

CITY OF BEACH CITY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE NO: 85-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEACH CITY ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE CITY OF BEACH CITY, TEXAS.

DEFINITIONS

The following terms have the meanings as set out below when used in this Ordinance.

ANIMAL - any living creature other than man.

RUNNING AT LARGE - Whenever an animal is not under actual physical restraint by means of a pen, fence, or other structure or a leash, chain, rope or other lead.

STRAY DOG - A dog that is running at large and is not wearing a tag indicating that it is rabies protected.

STRAY ANIMAL - Any animal except dogs or cats that are running at large.

RABIES PROTECTED - Any animal susceptible to rabies that has had anti-rabies vaccine anytime during the preceding twelve (12) months.

STRAYS RUNNING AT LARGE

Any stray dog or animal observed running at large is subject to capture and impoundment by the Animal Control Officer. All cats shall be vaccinated for rabies. Cats determined not to have proper vaccination shall be subject to capture and impoundment as herein provided.

IMPOUNDMENT

Captured animals can be impounded, in an animal shelter, by a licensed veterinarian or other humane impoundment as approved by City Council.

CAPTURE, POUNDAGE, AND BOARDING FEES

The fees for capture, poundage, and boarding of animals shall be set and approved by City Council so as to provide safe and humane capture, poundage, and boarding of animals.

REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMAL

The owner of any animal impounded under the provisions of this Ordinance may redeem such animal by paying the capture, poundage, and boarding fees. Any animal of a species susceptible to rabies will not be released from impoundment without proof that the animal is rabies protected. Impounded animals shall be held for a period of four (4) days after such period of time above indicated, all such animals shall become subject to sale or destruction under terms of this Ordinance.

SALE OR DESTRUCTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS

Any animal impounded under the provisions of this Ordinance not redeemed by the owner thereof within the time required by this Ordinance, shall be and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. After such period of redemption, the City reserves the right to sell or destroy all such animals. The sale of such animals shall be upon such provisions as may be approved from time to time by the City Council. The destruction of such animals shall be carried out in a humane manner, according to procedures approved from time to time by the City Council.

An animal eligible for sale may be purchased from the City for a fee set from time to time by City Council. As a condition of sale, the prospective owner must have the animal rabies protected if required.

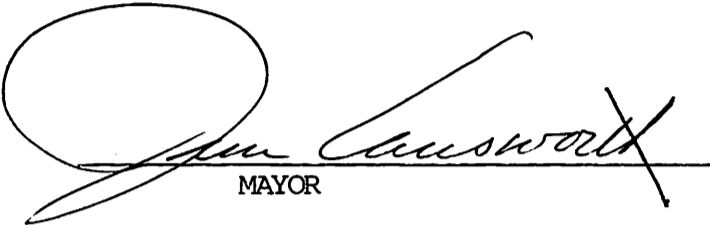
PUBLIC RECORDS OF IMPOUNDING REQUIRED

Immediately after impounding any animal hereunder, it shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to enter upon the records the date of impounding, a description of the animal impounded, and a record of vaccination tags and/or other means of identification. Such records shall also reflect whether each impounded animal is thereafter redeemed, sold or destroyed.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

An individual appointed by City Council to carry out animal control within the corporate limits of Beach City in accordance with provisions described within this Ordinance. Remuneration for the Animal Control Officer will be as approved from time to time by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a meeting duly convened by the City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas, this the 26th day of March, 1985.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

