Coyotes are well adapted to living in cities. They are naturally wary, but if they become too comfortable with people they may act aggressively.

**Tips for coexisting with coyotes:**

**NEVER FEED COYOTES**
- Feeding coyotes encourages them to approach people and puts your community at risk
- Prevent coyotes from accessing garbage or pet food

**INCREASE PET SAFETY**
- Keep pets closely supervised and restrained
- Never let dogs interact with coyotes

**PREVENT ENCOUNTERS**
- Avoid walking between dusk and dawn
- Be aware of your surroundings and carry deterrents such as a whistle, rattler (pebbles in a canister) and walking stick
- Try to vary your walking routine and walk in areas with lots of human activity

**IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE**
- Stop, remain calm and assess your situation
- Pick up small children and pets; larger pets must be restrained
- Don’t run – you may cause a chase
- Slowly back away, but don’t turn your back on the coyote
- If the coyote approaches you or your pet: act big, make loud noises, use deterrents, be aggressive, fight back
- Report any incident where a coyote approaches a person; call 204-945-5221 or the 24-hour TIP line at 1-800-782-0076