

ORDINANCE NO. 1753

CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA

Effective April 27, 1984

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 5-11, 5-11.1, 5-11.2, 5-15 AND 5-17 OF THE LEXINGTON CITY CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FREQUENCY OF RABIES VACCINATION OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE CITY; TO REPEAL ORIGINAL SECTIONS 5-11, 5-11.1, 5-11.2, 5-15 AND 5-17 OF THE CITY CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 5-11 of the Lexington City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5-11. Owning or keeping unvaccinated dog or cat prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor a dog or cat more than four (4) months of age within the City, unless such dog or cat shall have been vaccinated with an inactivated virus anti-rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. To be valid, such vaccination shall be current within three (3) years preceding the date on which such animal is kept or maintained.

Section 2. That Section 5-11.1 of the Lexington City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5-11.1. Rabies vaccination tag.

For every dog or cat vaccinated for rabies, the veterinarian shall issue a tag sufficient to identify the name of the veterinarian and date of vaccination. A record of such tag and vaccination will be kept by the veterinarian, sufficient to identify the animal and owner thereof.

Section 3. That Section 5-11.2 of the Lexington City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5-11.2. Display of vaccination tag.

The owner of any dog within the City shall be responsible for having a vaccination tag displayed upon such animal at all times. The owner of any cat

within the city shall have a vaccination tag in his possession, and shall display such tag, on request, to the animal warden or any police officer.

Section 4. That Section 5-15 of the Lexington City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5-15. Impoundment -- When required.

All dogs and cats running at large, all stray dogs and cats, all dogs without current vaccination tags, other dogs and cats for which impoundment is herein provided shall be impounded by the animal warden, the police of the city or by any employee of the city employed for that purpose. The owner of any dog or cat shall, on demand, surrender to the animal warden or the police of the city, any dog or cat required to be impounded under the provisions of this article.

Section 5. That Section 5-17 of the Lexington City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5-17. Same -- Reclaiming by owner.

Within three (3) days after notice is given or mailed as provided in Section 5-16, the owner of any such impounded animal may claim such animal by paying the following:

- a) First redemption of a dog or cat within a calendar year, \$15.00, plus the cost of any medical care expended by the city for such impounded animal.
- b) A second or any subsequent redemption of the same dog or cat within a calendar year, \$15.00, plus the cost of any medical care expended by the city for such impounded animal, plus prosecution under appropriate ordinances.
- c) No animal shall be released from impoundment unless such animal has been currently vaccinated with anti-rabies vaccine as required by Sec. 5-11.

Section 6. That original Sections 5-11, 5-11.1, 5-11.2, 5-15 and 5-17, together with all other ordinances or sections of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of March, 1984.

CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA



Clayton Cerny
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gene E. Mahan
City Clerk