Phillips County Dog Control Resolution

WHEREAS, authority for control of dogs or other pet animals at all times is granted to the Board of County Commissioners in Section 30-15-201 of the Colorado Revised Statutes;

WHEREAS, dog control in and around the community of Amherst has affected the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizen in that community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners adopts the following Dog Control Resolution:

SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this regulation to impose restrictions for the control of dogs found running at large. It is the intent of this regulation to require dog owners to maintain control of their animals.

SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS

As used in this regulation, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

A. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not within a vehicle or other confinement, or not accompanied by and under the immediate control of the owner, keeper, some member of the owner's immediate family or some employee or agent of the owner, either by leash, cord, chain, or "at heel" to such accompanying person.

B. "Owner" means person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.

SECTION 3.0 CONFINEMENT REQUIRED

A. No dog shall be allowed to run at-large upon the premises of another within the community of Amherst, more specifically defined as the subdivisions of Original Amherst and Amherst First Addition which are in the NE ¼ of Section 8, T8N, R43W of the 6th P.M.; all divided properties in the NW ¼ of Section 9, T8N, R43W of the 6th P.M. lying north of NKC Railnet; and all divided properties in the NE ¼ of Section 8, T8N, R43W of the 6th P.M. lying south of NKC Railnet. The specific areas encompassed are defined on the attached map.

SECTION 4.0 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

A. Whenever any animal is found running at large, the County Sheriff's Office is hereby empowered to issue a citation, summons, and a complaint to the dog owner, stating the nature of the violation with sufficient particularity to give notice of said charge to the violator.

B. All fines and/or forfeitures for violation of the 'dog control' resolution shall be paid into the County's general fund.

C. Any violation of the Dog Resolution shall be punishable by fine or not less than $50 nor more than $300.

SECTION 5.0 IMMUNITY

The Board of County Commissioners, their employees, or any other person authorized to enforce the provisions of this dog control resolution shall not be held responsible for any accident or subsequent disease that may occur to the animal in correction with the administration of the resolution.

ENACTMENT CLAUSE

Upon approval and adoption of the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed, according to law, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of the County of Phillips. This Resolution is amended this 7th day of February 2014 and shall become effective and be in full force on February 8, 2014.

Board of County Commissioners of
Phillips County

Attest:

County Clerk, Recorder

This is an update of the original resolution adopted March 16, 1998.

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