

ORDINANCE NO. 615

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF TITLE V OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Animas has adopted various ordinances relating to the control of dogs; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City Council has made determinations as to the proper fees associated with the control of dogs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of amending certain provisions that relate to the Municipal Code;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO:

SECTION 1. That Section 5-22 of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Animas is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That a new Section 5-22 is enacted as follows:

Section 5-22. Redemption of impounded dogs; destruction of unclaimed impounded dogs. Impounded dogs may be redeemed by the owners upon presentation of evidence that a license has been obtained for such dog and the payment of all costs and charges incurred by the City for impounding and maintenance of such dog has been made. Owners of dogs impounded for not having or wearing a license tag or disc shall have three to five days from the date of impoundment in which to redeem such dog from the city animal shelter. Dogs unclaimed five days after impoundment shall be disposed of by the police or code enforcement officer in a humane manner. Any costs or fees to be imposed under this section shall be determined by resolution of the City Council and may be changed from time to time as the Council so determines.

SECTION 3. That Section 5-23 is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 4. That a new Section 5-23 is enacted as follows:

Section 5-23. Confinement after biting person. Any dog, licensed or unlicensed, which bites a person severely enough to result in a rupture of or breaking of the bitten person's skin shall be impounded and confined in an isolation unit of the city animal shelter or in a veterinary hospital for a period of not less than ten days and for such longer period as the health department or city health officer shall direct for observation. If clinical symptoms of rabies does not develop within such observation period, the dog may be redeemed by its owner and returned to the owner upon evidence of payment of a redemption fee plus such reasonable additional costs and charges as may be made for the animal's care during the observation period. Any costs or fees to be imposed under this section shall be determined by resolution of the City

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Council and may be changed from time to time as the Council determines.

SECTION 5. That Section 5-20 is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 6. That a new Section 5-20 is enacted as follows:

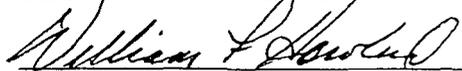
Section 5-20. License. Any person who owns, possesses, or harbors a dog of more than six months of age within the city shall obtain a license for such dog from the office of the city clerk. Such license shall be renewable biannually. For each male dog that has been neutered and for each female dog that has been spayed, the owner of such dog shall pay and the city clerk shall collect a fee. For each male dog that has not been neutered and female dog that has not been spayed, the owner of such shall pay and the city clerk shall collect a fee. All dog licenses issued thereunder shall expire two years from the date of issue. Before issuing such licenses, the city clerk shall require and the applicant shall present to the city clerk a certificate of vaccination issued by a qualified veterinarian showing that the animal has been vaccinated for rabies and designating the termination date of the immunization, which date shall extend beyond the period for which such license is issued. In addition to the certificate of vaccination for rabies, owners of spayed females and neutered males shall presented to the city clerk a certificate from a licensed veterinarian that such animal has been spayed or neutered. Upon payment of the fee established by resolution of the City Council, the city clerk shall issue to the owner of such dog a receipt reciting the owner's name, a description of the dog licensed, and the number of the licensed issued for such animal, a tag bearing the year of expiration with that mentioned in the receipt. The owner of each licensed dog shall provide the dog with a harness or collar which shall be worn by the dog and to which such license tag shall be attached. Any costs or fees to be imposed under this section shall be determined by resolution of the City Council and may be changed from time to time as the Council determines.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective on September 1, 1999.

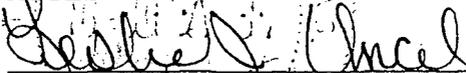
ADOPTED on first reading this 13th day of July, 1999.

PASSED on second reading this 10th day of August, 1999.

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS

  
William F. Howland, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Leslie J. Uncel, City Clerk

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