

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 22-001**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 “PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE”, CHAPTER 9.08 “OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND DECENCY”, REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 9.08.140 “DISORDERLY HOUSES” OF THE RIVERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Section 1.** 9.08.140 “Disorderly houses.” is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

**9.08.140 Disorderly house or business.**

- A. Definitions. For purposes of this section a disorderly house or business is defined as any inn, property, residence, unit, apartment, tenement, business, building, place, complex, dwelling, business, location, or house in or upon which any of the following activities take place, unmitigated, as herein provided, to wit:
1. Prostitution;
  2. Illegal gambling;
  3. Fighting;
  4. Sale, consumption, or disposition of liquor or controlled substances contrary to law;
  5. Drunkenness;
  6. Disorderly conduct;
  7. Where lewd or disorderly persons assemble for indecent or unlawful purposes;
  8. Any other repeated illegal activities.
- B. Knowledge of a disorderly house shall be established by written notification from the chief of police to the premises or business owner, or manager thereof. Upon receipt of notice from the chief of police the said owner or manager shall initiate and implement reasonable actions against the tenant, occupant, patron or guest to abate the activities.
1. Provided however that:
    - a. Two such notifications within a thirty (30) day period are required for any inn, property, residence, unit, apartment, tenement, business, building, place, complex, dwelling, business, location, or house.
    - b. A violation of the prohibited activities shall be established by the police department being dispatched to the location and a citation issued for one of the above prohibited activities
- C. It is unlawful for any owner, landlord, property manager, business or manager of a business to knowingly keep or allow any of the above activities in or upon any inn, property, residence, unit, apartment, tenement, business, building, place, complex, dwelling, location or house after receipt of a notification of the same as provided above, without taking reasonable abatement actions.
- D. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$750.00 per violation.

**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect from its adoption and publication as required by law and the ordinances of the City of Riverton.

PASSED ON FIRST READING                      January 18, 2022

PASSED ON SECOND READING                      February 1, 2022

PASSED ON THIRD READING                      \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard P. Gard  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kristin S. Watson  
City Clerk/Human Resource Director

ATTESTATION

I, Kristin S. Watson, Clerk of the City of Riverton, attest that Ordinance No. 22-001 was passed, adopted, and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Riverton on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022. I further certify that the above proclamation ran at least once in the Riverton Ranger, a newspaper of general circulation within Riverton, Wyoming, the effective date of publication, and therefore the effective date of enactment being \_\_\_\_\_..

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Kristin S. Watson  
City Clerk/Human Resource Director