contact with humans and animals and the water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant; and
- B. Maintain and manage such hives so as not to create a nuisance; and
- C. Ensure that no bee comb or other materials that might encourage robbing are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.

# 32.05.06: COLONY DENSITY

In addition to the location requirements set forth above, it shall be unlawful to keep more than one colony in a hive on any tract, lot, or parcel within the City. However, if the perimeter of the lot on which one or more hives are placed permits all hives to be located at least 100 feet from all property lines, the maximum number of hives which may be placed on that lot shall not exceed the number permitted by SDCL 38-18-3 and by Article 12:41 of the Administrative Rules of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture. For each two colonies authorized above, there may be maintained upon the same tract one nucleus colony as required from time to time for management of swarms. Each such nucleus colony shall be disposed of or combined with an authorized colony with 30 days after the date it is acquired.

# 32.05.07: NUISANCE PROHIBITED

Notwithstanding complete compliance with the requirements of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any colony or colonies in such a manner, or bees of such a disposition, as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of private property by residents and domestic animals, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of public property by persons within the community or which in any manner constitutes a nuisance to others. Public nuisances under this Section shall be subject to the Code Enforcement provision of Title 36 of City Ordinances, or may be abated in

accordance with the provisions in Title 12, Title 18 and state law. If a colony is found to be a nuisance, the hobby beekeeper must relocate or destroy all hives, at the beekeeper's expense, within a maximum of 30 days of a final determination that a nuisance exists.

# 32.05.08: CITY NOT LIABLE

The City shall not be liable for any damage to bees, hives, colonies, or hobby beekeeping operations resulting from the City's use of spray to kill pests or weeds, or other legal use of the same, on public rights-of-way, public property, city property or in other approved areas.

# 32.05.09: LIABILITY

The owner of the property upon which the hive and/or colony is located and the owner of the bees on the property shall share equally in the responsibility to ensure the bees and hive are maintained in an acceptable manner. The responsibility described herein shall include payment for any damages suffered by a third party. Compliance with all applicable state statutes and rules shall be evidence of such compliance.

# **32.05.10: PENALTIES**

The City may utilize any action available under the law to address violations of this chapter, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Any person violating this chapter shall be subject to the general penalty provision of SDCL 22-6-2. In addition, the City may seek to enjoin the actions of any person or operation which violate the provisions of this chapter.
- B. The City may enforce penalties for violation of this chapter under the provision of Title 36, of Sturgis City Ordinances.
- C. If there is an immediate threat to public safety as a result of any violation of this chapter, the City shall have the authority to remove or re-locate the hive or colony which is the source of the threat. In addition where such a threat to public safety exists, the City may direct and require the beekeeper of said hive or colony to destroy and/or relocate said hive or colony at the beekeeper's expense. The term "threat to public safety" shall include but is not limited to a circumstance when there is a colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping; or a dangerous swarm of bees that poses an immediate risk to the safety of humans; or a colony residing in a man-made hive which is not properly registered as require by SDCL Chapter 38-18 or which, by virtue of its apparent condition, appears abandoned by a beekeeper.

(32.05 added with Ordinance 2017-01, effective 04-06-2017)

# CHAPTER 32.06 URBAN CHICKENS

#### (32.06 added with Ordinance 2022-05, effective 03/21/2022)

#### SECTION

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### 32.06.01: SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The City of Sturgis recognizes the ability to cultivate one's own food is a sustainable activity that can also be a rewarding pastime. Therefore, it is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to permit the keeping and maintenance of chicken hens for residential egg production. The chicken must be kept in a clean and sanitary manner that is not a nuisance to or detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. The keeping of other poultry or fowl is prohibited unless allowable under a different portion of this code.

### **32.06.02: DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms and phrases are defined and shall be interpreted as such throughout this chapter:

- A. *CHICKEN*. A member of the subspecies *Gallus Gallus Domesticus*, a domesticated fowl. For the purpose of this chapter, *Chicken* refers only to a female chicken, or hen.
- B. *CHICKEN KEEPER.* Any person operating, managing, or otherwise caring for chickens as provided under this chapter.
- C. *COOP.* A covered house, structure, or room that is required in order to provide chickens with shelter from the weather and with a roosting area protected from predators.
- D. *ENCLOSURE*. A fenced or wire area or pen required in association with a coop in order to provide an outside exercise area for the chickens, free from predators, and of a size that allows for access to a foraging area, sunlight, etc.
- E. *HEN*. Any female adult chicken.
- F. *ROOSTER*. Any male adult chicken.

- G. *TRACT OF LAND*. An expanse of land identified by address legally described with definitive boundaries.
- H. URBAN CHICKEN. A chicken kept on tract of land pursuant to this chapter.

## 32.06.03: REGISTRATION WITH ANIMAL CONTROL

Any person keeping chickens under this ordinance must register with the Sturgis Animal Control Officer the location of where the chickens are kept and provide the name and contact information of the primary chicken caretaker or property owner.

## 32.06.04: NUMBER AND TYPE OF CHICKENS ALLOWED

- A. The maximum number of chickens allowed is six (6) per tract of land regardless of how many dwelling units are on the tract.
- B. Only female chickens (hens) are allowed.
- C. Chickens must have wings appropriately clipped to prevent them from flying.

## 32.06.05: ZONING DISTRICTS ALLOWED

Chickens are only permitted for tracts of land located in the following districts as identified on the Official Zoning Map on file with the City of Sturgis:

- 1. Agricultural Zoning District (AG)
- 2. Medium Density Residential Housing
- 3. Low Density Residential Housing
- 4. Single Family Residential/Office Commercial District (GC-3)

Chickens as provided under this chapter are not permitted on any tract of land within the above zoning districts that contains more than one (1) single-family detached residence on the property. Tracts of land containing multi-family residences or buildings are not permitted to have chickens under this chapter.

This chapter does affect or otherwise bypass any restrictive covenant that regulates urban chickens on a specific tract of land.

### 32.06.06: NON-COMMERCIAL USE ONLY

Chickens must be kept for personal use only. The selling of chickens, eggs, chicken manure, or the breeding of chickens for commercial purposes is prohibited.

### 32.06.07: ENCLOSURES AND COOPS

- A. *KEEPING*. Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times. Chickens must be secured within a coop during non-daylight hours.
- B. *PROXIMITY TO RESIDENCES*. No person shall establish or maintain any enclosure or keep any chickens on the premises within 15 feet of any adjacent residential dwelling, church, school, or place of business.

- C. *COOP PLACEMENT*. All coops shall be placed appropriately on the lot so as to inhibit access to the coop from adjacent properties and to prevent interference or create a nuisance with the people on adjacent property or in the public right-of-way. Coops must not be placed within any setback applicable to the zoning district as found in Title 18 or within 15 feet of any adjacent property, whichever is greater. Coops must not be placed within any drainage easement on the property. Any coop must only be located in the rear or side yard of the tract of land, and at no time may a coop or enclosure be located in the corner side yard or the front yard of any property.
- D. *SCREENING*. The coop and enclosure must be screened from adjacent landowner's, sidewalk, and right-of-way views. The screen must be an opaque fence and/or landscape screen.
- E. *ENCLOSURE SPECIFICATIONS*. Any enclosure must be fenced and secured from predators, including all openings, doors, and gates. Enclosures must be kept in a clean, dry, neat, and sanitary condition at all times.
- F. *COOP SPECIFICATIONS*. Chicken coops must be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for the chickens with a minimum of three (3) square feet per bird while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood. Coops must be of a sufficient size to permit free movement of the chickens.
  - a. A coop must be enclosed on all sides, must have a roof and doors, and have proper ventilation. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator and bird proof wire of less than one (1) inch openings.
  - b. The materials used in making a coop must be uniform for each element of the structure such that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or other covering, and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal, or similar materials is prohibited. Coops must be well maintained.
  - c. Coops must be kept in a clean, dry, neat, and sanitary condition at all times.
  - d. A coop may not be taller than eight (8) feet, measured from the natural grade of the ground, and must be easily accessible for cleaning and maintenance.
- G. *CESSATION OF CHICKEN KEEPING*. Upon ceasing to maintain chickens on the property, all enclosures and coops related to chicken keeping must be removed from the premises within thirty (30) days.

# **32.06.08: FEED AND WATER**

Chickens must be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. The feed and water must be unavailable to rodents, wild birds, and predators. All stored feed must be kept in a rodent and predator proof container.

### 32.06.09: PREDATORS, RODENTS, INSECTS, AND PARASITES

The chicken keeper must take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators, rodents, and the potential infestation of insects and parasites. Chickens found to be infested with insects and parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation may be removed and appropriately disposed of by the City of Sturgis Animal Control Officer, or other Law Enforcement.

# 32.06.10: WASTE STORAGE AND REMOVAL

All stored manure shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. No more than three (3) cubic feet of manure must be stored on the tract of land. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing must be removed. The coop and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings. Uneaten food must be removed in a timely manner. Any deceased chickens must be removed and appropriately disposed of within a timely manner after discovery.

# 32.06.11: CHICKENS AT LARGE

The chicken keeper must not allow chickens to roam off the tract of land. No dog, cat, or other domesticated animal which kills a chicken off the tract of land will, for that reason alone, be considered a dangerous or aggressive animal, or the City's responsibility to enforce its animal control provisions.

# 32.06.12: ODOR AND NOISE IMPACTS

Odors from chickens, chicken manure, or other chicken related substances must not be perceptible beyond the boundaries of the permitted tract of land. Noise from chickens must not be loud enough beyond the boundaries of the tract of land to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity.

# 32.06.13: NUISANCE PROHIBITED

Notwithstanding complete compliance with the requirements of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any chickens in such a manner as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of private property by residents and domestic animals, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of public property by persons within the community, or which in any manner constitutes a nuisance to others. Public nuisances under this Section shall be subject to the Code Enforcement provision of Title 36 of City Ordinances or may be abated in accordance with the provisions in Title 12, Title 18, and state law. If a chicken enclosure, or the chickens themselves, are found to be a nuisance, the chicken keeper must appropriately relocate all chickens, dismantle, and remove all chicken enclosures, coops, and related materials. Any disposal of chickens or chicken related expenses are at the chicken keeper's expense. Any required removal must be completed within a maximum of 30 days of a final determination that a nuisance exists.

# 32.06.14: UNLAWFUL ACTS

Notwithstanding complete compliance with the requirements of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- 1. Keep chickens in violation of any provision of this chapter or any other provision of the Sturgis Municipal Code;
- 2. Keep chickens inside a residence or dwelling;

- 3. Slaughter any chickens within the City of Sturgis;
- 4. Keep a rooster;
- 5. Allow chickens to trespass on adjacent tracts of land;
- 6. Release or set free chickens in any public area, public property, park, or any other property within the City of Sturgis without the property owner's permission.

# 32.06.15: CITY NOT LIABLE

The City shall not be liable for any damage to chickens, enclosures, coops, or any chicken keeping operations resulting from the City's use of spray to kill pests or weeds, or other legal use of the same, on public rights-of-way, public property, city property or in other approved areas.

## 32.06.16: LIABILITY

The owner of the property upon which the chickens are located and the owner of the chickens on the property shall share equally in the responsibility to ensure the chicken keeping operation, including but not limited to, care of the chickens, enclosure, and coop, is maintained in an acceptable manner. The responsibility described herein shall include payment for any damages suffered by a third party. Compliance with all applicable state statutes and rules shall be evidence of such compliance.

## **32.06.17: PENALTIES**

Any violation of this chapter is subject to the Penalty and Enforcement sections of this title. The City may utilize any action available under the law to address violations of this chapter, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Any person violating this chapter shall be subject to the general penalty provision of SDCL 22-6-2. In addition, the City may seek to enjoin the actions of any person or operation which violate the provisions of this chapter.
- B. The City may enforce penalties for violation of this chapter under the provision of Title 12 and 36, of Sturgis City Ordinances.
- C. If there is an immediate threat to public safety as a result of any violation of this chapter, the City shall have the authority to remove or relocate the chickens which are the source of the threat. In addition, where such a threat to public safety exists, the City may direct and require the chicken keeper to destroy and/or relocate said chicken operation at the chicken keeper's expense. In a public health emergency declared by a county, state, or federal health department, including but not limited to an outbreak of Avian Flu or West Nile virus, immediate corrective action may be required in accordance with applicable public health regulations and procedures, and in conjunction with Animal Control.

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