

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK COOPERATELY WITH THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TO MANAGE THE URBAN MULE DEER POPULATION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF RAWLINS IN THE MOST HUMANE, SAFE AND ECONOMICALLY VIABLE MANNER.

WHEREAS, The City of Rawlins is established in the high desert of south central Wyoming which affords an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and general outdoor activities. With these opportunities comes a great responsibility to be good stewards of the wildlife with which we co-exist that flourish in our community year round; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rawlins will always value the life of a human over the life of an animal in the performance of their job duties and responsibilities, recognizing specific species or unique hazards associated with the urban deer population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rawlins recognizes the need to cooperatively manage the urban deer population within the City of Rawlins with the assistance of Wyoming Game and Fish, to ensure a healthy balance between citizens and the deer population; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the City of Rawlins has received numerous complaints concerning deer destroying personal property, injuring or killing family pets, showing signs of aggression towards humans, and increased reports of vehicle versus deer collisions; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has provided information concerning the various illnesses, disease, and overall health of the urban deer population residing in Rawlins. Additionally the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has determined that relocation of the urban deer population is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized the citizens of Rawlins health and safety may be compromised by the presence of natural predators attracted to deer in the city limits of Rawlins, and

WHEREAS, City of Rawlins staff may apply annually for a Wyoming Game and Fish Chapter 56 permit to provide clear guidelines and procedures to effectively manage the urban deer population in the most humane, safe and economically viable manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rawlins will not be held responsible for damage to private property as a result of nuisance wildlife regardless of the origin of the wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rawlins Police Chief will oversee the deer management plan in cooperation with a committee consisting of City of Rawlins Staff, Wyoming Game and Fish Personnel and two citizens appointed by the governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Rawlins City Council will adopt the City of Rawlins Deer Management plan.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May 2019.

City of Rawlins, a Wyoming
municipal corporation

Steven S. Nicholson Mayor

ATTEST:

Marla K. Brown, City Clerk