

Bridgerland Village Homeowners Association

Garden City Utah

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Dear Homeowners,

This is to remind all BVHA dog owners, and guests, of their responsibility as community members to respect others in the community and follow the laws as described below. There have been complaints and observations of dogs barking for long periods late at night, dogs not on leashes, dogs at large, dogs leaving messes on other owner's property, and dogs chasing wildlife. All of which are violations of either Garden City Ordinance, State Statute, or BVHA Rule.

Garden City 12-201 defines a public nuisance as, in part, any animal or animals which are repeatedly at large, or barks, whines, or howls in an excessive, continuous or untimely fashion.

Garden City 12-204 requires all dogs to be kept under restraint and 12-201 defines restraint as any animal secured by a leash or lead, and under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that person's commands, or within the real property limits of its keeper.

Garden City 12-204 also states that "No keeper shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance." So those of you allowing your dogs to roam free and mess up other owner's lawns or even the roadway where people walk and potentially chase wildlife, or those of you allowing your dogs to bark for long periods of time especially at night are in violation based on the above definition of public nuisance in 12-201.

Utah Code 18-1-3 allows any person to injure or kill a dog while that dog is attacking, chasing or worrying any species of hoofed protected wildlife. Dogs have been observed chasing wildlife and were not killed but could have, and should have been. If you are allowing your dogs to roam free at large, or uncontrolled, it may be assumed that they are chasing wildlife. If someone were to take an action against that dog, for that reason, you would have no basis to counter their claims.

These laws are in place to help maintain all that is special about Bridgerland Village; a peaceful, quiet place where we coexist with wildlife, and respect our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Bridgerland Village Homeowners Association Board