

BILL NO. 10-2

ORDINANCE NO. 306

AN ORDINANCE SUPERCEDING ORDINANCE 183, AND REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE CITY OF LEETON, MISSOURI, AND PROVIDING FOR PUNISHMENT FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LEETON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish regulations governing the keeping of dogs and cats within the City of Leeton. All prior ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are superceded by this ordinance, but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION II

CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS:

1. Restraint: Each person who owns, harbors or keeps a dog or cat shall keep his dog or cat under restraint at all times, and shall not permit or allow such animals to be at large, off the premises or property of the owner, harborer or keeper unless under the control of a competent person.

a. "Under restraint" is defined as being controlled by a leash, at heel beside a competent person, and obedient to that person's commands, on or within a vehicle being parked, or within the property limits of the owner or keeper of said animal.

b. "At large" is defined as being off the property of its owner, harborer or keeper and not under control of a competent person.

2. Dangerous animals: Any dog or cat that manifests a vicious disposition or a disposition to scratch or bite must be confined behind a fence high enough that the animal cannot jump over, or be secured by a chain which will not allow it to come closer than six feet of any walk, roadway or property line of another person.

3. Female dogs or cats in heat: The owner, keeper or person harboring a female dog or cat in heat shall, during this period, keep it securely confined; and any owner or keeper allowing such an animal to run loose shall be in violation of this ordinance.

SECTION III

DUMPING OF DOGS OR CATS:

Any person known or found to be responsible for dumping or abandoning a dog or cat shall be guilty of violating this ordinance.

SECTION IV

ENFORCEMENT:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the police department or other persons given the authority by the Board of Aldermen to so enforce it.

SECTION V

IMPOUNDMENT, AND DISPOSAL OF IMPOUNDED DOGS AND CATS:

1. Any dog or cat in violation of any section of this ordinance is subject to being picked up and impounded in a place designated by the City of Leeton.

2. The impoundment official shall promptly notify the owner of any such animal picked up if known. If, after diligent efforts, the owner cannot be identified or located, no liability shall be attached to the City of Leeton or any person involved with the capture or impoundment of such animal. Any animal so impounded shall be kept for at least five days prior to being adopted or euthanized.

3. A person may redeem an impounded animal by paying all fees charged to the City associated with the impoundment, and in addition to the actual costs incurred by the City:

- a. \$5.00 for the first redemption in any calendar year
- b. \$10.00 for the second redemption in any calendar year
- c. \$15.00 for the third redemption in any calendar year
- d. For the fourth and subsequent redemptions, two times the amount of the last redemption fee.

4. Any dog or cat which has bitten or scratched a person or another animal must be kept at the owner's expense in a veterinarian hospital or other legal place of confinement for a minimum of ten days for observations, and a report shall be rendered to the person bitten or scratched, or to the owner of the animal bitten or scratched, of the condition of the confined animal concerning rabies. This report will also be rendered to any official who requires such a report. Any animal found to be rabid shall be disposed of as required by the health ordinances of this city or any laws of the State of Missouri.

SECTION VI

PENALTIES:

Any individual who shall violate this ordinance or hinder or obstruct an official in the enforcement of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION VII


SEVERABILITY

Each of the provisions of this ordinance is separate and severable; and if any provision is held illegal or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its passage.

SECTION VIII


This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Read two (2) times and passed by title by the Board of Aldermen this 13th day of September, 2010.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheryl Anstine, City Clerk

