

ORDINANCE NO. 700

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ANIMALS: DECLARING IT TO BE UNLAWFUL TO MAINTAIN A PLACE FOR SAME WHICH BECOMES OFFENSIVE: DECLARING IT TO BE UNLAWFUL TO HARBOR A VICIOUS ANIMAL: PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF CARCASSES: REGULATING DOGS AND PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION THEREOF AND THE PAYMENT FOR LICENSE OF SAID DOGS: REQUIRING VACCINATIONS OF DOGS AND THE ATTACHMENT OF THE TAG TO THE COLLAR THEREOF: THE CITY OF READING DOES HAVE IN PLACE A CONTRACT WITH THE LYON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL: PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR A DOG WHICH IS A NUISANCE: PROVIDING FOR LEASHING OF ALL DOGS BY ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR ACTUAL LEASH: PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS HEREOF: AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND ORDINANCES 387, 567,558 AND 591.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF READING, KANSAS.

SECTION 1. ANIMAL OR FOWL PENS; NUISANCES. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON FIRM OR CORPORATION TO MAINTAIN ANY STABLE, SHED, YARD, PEN OR OTHER PLACE UPON WHICH ANY NUMBER OF ANIMALS OR FOWL SHALL BE KEPT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO BECOME OFFENSIVE TO THOSE RESIDING IN THE VICINITY OR ANNOYING TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 2. VICIOUS ANIMALS; IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO KEEP, HARBOR OR MAINTAIN WITHING THE CITY ANY VICIOUS OR DANGEROUS ANIMAL , UNLESS CONFINED WITHIN A SECURELY LOCKED ENCLOSURE OR SUCH STRUCTURE SO THAT SUCH ANIMAL CANNOT ESCAPE NOR OTHER ANIMALS OR PERSONS HAVE ACCESS THERETO.

SECTION 3. CARCASS OF DEAD ANIMAL; THE OWNER OF ANY ANIMAL THAT SHALL DIE WITHIN THE CITY SHALL, WITHIN (24) HOURS, CAUSE THE CARCASS TO BE REMOVED BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS; AND IN NO CASE SHALL SUCH OWNER PERMIT SUCH CARCASS TO REMAIN IN THE OPEN AIR IN THE CITY UNTIL IT BECOMES OFFENSIVE IN SMELL.

SECTION 4. OWNER OR HARBORER DEFINED : ANY PERSON OWNING OR HARBORING (HOARDING) A DOG WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY FOR FIFTEEN (15) CONSECUTIVE DAYS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE THE OWNER OR HARBORER THEROF.

SECTION 5. DOG EXEMPT. ALL DOGS UNDER THE AGE OF SIX MONTHS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE LICENSING PROVISIONS OF THIS ARITCLE.

SECTION 6. ANNUAL TAGS. THE OWNER OF ANY DOGS IN THE CITY LIMITS OF READING SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE TAGS BUT MUST HAVE PAPER DOCUMENTATION OF VACCINATIONS FOR SAID DOG. THE COST BEING WAIVED BY THE CITY OF READING.

SECTION 7. DESCRIPTION OF DOG, VACCINATIONS REQUIRED. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EVERY OWNER OR HARBORER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, ANNUALLY TO FURNISH TO THE DESIGNATED PERSON(S) AN APT DESCRIPTION OF ANY DOG OF WHICH HE IS THE OWNER OR HARBORER, AND TO PAY SAID PERSON THE TAG FEE AND GIVEN A COPY OF THE RECEIPT. ONE TO ALSO TO BE KEPT ON FILE.

SECTION 8. COLLARS; TAGS; DUPLICATE. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EVERY OWNER OR HARBORER OF THE DOG(S) TO PUT THE TAG ON THE COLLAR AND AROUND THE NECK OF THE DOG(S) ANNUALLY. WHEN AND IF THE TAG IS LOST THE OWNER SHALL PROVIDE RECEIPT OF DOG TAG BEFORE BEING ISSUED A DUPLICATE.

SECTION 9. LEASH. THAT IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EVERY OWNER, OR HARBORER OF ANY DOGS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY TO HAVE EACH DOG UNDER LEASH OR ELECTRONIC LEASH OR CONFINED THE SAME TO THE LIMITS OF HIS OR HER PREMISES DURING ALL MONTHS OF EACH YEAR.

SECTION 10. CAPTURING. ANY DESIGNATED PERSON CHARGED WITH ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE IS AUTHORIZED TO CAPTURE ALL UNLICENSED DOGS WITHIN THE CITY. SAID DESIGNATED PERSON SHALL TAKE TH DOG TO A PLACE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY. THE OWNER OF ANY SUCH DOG IMPOUNDED BY THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY SHALL PAY A FEE OF \$75.00 TO THE CITY AND ALL VET COST WITHIN THREE DAYS OF IMPOUNDMENT BEFORE SAID DOG(S) WILL BE RELEASED. IF CONTACT IS NOT MADE AND FEES ARE NOT PAID WITHIN THREE DAYS OF IMPOUNDMENT THE DOG MAY BE DESTROYED OR RE-HOMED.

SECTION 11. DOG BITES; QUARANTINE. WHENEVER ANY DOG HAS BITTEN A PERSON, THE PERSON BITTEN SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE CITY. ALL SUCH INCIDENTS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND /OR THE COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE WHO MAY ORDER THE DOG QUARANTINED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) DAYS AND UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE DOG SHOWS NO SIGNS OF RABIES. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT SUCH DOG IS SUFFERING FROM RABIES, IT SHALL REMAIN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL OR SHERIFF OFFICE OTHERWISE IT SHALL BE RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE, ONLY AFTER ALL COST AND FINES ARE PAID TO THE CITY AND ANIMAL HOSPITAL.

SECTION 13. VISITING DOGS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING TO LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY DOG TEMPORARILY IN THE CITY ACCOMPANIED BY ITS OWNER OR HARBORER WHO IS A NON-RESIDENT OF THE CITY, PROVIDED, THAT SUCH DOG IS NOT PERMITTED TO RUN AT LARGE.

SECTION 14. DOGS; NUISANCE. ANY PERSON WHO SHALL BE THE OWNER OR HARBORER OF ANY DOG OR DOGS WHICH SHALL BE FOUND BY THE CITY TO BE OR CREATE A NUISANCE, OR DISTURB THE PEACE, OR DESTROY PROPERTY, SHALL BE FINED IN ANY SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$100.00 (DOLLARS); UPON A SECOND OFFENCE THEROF, BE FINED IN ANY SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$500.00 (DOLLARS).

SECTION 14. ALL ORDINACES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE REPEALED AND ALSO ORDINANCES 387, 567, 558 AND 591 ARE REPEALED.

SECTION 15. THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS PUBLICATION IN THE EMPORIA GAZETTE.

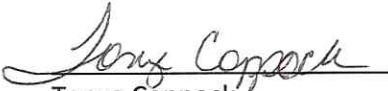
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF November 2017.



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Kevin Sorensen  
Mayor

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Tonya Coppock  
City Clerk