TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO ORDINANCE NO. 859 b

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 6, OF THE MEAD MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO THE SURRENDER OF DOGS OR CATS FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the keeping of animals within the Town boundaries is regulated under the general police powers granted to the Town by the state legislature in C.R.S. 31-15-401 (1) (m) (I); and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted certain regulations governing the licensing and keeping of dogs and cats as mandated by C.R.S. 31-15-401 (1) (m) (I); and

WHEREAS, the Town has contracted with the Longmont Humane Society, to serve as its animal shelter and impoundment facility; and

WHEREAS, individuals owning dogs or cats, who are unable to provide for the proper health, safety and welfare of the animals, may choose to surrender those animals for adoption through the Longmont Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, residents from the Town surrendering animals are charged a "surrender fee" of \$40.00 by the Humane Society for each animal surrendered; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that charging the resident an additional \$50.00 surrender fee, as provided by Sec. 7-6-345 of the *Mead Municipal Code*, is counterproductive and tends to result in an increase in the number of abandoned pets;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, Weld County, Colorado, that:

- Section 1. Sec. 7-6-345 of the *Mead Municipal Code*, is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided by law.
- Section 3. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase is declared invalid.
- **Section 4. Repealer.** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.
- Section 5. Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than one copy of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular

business hours.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF February, 2018.

ATTEST:

By Mary E. Strutt, CMC, Town Ckerk.

TOWN OF MEAD

Gary R. Shields, Mayor