

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO.: 2059
ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO.:

INTRODUCED BY: PEARCE

AN ORDINANCE ADDING LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.54 CREATING THE RANCH
ADVISORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, City Council created an Ad Hoc Ranch Advisory Committee (RAC) with Resolution 2008-83 on November 05, 2008, to evaluate grazing management on the Monolith Ranch but as a temporary committee;

WHEREAS, the Ranch Advisory Committee has remained in existence since 2008;

WHEREAS, sound agricultural and public use practices are necessary to protect and increase water rights associated with City-owned ranches and to generally protect and manage the properties for the benefit of the residents of the City of Laramie.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE:

Section 1: That Laramie Municipal Code 2.54 shall be added as follows:

Chapter 2.54 – Ranch Advisory Commission

2.54.010 – Ranch Advisory Commission created.

A Ranch Advisory Commission is created and shall exist until dissolved by the City Council.

2.54.020 – Operation – By-laws

The operations of the Ranch Advisory Commission shall be governed with by-laws approved by the City Council and adopted by resolution.

2.54.030 – Purpose and responsibilities – Generally.

That the role and responsibilities of the commission shall be to advise and issue periodic reports to City Council regarding:

1. Identification and protection of all ranch water rights and cost-effective actions to more efficiently manage ranch operations;
2. Information gathered from advocacy groups, experts and the public relating to ranching operations and public use;
3. Range and habitat conditions on the ranches and suggestions for improving ranch operations;
4. Other duties or assignments as directed by City Council or requested by City staff related to overall management of the ranches.

2.54.040 – Membership

The Ranch Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7) members as follows, all appointed by City Council:

- One (1) City Council Member
- Six (6) At Large Members Residing within the City Limits.

2.54.050 - Terms

The City Council member shall serve a term specified by City Council. At Large members of the commission shall serve a term of three (3) years ending on October 31st of each year with staggered terms.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on upon passage and publication.

Passed and approved this ____ day of __ 2023.

Brian Harrington, Mayor and President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City Clerk

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Third Reading and Final Action: May 2, 2023

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