

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO PET LICENSES AND REGISTRATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 6-38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of St. George is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6-38. License and registration.

- (a) No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog/cat over four months of age within the city unless such dog/cat is vaccinated and licensed. The provisions of this section do not apply to animals owned by a licensed research facility or held in a veterinary medical facility or government operated or licensed animal shelter.
- (b) All dogs/cats shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Residents are responsible for ensuring that vaccinations do not expire during the license year.
- (c) A certificate of vaccination shall be issued to the owner of each animal vaccinated.
- (d) Application for a license must be made within 30 days after obtaining a dog or cat over four months of age, except that this requirement will not apply to a nonresident keeping a dog or cat within the city for no longer than 60 days. Written application for a dog or cat license shall be made to the city and shall include the name and address of the owner and the name, breed, color, age, and sex of the dog/cat. Applicants also shall pay the prescribed licensing fee and provide proof of current rabies vaccination.
- (e) The licensing year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Licenses are not prorated if purchased for less than one year. License renewal may be applied for within 60 days prior to the expiration date. New residents must apply for a license within 30 days of establishing residence. The Code Enforcement Officer shall maintain a list of licensed dogs/cats.
- (f) A license shall be issued after a payment of a non-refundable fee established by the city. Persons who fail to obtain a license no later than January 31 will be subjected to a one-time delinquent fee of \$20. In the event any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to pay the fee fixed herein or by any prior ordinance, such charges shall constitute a lien upon the real estate to which the dog/cat is licensed and may be certified by the city clerk, to the county clerk to be placed on the tax rolls for collection, subject to the same unpaid

amounts to the state set-off program. This remedy shall be in addition to remedies whereby the city attorney may seek to enforce this section in district court, and seek a judgment in district court against a person for all amounts mentioned in this section.

(g) License fees shall be waived for dogs serving the blind or deaf or government-owned dogs used for law enforcement. All other licensing provisions shall apply.

(h) Upon acceptance of the license application and fee, the city shall issue a durable license tag including an identifying number, year of issuance, city, and state. Both rabies (if issued by vet) and license tags must be attached to the collar of the dog/cat. Tags must be worn at all times and are not transferable. The city shall maintain a record of all licenses issued, and such records shall be available for inspection.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2022, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS.

/S/ Elizabeth Wagoner

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City Clerk

/S/ Tim Pralle

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Mayor