

**TOWN OF BERTHOUD  
ORDINANCE NO. 1232**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 18.5-1 OF THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ANIMALS AT LARGE AND DOGS IN PUBLIC SPACES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Berthoud Municipal Code provides regulations regarding animals and animals at large; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Berthoud Municipal Code does not currently require animals to be leashed in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Berthoud desires the Berthoud Municipal Code to require animal keepers to leash animals in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires that the Municipal Code allow animal keepers to enjoy public spaces with their animals unleashed under certain circumstances; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD, COLORADO, THAT:

1. Section 18.5-1 of the Town of Berthoud Municipal Code is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

**18.5-1 Animal at Large**

(A). All animals, except domestic cats, shall be kept under leash control by the keeper of the animal when not on the property of the owner. A solid leash shall be no more than six (6) feet in length or a retractable leash and shall be of sufficient strength to safely control the animal, regardless of the type of leash.

(B). No keeper of such animals shall permit the animal to run at large within the Town. If any animal is found at large in any place within the Town other than upon the premises of its keeper or within designated off-leash areas, the keeper is presumed to have violated this Section.

(C). While within designated off-leash areas, any animal shall be within sight and command control of its keeper at all times if not under leash control. The keeper shall remain responsible for such animal if it comes into contact with any other person or animal and regardless of

(D). Designated areas that do not require animals to be leashed at all times shall be set by resolution of the Town Board and may be changed from time to time as deemed necessary. An exception shall be allowed for animals engaged in retrieval games as long as the animal is within sight and under command control at all times of the keeper. When not actively retrieving, the animal shall immediately be placed back onto the leash.

(E). No animal shall be tied unattended upon public property or tied in any fashion that would interfere with the public or pedestrian traffic

(F).The keeper of an animal shall be responsible for picking up and disposing of any waste left by the animal(s). Failure to do so shall be a violation of Berthoud Ordinance 18.5-5.

(G). Exclusions. Except for part (F), above, this Section shall not apply to Service animals accompanied by their keeper, nor dogs participating in dog shows, dog exhibits or dog training activities to the extent that such shows, exhibits and activities are conducted in compliance with the requirements of this Code.

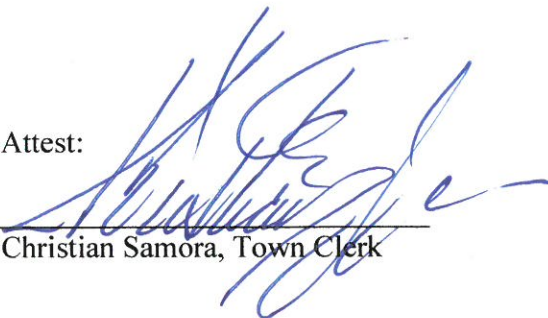
The Town Board finds and concludes that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, welfare, safety and economic well-being of the TOWN OF BERTHOUD, and shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Board of Trustees.

**INTRODUCED, READ and PASSED unanimously this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.**

Town of Berthoud

  
Steve Mulvihill, Mayor

Attest:

  
Christian Samora, Town Clerk

