



Agenda Item: Original Ordinance, Second Reading

Title: ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 2059, ADDING LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.54 CREATING THE RANCH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Recommended Motion:

Move To Approve Original Ordinance Number 2059 on Second Reading, Adding Laramie Municipal Code Section 2.54 Creating the Ranch Advisory Commission.

POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS to MAIN MOTION:

- A. *Move to amend Section 2.54.040 – Membership to state:
The Ranch Advisory Commission shall consist of five (5) members, all appointed by City Council, as follows:*
 - One (1) City Council Member, Non-Voting Liaison
 - Five (5) At Large Voting Members Residing within the City Limits

- B. *Move to amend Section 2.54.040 – Membership to state:
The Ranch Advisory Commission shall consist of five (5) members, all appointed by City Council, as follows:*
 - One (1) City Council Member, Voting Member
 - Four (4) At Large Voting Members Residing within the City Limits.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Admin Goal - Make Ranch Advisory Commission permanent with the City’s citizen board and commission structure.

2023 Goal 5.D – Continue to explore community uses and conservation opportunities on the City’s Bath and Monolith ranch properties.

Background:

The proposed ordinance would make the Ranch Advisory Commission (RAC) a permanent citizen advisory group. RAC was originally formed as an ad hoc committee by resolution in 2008 and the need for and value of this advisory body has been clearly established with respect to the Monolith ranch property. With the newly acquired Bath ranch property being integrated into the City’s agricultural and water right portfolio, the scope of the Commission’s work is expanded and staff recommend making this Commission permanent by enactment of this ordinance.

Of Note: RAC Membership - The draft ordinance contemplates continuing the RAC as a 7-member body with one voting Council Member and six at-large resident members. Staff believe there is a

historical case to be made for streamlining the future, permanent RAC into to a five- or four-person body and would ask that Council consider streamlining membership of the Commission and possible amendments have been provided in the event Council chooses to do so.

Of Note: Bylaws – Bylaws have been drafted and will be adopted by Resolution as a companion item to Third and Final Reading of the ordinance.

Responsible Staff:

City Manager