

TOWN OF MAYFIELD, UTAH
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 6.04 OF THE MAYFIELD TOWN MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, UPDATE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED, AND REPLACE THE EXISTING VICIOUS DOG PROVISIONS WITH A DANGEROUS DOG REGULATION.

WHEREAS, Mayfield Town has adopted regulations governing the control and care of animals within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it necessary to clarify enforcement authority, correct certain technical provisions, and establish regulations concerning dangerous dogs in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amendment to §6.04.160 – Definitions.

The definition of “At Large” in §6.04.160 is hereby amended to read:

“At Large” means a dog that is off the premises of its owner and not under the immediate physical control of a responsible person by means of a leash, chain, cord, or similar restraint.

The definition of “Vicious Dog” is hereby removed and replaced with the following:

“Dangerous Dog” means any dog that, without provocation:

1. Bites or attacks a person causing injury;
2. Attacks or kills a domestic animal while off the owner’s property; or
3. Has demonstrated a known propensity to attack or cause injury to persons or animals.

SECTION 2. Amendment to §6.04.170(G) – Number of Dogs Allowed.

§6.04.170(G) is hereby amended to read:

No person shall own, keep, or harbor more than three dogs over the age of three months on any property within the limits of Mayfield Town unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Town authorities.

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. New Section Added – Enforcement and Citations.

A new section is added to Chapter 6.04 to read:

§6.04.325 Enforcement and Citations

A. The poundmaster, animal control officer, any peace officer of the Town, or any other person designated by the Town Council is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

B. Authorized officials may issue citations for violations of this chapter.

C. Violations may be prosecuted as infractions unless otherwise specified by ordinance or state law.

D. An enforcement officer may issue a written warning in lieu of a citation for a first offense when appropriate.

E. Issuance of a citation does not prevent the Town from pursuing other remedies authorized by law including impoundment or court prosecution.

SECTION 4. Replacement of §6.04.250 – Dangerous Dogs.

§6.04.250 is repealed and replaced with the following:

§6.04.250 Dangerous Dogs

A. Definition.

A dangerous dog is any dog that, without provocation:

1. Bites or attacks a person causing injury;
2. Attacks or kills another domestic animal while off the owner's property; or
3. Demonstrates a known propensity to attack or cause injury to persons or animals.

B. Investigation.

The poundmaster, animal control officer, or any peace officer may investigate incidents involving dog attacks and determine whether a dog meets the definition of a dangerous dog.

C. Owner Responsibilities.

The owner of a dog declared dangerous shall:

1. Keep the dog securely confined indoors or within a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure designed to prevent the dog from escaping and to prevent entry of young children.
2. Ensure the dog is restrained by leash and under the control of a responsible person whenever outside the enclosure.

3. Maintain current rabies vaccination for the dog.
4. Post clearly visible warning signs on the property indicating the presence of a dangerous dog.

D. Violations.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this section constitutes a violation of this chapter and may result in citation, impoundment, or other enforcement action permitted by law.

E. Severe Attack.

If a dangerous dog causes serious bodily injury or death to a person, the Town may seek a court order for removal or destruction of the dog as permitted by law.

SECTION 5. Fines.

Violations of this chapter may be subject to fines established by resolution of the Mayfield Town Council.

SECTION 6. Severability.

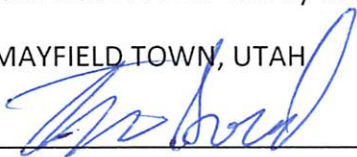
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayfield Town Council this 8 day of April, 2026.

MAYFIELD TOWN, UTAH




 Travis Good, Mayor

Council Vote:

- Yes No – Jack Wilber
- Yes No – Catherine Medler *absent*
- Yes No – Keston Christiansen
- Yes No – Mitzi Fuller
- Yes No – Travis Good

ATTEST:



 Amanda Bennett, Town Clerk/Recorder



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Ordinance No.: 2026-3

Title/Subject: Animal Control amendments

Date of Adoption by Town Council: 4-8-26

I, Amanda Bennett, the duly appointed and acting Town Clerk/Recorder for Mayfield Town, Sanpete County, Utah, do hereby certify that the above-referenced ordinance was passed and adopted by the Mayfield Town Council on the date indicated above, and that a copy of said ordinance was:

Posted on the Utah Public Notice Website (www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html)

Posted at the following public places:

- Town Hall
- Message Board
- Mayfield website

This posting/publication was completed on the 14 day of April, 2026 in accordance with the requirements set forth in Utah Code Title 10, including § 10-3-711 and § 10-3-713.

DATED this 14 day of April, 2026

A Bennett
Town Clerk/Recorder
Mayfield Town, Utah