

CITY OF THREE FORKS, MONTANA

ORDINANCE NO. 412-2025

**AMENDING TITLE 6 POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 4 ANIMAL CONTROL,
ARTICLE A: DOGS, OF THE THREE FORKS CODE TO REDUCE THE DISTANCE
OF REQUIRED NEIGHBOR NOTICE IN 6-4A-3.2.A FROM 300-FEET TO 150-FEET**

WHEREAS, the Council amended what used to be called a “kennel license” in Title 6, Chapter 4, Article A in February 2024, via Ordinance #402-2024 and referred to the new permit as an “additional dog license”.

WHEREAS, the revision in Ordinance #402-2024 stated neighbors within 300-feet of the property applying for the additional dog permit would be notified.

WHEREAS, since March 14, 2024, when Ordinance #402-2024 became law, there have been three applications. During notice to the neighbors, staff felt it excessive to notify properties up to 3 blocks away compared to certain Zoning Permits which only require notice of 150-feet. There was no public comment at any of the three Additional Dog Permit hearings.

WHEREAS, at the public hearing for the most recent Additional Dog Permit application, staff asked the Council if it would be amenable to reducing the required notice from 300-feet to 150-feet. The Council agreed.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §7-1-4127 and -4131, MCA the City Clerk published notice for the first reading of this ordinance in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle on 9/30/2025, in the Belgrade News on 9/25/2025, and in the Three Forks Voice on 10/1/2025, as well as posted on the City’s Facebook page, website, and around town at various physical locations as is City policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Three Forks City Council, that Title 6, Chapter 4A, Section 3 is amended as follows:

TITLE 6, CHAPTER 4A, SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL DOG(S) PERMIT:

A. Limit On Number Of Dogs; Application And Hearing:

1. *(same as current)*
2. *(same as current)*
 - a) Said application fee will be used to cover the costs of staff to create and mail notice to the property owners within one-hundred-fifty feet (150-feet), excluding streets and alleys, in any direction from the applicant’s property, of the hearing scheduled before the city council to decide on the Additional Dog Permit application. This fee is nonrefundable.

SAVE AND EXCEPT for the amendments described herein, the remaining provisions of this Title, Chapter and Section are hereby confirmed and ratified as adopted.

1st Reading and Approval: DATED this 14th day of October 2025.

Mayor Randy Johnston

Attest: Crystal Turner, City Clerk

2nd Reading and Approval: DATED this _____ day of November 2025.

Mayor Randy Johnston

Attest: Crystal Turner, City Clerk