

Dog
Leash

ORDINANCE #~~6-2004~~ #6-2005

AMMENDED ORDINANCE

AN ~~ORDINANCE~~ OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE HUMANE CONTROL AND REGULATION OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, KENTUCKY; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, LICENSING, RESTRAINT, IMPOUNDMENT AND FINES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND OTHER MATTERS.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS: AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN:

- A. "OWNER"—ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION OWNING OR KEEPING OR HARBORING ONE OF MORE ANIMALS. AN ANIMAL SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE HARBORED IF IT IS FED OR SHELTERED FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR MORE.
- B. "ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (DOG WARDEN)- AN ENFORCER OF SAID ORDINANCE, BEING ~~RICK KING~~-AC7.
- C. "PUBLIC NUISANCE"- ANY ANIMAL (S) WHICH:
 - 1. MOLESTS PASSERSBY OR PASSING VEHICLES;
 - 2. ATTACKS OTHER ANIMALS;
 - 3. IS REPEATEDLY AT LARGE;
 - 4. TRESPASSES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS;
 - 5. DAMAGES PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY; AND /OR DEFECATE'S IN/ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
 - 6. BARKS, WHINES OR HOWLS IN AN EXCESSIVE, CONTINUOUS OR UNTIMELY FASHION.

(D) "RESTRAINT"- ANY ANIMAL SECURED BY A LEASH OR LEAD OR UNDER CONTROL OF A RESPONSIBLE PERSON OR WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY LIMITS OF ITS OWNER.

SECTION 2: "LICENSING" -ANY PERSON OWNING, KEEPING, HARBORING OR HAVING CUSTODY OF ANY DOG OVER THREE (3)

MONTHS OF AGE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, KENTUCKY, MUST OBTAIN A LICENSE.

IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A CITY LICENSE, EACH DOG OWNER MUST SHOW A RABIES CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR AN ANTI-RABIES CLINIC AND PAY A FEE OF \$5.00 PER EACH DOG, AND \$3.00 PER EACH CAT. FEES COLLECTED TO BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON TO FURNISH AND SUPPLY VEHICLE, HOLDING CAGE, NOOSE, GLOVES, OR ANYTHING NECESSARY NEEDED TO FILL THE DOG WARDEN POSITION IN THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON.

LICENSE FOR THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AND A LICENSE MUST BE PURCHASED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER A DOG IS OVER THREE (3) MONTHS OF AGE.

DOGS MUST WEAR LICENSE TAGS ON COLLARS AT ALL TIMES WHEN OFF THE PREMISES OF THE OWNER.

PERSONS WHO FAIL TO OBTAIN A LICENSE AS REQUIRED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION WILL BE SUBJECTED TO A FINE OF NO MORE THAN \$50.00 PLUS COURT COSTS.

NO PERSON MAY USE ANY LICENSE FOR ANY ANIMAL OTHER THAN THE ANIMAL FOR WHICH IT WAS ISSUED.

SECTION 3: "RESTRAINT"-ALL DOGS SHALL BE KEPT UNDER RESTRAINT AND NO OWNER SHALL FAIL TO EXERCISE PROPER CARE AND CONTROL OF HIS ANIMAL TO PREVENT IT FROM BECOMING A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

EVERY FEMALE DOG IN HEAT SHALL BE CONFINED IN A BUILDING OR A SECURE ENCLOSURE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT SAID FEMALE DOG COULDN'T COME INTO CONTACT WITH ANOTHER ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR PLANNED BREEDING.

EVERY VICIOUS ANIMAL AS DETERMINED BY PROPER AUTHORITY SHALL BE CONFINED BY THE OWNER WITHIN A BUILDING OR SECURE ENCLOSURE AND SHALL BE SECURELY MUZZLED OR CAGED WHEN OFF THE PREMISES OF ITS OWNER.

SECTION 4: IMPOUNDMENT AND VIOLATION NOTICE:
UNRESTRAINED DOGS AND NUISANCE DOGS/CATS SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE POLICE, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS OR HUMANE OFFICERS AND IMPOUNDED IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER

AND THERE CONFINED IN A HUMANE MANNER. IMPOUNDED DOGS AND CATS SHALL BE KEPT FOR NOT LESS THAN ~~SEVEN (7)~~FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS.

IF, A LICENSE TAG OR OTHER MEANS CAN IDENTIFY THE OWNER OF AN IMPOUNDED ANIMAL IDENTIFIED, THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SHALL IMMEDIATELY UPON IMPOUNDMENT NOTIFY THE OWNER BY TELEPHONE OR MAIL.

AN OWNER RECLAIMING AN IMPOUNDED DOG SHALL PAY A FEE EQUAL TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH IT HAS COST THE ANIMAL SHELTER TO IMPOUND THE ANIMAL BEFORE SAID ANIMAL IS RELEASED TO ITS OWNER.

ANY ANIMAL NOT CLAIMED BY ITS OWNER WITHIN ~~SEVEN (7)~~-FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY OR HUMANE SOCIETY AND SHALL BE PLACED FOR ADOPTION IN A SUITABLE HOME OR HUMANELY EUTHANIZED.

IN ADDITION TO OR IN LIEU OF AN ANIMAL FOUND AT LARGE, THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, HUMANE OFFICER OR POLICE OFFICER MAY ISSUE TO THE KNOWN OWNER OF SAID ANIMAL A CITATION OF OR SUMMONS OF VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE. SUCH VIOLATION SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, IMPOSE UPON THE OWNER A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$50.00 PLUS COURT COSTS OR MORE THAN \$100.00 PLUS COURT COSTS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

SECTION 5: THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith IS SPECIFICALLY HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT OF SAID CONFLICT ONLY.

SECTION 6: THAT EACH SECTION AND EACH SENTENCE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS ENACTED SEPARATELY AND THE INVALIDITY AND/OR UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY ONE PARTICULAR SENTENCE AND/OR SECTION SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY AND/OR CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY OTHER SENTENCE AND/OR SECTION.

SECTION 7: THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.