

ORDINANCE No. 592

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LICENSING, IMPOUNDING, VACCINATION OF CATS AND THE LIMITING OF CATS ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CLYDE, KANSAS.

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

SECTION 1. KEEPING AND HARBORING DEFINED.

Any person who shall allow any cat to remain habitually, or to lodge, or to be fed within his home, business premises, yard, enclosure or place, shall be deemed to be keeping or harboring said cat within the meaning of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. LIMIT.

No property and/or building shall harbor more than 3 cats over 6 months of age even if one or more person(s) own the cats. More than 3 cats shall be designated as a kennel and requires a state kennel license in addition to a city kennel license.

SECTION 3. LICENSING AND VACCINATION.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any cat over 6 months of age within the City of Clyde without licensing said cat each year. Owners shall be required to purchase a license for their cat(s) within 30 days after the cat(s) has reached the age of 6 months. Before a license will be issued, a certificate must be presented to the City Treasurer from a licensed veterinarian which attest to the fact that the cat has been vaccinated with a recognized antirabies vaccine. This certificate must also show if the cat has been spayed or neutered, and any limits on the rabies vaccination. Vaccinations must be repeated with such frequency as is necessary to maintain the effectiveness of such inoculations at all times. Cats must be licensed on or before April 1 of each new year except for the first licensing which will be good until March 1, 1987. The annual license fee is as follows:

(a) One dollar (\$1.00) for each male or spayed female cat.

(b) Three dollars (\$3.00) for each unspayed female cat.

A penalty of one dollar shall be added to the license fee if it is not paid when it is due.

Upon presentation of the certificate from a licensed veterinarian giving a description of the cat, showing whether it has been spayed or neutered and if the rabies vaccination will be effective for the entire licensing year and upon payment of license fee to the City Treasurer, a tag will be given to the owner to be worn by said cat at all times. These tags are non-transferrable. If tags are lost, a duplicate may be issued upon presentation of a receipt showing the payment of the current cat tax. A charge of fifty cents (\$.50) shall be paid for each such duplicate tag.

SECTION 4. LICENSING DEADLINE.

All persons owning or harboring cat(s) 6 months of age and over will have 30 days from the date of publication of this ordinance to purchase a tag for the first time. This tag will be good until March 1, 1987 at which time, all license fee will be due again. After the 30 days from publication date, the penalty will be added to the license fee. As of March 1, 1987, all license fees will be due and payable before April 1, of each new year after which the penalty will be added. All cats must be licensed within 30 days after they reach the age of 6 months or the penalty will be added.

SECTION 5. IMPOUNDING

Any cat found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to impoundment by the City. The impounding officer shall have the right of entry upon any premises or property for the purpose of collecting any cat(s) which does not have a current vaccination and license tag attached to its collar. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the impounding officer in the exercise of this duty. Cats may be redeemed from impoundment within 72 hours after being impounded by:

- (1) Payment of the license tax if the tax has not been paid, and
- (2) Proof of rabies vaccination can be shown, and
- (3) All fees and boarding charges are paid by owner.

Any cat which is not claimed within 72 hours shall be disposed of by other legal means. Any cat which cannot be caught and is not wearing any current tags shall be considered wild and disposed of by whatever means considered necessary by the impounding officer. The Police officer shall be designated as the impounding officer for the City of Clyde.

SECTION 6. ABANDONMENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon a cat(s) within the City limits.

SECTION 7. PENALTY.

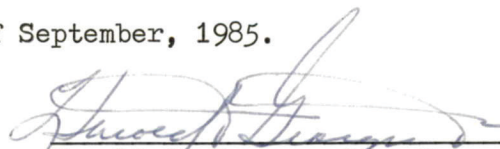
Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 or imprisoned for a time not to exceed 30 days or both so fined and imprisoned.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.


This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and publication in THE CLYDE REPUBLICAN, the official city newspaper.

Passed by the City Council this fifth day of September, 1985.

Approved by the Mayor this fifth day of September, 1985.


Harold J. George, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Gayla A. Rogers, City Clerk