

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2003

TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2-118

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-118 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING, 1979, TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL FEE TO KEEP AND MAINTAIN MORE THAN THREE DOGS AND/OR CATS IN COMBINATION AT A LOCATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING, that:

SECTION 1: The provisions of Section 2-118 of Chapter 1, Title 2 of the Code of the Town of Moorcroft, Wyoming, 1979 shall be, and the same hereby are amended to read in complete form as follows:

**“2-118 – FEE FOR KEEPING MORE THAN THREE DOGS AND/OR CATS**

- (a) For the purposes of this Section the term “animal(s)” shall mean dogs and cats.
- (b) Any person(s), whether or not the owner(s) who keeps, maintains or harbors more than three (3) animals over the age of six (6) months at any one (1) location, premise or property within the Town shall obtain from the Town Clerk a permit to do so and pay to the Town Clerk the required fee as provided in subsection (c) of this Section.
- (c) A permit must be obtained for each animal required to be permitted in this Section. The fee for each such permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) animal and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each additional animal and such permit shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance. Permits are not transferable from one (1) animal to another animal, and no full or partial refunds shall be made of any permit fee because of death of the permitted animal or removal of the permitted animal from the permitted location, premise or property.
- (d) A permit under this Section shall not be issued by the Town Clerk for any animal which is not properly licensed under Sections 2-109 through 2-111 of this Code. All permits issued shall contain specific identifying information about the permitted animal, including the animal’s age, breed, color and gender; and shall contain the address or other description of the location, premise or property at which that animal is permitted.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, it is not necessary to obtain more than one (1) permit per animal for a specific location,

premise or property regardless of whether more than one (1) person keeps, maintains or harbors such animal at said location, premise or property.

(f) Prior to the commencement of any prosecution under this Section, the person(s) who keeps, maintains or harbors more than three (3) animals over the age of six (6) months and any one (1) location, premise or property shall be notified by the Town in person or by mail of the requirements of this Section at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of prosecution. If the person(s) complies with the requirements of this Section within the thirty (30) days, no prosecution shall be commenced. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Town shall not be required to notify a person(s) of this Section if such person(s) has previously been notified.

(g) Failure to obtain the permit required in this Section constitutes a misdemeanor and is punishable under Section 2-119 of this Code.

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall become effective after passage and upon publication as provided by law, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed on first reading: November 10, 2003

Passed second reading: November 24, 2003

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on third reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

TOWN OF MOORCROFT

s/Barbara A. Jeffres

Barbara A. Jeffres

Mayor

Attest:

s/Carolyn M. Holberg

Carolyn M. Holberg

Town Clerk/Treasurer

### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Carolyn M. Holberg, Town Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Moorcroft, Wyoming, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 13-2003 was published in the Moorcroft Leader, Moorcroft, Wyoming on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

s/Carolyn M. Holberg

Carolyn M. Holberg

Town Clerk/Treasurer