

ORDINANCE NO. 211

AN ORDINANCE RELATING RELATING TO THE OWNING, KEEPING OR HARBORING OF DOGS/CATS WITHIN THE CITY OF HUNTER, KANSAS; REQUIRING LICENSING OF DOGS/CATS, REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THEIR KEEPING AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HUNTER, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS/CATS.

Every owner that will keep or harbor dogs/cats in the City of Hunter after it has reached the age of six months shall annually register them with the City Clerk at City Hall. Every owner shall have their name, description of the dogs/cats, sex (spayed or neutered or intact), a current rabies record, and immunization record to be included on the registration form, to be kept for that purpose by the City Clerk and shall have paid such clerk a fee. See schedule of fees. After recording said information, the City Clerk shall issue a license to said owner and shall provide for dogs/cats so registered a tag, having been marked thereon the registration number which corresponds to the number of the registration record. This tag shall be kept on the dogs/cats at all times. Registration of all dogs/cats in the City of Hunter shall run January 1st to December 31st in each year after the registration of such dog/cat.

SECTION 2. CONFINEMENT.

All dogs/cats shall be kept on owner's, keeper's, harborer's property, (such as in a secured fence, on a chain or leash) except when walking, running or otherwise exercising a dog/cat. A female dog/cat shall be kept securely confined in an enclosed place while in heat.

SECTION 3. LIMIT ON NUMBER OF DOGS.

The City Clerk shall not register nor issue licenses on more than four (4) dogs and or two (2) cats that are to be kept at the same address or on the same premises without the consent of the Governing Body. In such cases where an owner or keeper desires to keep more than four (4) dogs or two (2) cats at the same address or on the same premises, the Governing Body or an appointed agent shall first view the premises, and if it is determined by the Governing Body that the keeping of more than four (4) dogs or two (2) cats would be a nuisance, health hazard or detrimental to the general welfare of the area, then the Governing Body may refuse to register or issue the license. Any license issued shall be subject to revocation in the event such license fails to comply with the terms and conditions of such license.

SECTION 4. OPERATING KENNEL WITHIN CITY.

It shall be unlawful for any person, either as owner or agent, representative, or employee of an owner to operate a commercial kennel or hobby breeder within the City of Hunter, Kansas.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES FOR RUNNING AT LARGE.

Any dog/cat shall be deemed to be running at large when found off the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger and not on a leash. Any person wishing to file a complaint relative to dogs/cats running at large in violation of this ordinance shall make a written complaint of such violation to the City Judge of the City of Hunter, Kansas. The owner, keeper, or harbinger will be notified in writing by the City Judge of the complaint against any such dog/cat. Any owner, keeper, or harbinger of any such dog/cat which is found to have run at large in violation of this ordinance upon such written complaint may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to a fine. See the schedule of fees for each offense. It shall be lawful for any Member of the Governing Body or other person duly appointed by the Mayor of the City of Hunter, Kansas, to pursue and capture any such dog/cat running at large.

SECTION 6. HABITUAL VIOLATION.

After three (3) violations of this Ordinance, the dog/cat will be taken to the nearest vet, and the owner to pay the fines associated with freeing their animal. See schedule of fees.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES FOR NOT REGISTERING A DOG.

Any owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, meeting requirements for registration, shall register said dog or be charged double the above fee. Any person owning a dog at the time of the passage of this ordinance shall have until March 1st to register such dogs/cats.

New residents of the City of Hunter acquiring a dog/cat or owning a dog/cat that attains the age of registration shall have thirty (30) days in which to register such dog at the regular fee.

Passed by the Governing Body this 2nd day of December, 2024.

APPROVED: Brad Nitsch, Mayor

ATTEST: Laura Pahls, City Clerk

