

## Feel free to deposit your trash at Bicycle Station\*

With the latest example of incompetent legal advice, the City of Cheyenne governing body opened up all of its members who maintain places of business to the unwelcome and unsolicited prospect of becoming a depository for trash.

Ordinance No. 3769 also requires business owners like Patrick Collins, Tom Segrave, Jack Spiker, Mark Rinne and Jim Brown to keep the interior of their places of business "clean." (*Exact wording of the Ordinance is in the box below. Caps are theirs, not the Herald's.*)

Shopping centers and grocery stores will now be required to provide receptacles large enough to hold their customers and ANY OTHER PERSON ON THE PREMISES' waste. Their dumpsters can no longer be marked "For Center Use Only," or "For Store Use Only." They must provide them for anyone's use that wants to dump trash into them.

The Ordinance has no provision for deliberately taking trash to a "store" or "other place of business" solely to deposit trash. And the way this Ordinance reads, the

### Section 8.44.030 General regulations.

C. The owners or occupants of any store or other place of business situated within the city will exercise reasonable diligence at all times to keep their premises clean of refuse, such as wastepaper, wrapping paper, paper napkins, cartons, package containers, GLASS BOTTLES, BROKEN GLASS FRAGMENTS, PAPER CUPS, STYROFOAM CUPS, CANS, TOBACCO PRODUCT WASTE, and other used or waste materials thrown or left on premises by its customers OR ANY OTHER PERSON, and to take reasonable measures to prevent same from drifting or blowing to adjoining premises. Receptacles of sufficient size and number must be placed on the premises, accessible to the customers of the business OR ANY OTHER PERSON ON THE PREMISES, for disposal of waste. Customers OR ANY OTHER PERSON shall dispose of refuse on the business property, except in receptacles provided for such purposes.

Stores are easy to define. Target, Kmart and Wal-Mart are stores. Walgreen's, Murdoch's and Daylight Donuts are stores. Lowe's, Home Depot and Sutherlands are stores. A store can be restaurant, bar or any place that sells products or services to a customer.

The city was careful not to leave any "business" exempt from this Ordinance. The use of capitalization makes it clear they wanted to include not only owners, managers and customers but also employees - or at Wal-Mart, associates.

"Other place of business" will include Wiederspahn's funeral home, Morandin and Tilton cement places, Gill Window, Halladay, Spradley and Tyrrell Doyle, the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle, Pioneer Printing, all the real estate offices and sales offices, used car lots, the post office, Cole Shopping Center as well as individual tenants, Frontier Mall, Cheyenne Plaza, Wyoming Plaza, all attorneys offices - and Frontier Refinery. What about churches? Pointe Frontier, Mountain Towers, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center?

proprietor cannot refuse your trash - both you and they are required to deposit it "in receptacles provided for such purposes."

Ya think this one was well thought-out?

Nah. Me neither.

Let's use Gill Windows as an example. First, the private offices of the owners, salesmen and others must be "clean of refuse" at all times. Production waste materials that are thrown on the floor cannot remain there beyond a reasonable period of time or the mayor will be required (**Section 8.04.010**) to enforce "all the provisions of this code."

Under **Section 8.44.080**, persons violating the provisions of this chapter are subject to "a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and costs, or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months (**Section 1.24.010**).

This one sets a new low for Mike Basom.

\* Certain conditions do apply. See box above.

## The 'Birds short show



Beginning near the end of March in Arizona, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds put on their 23rd air show of 2007 over the Cheyenne area on Wednesday, July 25th.

They began 2007 with 14 air shows in the skies over the United States, then went overseas where they performed over eight countries - Ireland, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Bulgaria, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom before returning stateside for the demonstration in Cheyenne. After Cheyenne, they are scheduled for 16 more U.S. air shows in 2007, including one in Hawaii.

CFD's major attraction, the Thunderbirds, thrill audiences of all ages. This year, they arrived in Cheyenne on Sunday, July 22 and took to the air that day and others before the show on Wednesday.

As popular as they are, a common question this year was why the show was so brief. To close city streets on days of practice AND the day of the show, some residents are of the opinion that the inconvenience has become disproportional to the attraction. Was it cost of fuel? Or the need to practice? They had been off ten days from the UK to Wyo., their longest break.

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