

ANIMAL ORDINANCE 91.021

Section 1 DELEGATION POWERS AND DUTIES

The City of Lanesboro hereby designates the power to fine, enforce, administer, and issue citations consistent with this ordinance for offences under this ordinance all sections and subdivisions of this ordinance.

Section 2 LICENSING

Subdivision 1) All dogs & cats over the age of 6 months must be licensed at the City Clerk's office, and a certificate of rabies must be obtained before the license can be issued.

Subdivision 2) The licensing period shall be from June 1st, through May 31st; all dogs & cats shall be licensed within this period or subject to a fine so forth in Section 6, Subdivision of this Ordinance.

Subdivision 3) A record of all dogs & cats licensed shall be kept in the City Clerk's Office. The record shall include the description or breed, color, age, owner's address and phone.

Subdivision 4) All new dogs & cats coming into the City must be licensed within 30 days. The only license acceptable is the license issued by the Clerk's Office of Lanesboro and no license from any other municipality or area will be accepted Licenses are not transferrable to another animal. No person shall place any. license tag upon any other animal than the one which it was issued, nor shall any person other than the owner take from any dog or cat a license tag legally placed upon it.

Subdivision 5) The City Office may issue a written notice of violation of the provisions of this chapter containing a warning that a criminal complaint may be issued.

Subdivision 6) Every owner of an animal subject to this ordinance shall place and keep around the neck of such animals a device on which the license tag issued by the Clerk's office shall be securely fastened.

Section 3 DOGS & CATS AT LARGE

Subdivision 1) All dogs and cats shall be restrained within the property limits of the owner by means of a leash, fence, pen, enclosure, house or other effective means of restraint. Dogs or cats not on the owners premises must be securely fastened to a leash in the control of a competent person.

Subdivision 2) Periodic offenders who allow their animals to run at large shall be subject to a fine as per Section 6,

Subdivision 3) A written complaint may be filed at the Clerk's office by two or more adults specifying the owner of the dog or cat and the offense committed. The Clerk shall then administer the issuance and collection of a fine consistent with Section 6, Subdivision 4 of that Ordinance, and shall present to the offender a written receipt of the fine, and a copy of this shall also be kept on file in the Clerk's office.

Section 4 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND DANGEROUS DOGS

Subdivision 1) Any licensee of a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog, as defined under Minnesota Statute, shall be subject to remedies and penalties set forth therein.

Subdivision 2) Any dog or cat running at large shall subject licensee of said animal to a fine of not less than \$50.

Section 5 FINES AND FEES

Subdivision 1) Licenses shall be issued at a cost of \$5.00 per annum, and no license shall be pro-rated or refunded for any reason.

Subdivision 2) Any person who fails to license his dog in the proper manner shall be issued a citation by the Police Department through the Clerk's Office.

Subdivision 3) Any owner of a vicious dog which allows the dog to run loose shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$50.00. A second offense constitutes immediate disposal of the dog.

Subdivision 4) Any person interfering with the apprehension of any animal or enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance by a Police Officer is subject to a fine of \$100.00.

Section 7 PUBLIC NUISANCES NOT ALLOWED BY PERSONS OWNING DOGS

Subdivision 1) No owner shall allow a dog to persist in continual barking or in such spans of time as to disturb the comfort of people surrounding the immediate area.

Subdivision 2) Any owner of a dog or cat shall not allow such animal to cause unnecessary foul odor by not keeping clean the area in which the animals are kept.

Subdivision 3) No household shall be allowed more than 4 dogs, cats, or any combination, thereof.

Subdivision 5) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least three minutes with less than one minute of interruption. Such barking must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises.

Section 8 APPLICATION

This ordinance allows licensing of only domestic dogs and cats, and does not cover any exotic pet, such as a cougar, panther, or the like. The City of Lanesboro reserves the right to allow, if at all, the keeping of any exotic pet under a separate ordinance.

Adopted and passed by the Lanesboro City Council June 5th, 2017.

Autumn Johnson, Mayor

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