

ORDINANCE NO. 774

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER EIGHT, ARTICLE ONE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, IN PARTICULAR SECTIONS 8-101, 8-101.02, 8-101.03 THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF FEES FOR LICENSE; CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION FOR RABIES; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY OWNER OR HARBORER OF A DOG TO KEEP OR HARBOR A DOG WITHOUT HAVING IT IMMUNIZED FROM RABIES; TO CONFINE ALL DOGS UNLESS MUZZLED WHEN ORDERED BY THE MAYOR, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THE DANGERS OF HYDROPHOBIA AND DISPOSING OF DOGS INFECTED WITH RABIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA.

SECTION ONE: That Section 8-101 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lexington be amended to read as follows; A license tax of one dollar (\$1.00) on male dogs and on all sterilized female dogs, and of three dollars (\$3.00) on all other female dogs is hereby imposed upon the owner of any such dog within the corporate limits of the City of Lexington, Nebraska.

SECTION TWO: That Section 8-101.02 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lexington be amended to read as follows; Any person paying such tax and exhibiting a certificate of a licensed veterinarian showing such dogs to have been immunized with anti-rabies vaccine and that such immunization is effective for the period covered by the license, shall be issued a tag prepared with the number of the license. A record of such license will be kept by the City Treasurer. The person receiving such tag shall be responsible for having such license displayed upon the dog at all times and should said tag become lost such person may apply for and receive a replacement from the City Clerk.

SECTION THREE: That Section 8-101.03 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lexington be amended to read as follows; Hereinafter it shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation to own, keep or harbor a dog within the corporate limits of said city, on which the tax required by the articles hereof has not been paid and unless such dog shall have been immunized with an anti-rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian, within two years preceeding the date on which such dog is kept, maintained or allowed to run at large.

SECTION FOUR: That Chapter eight (8) Article one (1) of the Municipal Code of the City of Lexington, be amended by including therein Section 8-102.01 which reads as follows;

PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR: MUZZLING OF DOGS: Whenever it becomes necessary to safeguard the public from the dangers of hydrophobia, the Mayor, if he deems it necessary, shall issue a proclamation ordering every person owning or harboring a dog to confine it securely on his premises unless such dog shall have a muzzle of sufficient strength to prevent its biting any person. Any unmuzzled dog running at large during the time of the proclamation shall be seized and impounded, unless noticeably infected with rabies. All dogs so noticeably infected with rabies and displaying vicious propensities shall be disposed of by the Police without notice to the owner. Dogs impounded during the first seventy-two (72) hours of such proclamation shall, if claimed within five (5) days, be released to the owner, unless infected with rabies, upon payment of impounding charges and any medical fees as provided in Section 8-104.02. If not claimed after such period, such dog may be summarily disposed of under direction of the Police. During the period of such proclamation, the provisions as to notice in Section 8-104.01 shall be of no force and effect and will be considered waived by owners of any dogs impounded.

SECTION FIVE: That the original Sections 8-101, 8-101.02, 8-101.03 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lexington, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 1958.



President of the Council

ATTEST:



City Clerk