

Upon motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, it was moved that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 342

PET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Alexandria, South Dakota, that:

(1) License Requirement. Any owner or keeper of a dog or cat of the age of six months or over shall, within thirty (30) days of the acquisition of such animal or within thirty (30) days of the time such animal becomes six months old obtain an appropriate license. Each license shall be renewed annually during the month of January in the same manner.

(2) License Application. The application shall be made on a form furnished by the Municipal Finance Officer, and shall be filed with said Municipal Finance Officer. The applicant shall provide the following information:

- A. The breed, sex, color and other distinguishing characteristics of the dog or cat, the pet's name, and the name of the owners.
- B. A statement that the animal has no vicious propensities known to the applicant.
- C. A certificate by a registered Veterinarian showing that the dog or cat has been inoculated or has a continuing immunity against Rabies within six (6) months of the application.

(3) Issuance of Tags. At the time of the issuance of the license the Municipal Finance Officer shall furnish and deliver to the applicant a metallic fiber or plastic tag for each dog and cat for which a license is issued. The tag

shall be stamped or engraved with the registered number of the dog or cat and the year when registered. It is the duty of the owner of the dog or cat to place a collar around the neck of the animal owned and kept by him, and securely affix the appropriate tag that was furnished by the Municipal Finance Officer.

(4) Lost Tags. If the tag is lost, the said Municipal Finance Officer is authorized to issue a duplicate thereof upon receipt of payment of the actual cost of the tag and an explanation therefore, and together with satisfactory proof that such tag has been lost. Licenses issued pursuant to this Section are valid from January 1 through December 31.

(5) Fees. The fee for an original or a renewal dog or cat license shall be:

- A. Dog or Cat (Spayed or Neutered) \$5.00
- B. Dog or Cat (Non-spayed or neutered) \$7.50

(6) Spayed or Neutered Animals. In the case of spayed or neutered animals, the applicant must furnish a registered Veterinarian's statement confirming that fact at the time of applying for the license.

(7) Each Day a Separate Violation. Each day that a pet remains unlicensed in violation of this Ordinance is a separate violation. For purpose of this Ordinance, each day starts at 00:01 o'clock a.m.

(8) Public Nuisance. A violation of this Ordinance is determined by the City Council to be a public nuisance.

(9) Penalty. Violation - \$500.00 fine or thirty (30) days in jail

(10) Repealer Ordinances. Any Ordinance or Section previously adopted which is conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

(11) Severability Provision. This Ordinance is intended to comply with all applicable federal statutes and statues of the State of South Dakota. If any part, term, or provision of this Ordinance is held by the Courts to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and

the Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if the Ordinance did not contain the particular part, term or provision held to be invalid.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ORDINANCE:

- (A) The citizens and residents of the City of Alexandria have a vested interest in knowing that pets kept within the corporate limits are appropriately vaccinated.
- (B) The citizens and residents of the City of Alexandria have a vested interest in knowing whether or not animals roaming free within the corporate limits are stray animals or not.
- (C) It is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Alexandria to have these requirements applied to the pets within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria.

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

First reading:

Second reading:

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