

## CITY OF CROUCH ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROUCH, IDAHO, PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE OFF THE PREMISES OF THE OWNER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROUCH; PROVIDING INFRACTION AND MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City is a municipal corporation of the State of Idaho authorized by Idaho Code § 50-302 to adopt ordinances to maintain the peace, good government and welfare of the corporation and its trade, commerce and industry; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by Idaho Code § 50-319 to regulate the running at large of domesticated animals and to establish and enforce rules governing the same; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that dogs running at large, off leash, and out of the control of the owner or responsible party have become a nuisance within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROUCH, IDAHO as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That this Ordinance shall be known as the City of Crouch Leash Law.

**SECTION 2:** Definitions: For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings shown below:

**Owner:** Any person or persons keeping, harboring, possessing, caring for, or having any custodial duties over any animal.

**At Large:** Any animal that is off the premises of the owner and not secured by leash or in a motor vehicle; or on any private property without permission of the person who owns or has a right to possess or use the property; or unrestrained by a leash on public property, unless expressly permitted by law; or unrestrained by a leash on private property without the consent of the property owner.

**SECTION 3: Prohibitions:** It shall be unlawful for the owner or responsible party of any dog to allow it to run at large within the City.

1. It is the responsibility of the owner or responsible party to have control of the dog at all times when on a leash.
2. If the animal is not on the owner's or responsible party's property it must be controlled by a leash or restricting device at all times.

**SECTION 4: Violations; Penalties:**

1. No damage to private property or injury to person or other animal caused by the at-large dog: A first offense violation of Section 2 above, shall be an infraction, punishable by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), exclusive of court costs. Second and subsequent

offenses shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and no jail may be imposed.

2. With damage to private property or injury to a person or other animal caused by the at-large dog: A first offense violation of Section 2 above, shall be a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars exclusive of court costs, plus any restitution to the owner of the damaged property or the person so injured, and no jail time may be imposed. A second or subsequent violation of Section 2 above, shall be a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars exclusive of court costs, plus any restitution to the owner of the damaged property or the person so injured, and a maximum of three months imprisonment in the county jail.

**SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY:**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the Crouch hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

**SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication. In lieu of publication of the entire ordinance, a summary of this ordinance may be published in compliance with Section 50-901, Idaho Code.

**SECTION 7:** All previous ordinances, resolutions, orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, rescinded and annulled.



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Trevor Schefelbein, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonnie Horsewood, City Clerk/Treasurer