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A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RUNNING AT LARGE
OF DOGS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHIN
THREE (3) MILES OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE,
WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, A NUISANCE,
PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SUCH DECLARATION
AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS the County has been granted certain authority under Wyoming Statutes, §11-31-301, 1977, as amended, to regulate dogs running at large and;

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners desires to implement provisions of such statute;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weston County, Wyoming, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares that the running at large of dogs, as that term is defined in Paragraph 2 of this Resolution, in the unincorporated areas of Weston County within three (3) miles of the corporate limits of the City of Newcastle, is a public nuisance and is unlawful.

2. For the purpose of this Resolution, "running at large" shall refer to a dog, the owner or custodian of which has failed to keep it under control at all times by one of the following methods:

- a) The dog shall be kept on a leash.
- b) The dog shall be kept inside a fence of adequate construction to prevent its escape.
- c) The dog shall be tied to a stationary object in such a manner that the dog cannot leave the owner's property.
- d) The dog shall be kept indoors.

3. It is not an element of the offense of "dog running at large" that the owner or custodian of the dog directed or permitted the dog to run at large. The mere fact that a dog is running at large, as that term is defined herein, imposes criminal liability on the owner or

custodian of the dog.

4. A fine shall be imposed on the owner or custodian of any dog found to have been running at large. A first conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each subsequent conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

5. Any dog found in an unincorporated area of the County, within three (3) miles of the corporate limits of the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, whose ownership cannot be determined within three (3) days, may be destroyed by the county sheriff after such three-day period.

6. This Resolution may be enforced by issuance of a citation by a peace officer, or by other means as provided by law.

7. Notice of this declaration shall be published in the Newsletter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming, a newspaper of general circulation within the county, once a week for two (2) weeks.

8. This Resolution shall be effective from and after the date of the second publication as above provided.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 1984.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

by: Dean R. Materi
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ATTEST:

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Evelyn Zingery, County Clerk