

AN ORDINANCE amending various sections of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, of the Joplin City Code by amending various sections therein to generally update and modernize Code provisions dealing with dogs, cats, and other animals kept within the City of Joplin, Missouri.

WHEREAS, having referred the subject matter of this Council Bill to the Health Board on Wednesday, May 7, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, having received the favorable recommendation from the Health Board to the proposed amendments covering Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, of the Joplin City Code;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 8-1, Definitions, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be revised by amendment of certain existing definitions, and/or by the deletion of certain existing definitions, and by the addition and/or enactment of supplementary definitions so that Section 8-1. Definitions, reads, in part, as follows:

"Sec. 8-1 Definitions.

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At large. Any dog shall be deemed to be "at large" when it is on or off the property of its owner or keeper and not restrained by a competent person.

Compendium of animal rabies control. Shall mean current edition of a document by that name published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, which serves as the standard for rabies vaccine, treatment and policy.

Competent person. Any owner or keeper of any dog

or other animal capable of physically restraining if necessary any dog or other animal in their care. The animal in their care must be immediately responsive to their commands to heel.

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Impound. To apprehend, catch, trap, net, snare, dart or, if necessary in the opinion of the animal warden or police officer due to an emergency situation euthanize any animal by an animal warden, police officer, or other authority authorized by the director of public health and welfare.

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Restraint. A dog is under "restraint" if it is within a secure, fully enclosed or fenced area; or under the hand-held leash (not to exceed 10 feet) at "heel" of a competent person; or secured by a chain or cable sufficient to prevent said dog being at large; or within a vehicle capable of preventing said dogs escape; or secured by leash or other means on a vehicle (such as open bed of a truck) such that the dog cannot reach past the edge of any of the sides of the vehicle. However, a dog may be considered under restraint if it is on its property and the owner is present with dog and animal is responsive to commands.

Vicious animal. Repeal definition of "vicious animal".

Section 2. That Section 8-3, Dangerous animals, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be repealed and replaced with the enactment of a new Section 8-3. Refusal to deliver animal to animal warden, to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-3. Refusal to deliver animal to animal warden.

It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to deliver up to the animal warden any animal, fowl or reptile, when requested to do so under the provisions of this chapter."

Section 3. That Section 8-5, Cruelty to animals generally, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be repealed and replaced by the enactment of a new Section 8-5., Animal abuse, to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-5. Animal Abuse.

(a) Actions deemed misdemeanors. Any person who shall cruelly overwork any domestic animal or shall cruelly drive or work the same when unfit for labor, or shall abandon the same to die, or cause the same to be carried, moved or kept in or upon any vehicle in a cruel or inhumane manner, or shall tease or torment any animal in a fashion so as to make said animal mean or aggressive, or shall impound or confine or cause to be impounded or confined in any place any animal or creature and fail to supply the same during such confinement with the following:

(1) A Structurally sound, properly ventilated, sanitary, dry and weatherproof shelter suitable for the species, age and condition of the animal, which is free of litter or hazardous substances and objects and which provides access to shade from direct sunlight and regress from exposure to inclement weather conditions. The shelter shall have at a minimum a floor, walls with an opening suitable for the size of the animal and roof. Unacceptable shelter includes but is not limited to barrels, crates, cardboard boxes and tarpaulins;

(2) Wholesome foodstuffs suitable for the species which is provided at suitable intervals for the species in a sanitary manner and in quantities sufficient to maintain good health in the animal considering its age and condition;

(3) Constant access or access at

suitable intervals to a supply of clean, potable, unfrozen water, provided in a sanitary manner and in sufficient amounts for the species to maintain good health in the animal; and

(4) Normal and prudent attention to the needs of the animal, including all required immunizations, sufficient exercise, and rest, and grooming to maintain good health and the provision to each sick or injured animal of the adequate veterinary care or humane death;

Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prevent a person from taking whatever action is necessary to defend himself, another individual or an animal when endangered by an attack from an animal other than a trained dog maintained and utilized by a law enforcement officer as a police dog when such dog is under the direction and control of such officer.

(b) Removal of animals; impoundment. The director of public health and welfare or his authorized representative shall have the power to remove animals from private owners and place them in the custody of such director of public health and welfare or his authorized representative in cases where the health or safety of the animal or the public is, in the opinion of the director or his representative, in immediate danger. Such director or his representative shall have the power to remove such animals, except from said owners' dwelling, without the consent of the owners, for the protection of the animals or the public, and shall have the right to retain custody of such animals until the threat to the health or safety of the animals or the public, in the opinion of the director or his representative, has been removed. Any expense incurred in such impoundment becomes a lien on the animal impounded and must be discharged before the animal is released from the custody of the director or

his representative. Fees for dogs, cats and other small animals shall be consistent with Sections 8-94 of this article. In the case of large animals, private livestock haulers, stables, and other services may be utilized by the director or his representative. The actual cost of the city for these services shall be charged in lieu of the schedule set forth in Section 8-94.

(c) Disposal of unredeemed animals. When the impounded animal is not claimed by its owner and all impoundment costs satisfied within seven (7) days from the date of impoundment, such animal may be sold at public or private sale for fair consideration to a person capable of providing care consistent with this section, with the proceeds of that sale applied first to discharge of the lien, and any balance to paid over to the owner. If no purchaser is found, the animal may be disposed of in a humane manner at the discretion of the director of public health and welfare .

(d) Interfering with enforcing authority. Any person who shall interfere with the director or his authorized representative in the performance of his duties, as set forth in subsections (b) and (c) above, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor."

Section 4. That Section 8-17, Removing animal from custody of animal warden, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be enacted and shall read as follows:

"Sec. 8-17. Removing animal from custody of animal warden.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove from the custody of the animal warden by force, deceit or otherwise, any animal which has been impounded by such officer."

Section 5. That Section 8-18, Tampering with traps, cages, animal carriers, etc., or interfering with duty of animal warden, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be enacted and shall read as follows:

"Sec. 8-18. Tampering with traps, cages, animal carriers, etc., or interfering with duty of animal

warden.

It shall be unlawful for any person to tamper with, alter or otherwise damage any trap, cage, animal carrier or other animal control equipment or to interfere with any animal warden in the performance of their duty."

Section 6. That Section 8-31, Running at large prohibited, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-31. Running at large prohibited.

Every owner shall keep his dog under proper restraint to prevent the dog from being at large.

Any person (regardless if the same dog involved) convicted of violating this section a third time within a two (2) year period from the date of the first conviction, shall be subject to a fine of at least Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Any person convicted of violating this section a fourth time within a two (2) year period from the date of the first conviction, may be required to surrender all or some of his dogs currently under ownership to the city department of public health and welfare for disposal at the pound at their discretion. Upon conviction, the judge of municipal court may also order that the owner not be allowed to own any additional dogs for up to two (2) years."

Section 7. That Section 8-32, Vicious dogs or other animals, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-32. Dangerous dogs or other animals.

(a) No person shall own, keep, harbor or allow to be in or upon his premises any dangerous dog or other animal unless it is confined in accordance with the provisions of this section. A dog or other animal shall be considered dangerous by virtue of:

(1) Having inflicted a severe or fatal injury on a human being on public or private property. "Severe injury" means any physical injury, resulting directly from an animal's bite or strike which results in death, broken bones, lacerations requiring stitches, or hospitalization. The victim receiving severe injuries must provide supervisor of animal control a signed physician's statement documenting injury and treatment qualifying such as a severe injury or sign an authorization for release of such statement;

(2) Having killed a domestic animal, livestock, or poultry without provocation, while off the owner's property;

(3) Owning or harboring primarily or in part for the purpose of fighting or any animal trained for fighting;

(4) Having bitten in an aggressive manner a human being, without provocation, on public or private property other than the property of the owner;

(5) Having bitten in an aggressive manner while on the owner's property without provocation, a human being other than the owner or a member of the owner's family who normally resides at the place where the animal is kept; excluding dog bites under subsection (f) (9) of this section;

(6) When unprovoked, chases or approaches a person upon the streets,

sidewalks, or any public grounds, or private property other than that property of the owner, in a menacing fashion or apparent attitudes of attack, regardless of whether or not a person is injured by the animal;

(7) Possessing a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, in the opinion of the animal warden or police officer to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or domestic animals.

(b) A dog or other animal may be declared dangerous if: 1.) a written complaint (citation) is signed by the individual attacked or their legal guardian or by the director of public health and welfare or his representative, and 2) a conviction of the owner of the dangerous dog or other animal occurs in the municipal court of the city of Joplin.

(c) Any dog or other animal having a dangerous complaint initiated against such animal shall be securely impounded pursuant to Article IV of this chapter at the Joplin Humane Society or other approved location by the director until determination of guilt occurs in the municipal court. The owner of such dog or other animal shall be responsible for all costs incurred per Section 8-94 of this code while said animal is impounded. Any animal not reclaimed (if allowed) by its owner within seven (7) days after judicial action is completed shall be disposed of pursuant to Section 8-97 of this code.

(d) Any person charged with a violation of this section who having been duly notified, fails to appear in municipal court shall upon order of the court, waive their right to redeem their dog or other animal. The dog or other animal shall be disposed of pursuant to Section 8-97 of this code.

(e) Any dog or other animal deemed dangerous under the code shall not be sold or given away without the permission of the director of public health and welfare.

(f) Upon conclusion of the determination of dangerous by the court the following sanctions may be imposed upon the owner of said dog:

(1) Dangerous animals shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked kennel or cage. The kennel or cage shall be of a size of the animal kept therein and shall provide adequate ventilation, shade from the sun and protection from the elements. In the event of a dispute over the appropriate size, the guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture shall apply. The kennel or cage must have secure sides and a secure top (such as heavy gauge chain link fence material) attached to the sides. Such kennel or cage must have a secure bottom or floor (concrete or asphalt) attached to the sides. The kennel or cage must be locked with a key or combination lock when such animals are within the structure. Any such kennel or cage must be located at least ten (10) feet from any property lines and must comply with all zoning and building regulations of the city. Kennels for dangerous dogs must be sufficient for the breed;

(2) When confined indoors, no dangerous animal may be kept on a porch, patio or in any part of a house, building or structure that would allow the animal to exit such building on its

own volition. No such animal may be kept in a house, building or structure when the windows are open. No dangerous dog may be kept in a house, building or structure when screen windows or screen doors are the only obstacle preventing the dog from exiting the structure;

(3) No person shall permit a dangerous animal to go outside its kennel, cage or secure structure unless that person has the animal securely leashed on a leash no longer than four (4) feet in length and that person has physical control of the leash. Such animals shall not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, buildings, etc. Additionally, all such animals on a lease outside the animals' kennel, cage or secure structure must be muzzled by a muzzling device sufficient to prevent the animal from biting persons or other animals;

(4) A sign or signs shall be conspicuously posted upon the kennel or cage of any dangerous animal with letters in English at least two (2) inches high containing a warning to "Beware of the Dangerous Animal" or words of similar impact;

(5) All owners, keepers or harborers of any dangerous animal must maintain in effect public liability insurance amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons or for damage to property owned by any person or persons which may result from the ownership,

keeping or maintenance of such animal. All owners, keepers or harborers of dangerous animals shall present to the animal warden a statement certifying that they have the required insurance policy in effect. Such insurance policy shall provide that no cancellation of the policy will be made unless thirty (30) days' written notice is first given to the health department;

(6) The owner of such dangerous dog or other animal must register said animal with the health department. The application for such registration shall contain the name and address of the owner, the breed, age, sex, color and identifying marks of the animal, the location of where the animal will be kept and other such information the director may require. A registration number for future identification will be issued. Photographs will be taken of the animal for identification purposes. A microchip identification device properly implanted according to manufacturer's guidelines, by a licensed veterinarian, may be required at the owners expense;

(7) The owner of said dog or other animal shall arrange for the spaying or neutering of said animal at the owner's expense. This sanction may be imposed to help relieve the aggressive nature of the animal, the desire to wander and prevent future offspring with dangerous tendencies;

(8) Any dog or other animal that inflicts a severe or fatal injury on a

human being on any public or private property may be deemed an imminent threat to the public and ordered humanly euthanized by the court;

(9) No dog shall be declared dangerous pursuant to any part of the section if the threat, injury, or damage caused by such dog was sustained by a person who, at the time, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog or was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or has in the past been observed or reported to have tormented, abused or assaulted the dog, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime. Nor shall any dog be declared dangerous if it was responding to pain or injury, or was protecting itself, its kennel or offspring. Dogs utilized as part of a K-9 police dog program by a police official are exempted while performing duty;

(10) Upon conviction of any person of a violation of the requirements of these sanctions, the municipal judge may, in addition to the usual judgment upon conviction, order the animal warden to forthwith take up and humanely euthanize such animal;

(11) Upon conviction of any animal being dangerous, a penalty of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and/or 100 days in jail may be imposed in addition to any above sanctions; and,

(12) Sanctions imposed by the court

are to be implemented to the animal wardens satisfaction within seven (7) days after the court ruling or the dog or other animal may not be reclaimed and may be disposed of pursuant to Section 8-97 of this code."

Section 8. That Section 8-41, Required, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-41. Required.

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog over four (4) months of age within the city unless such dog has been licensed under the provisions of this division."

Section 9. That Section 8-46, Rabies inoculations, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-46. Rabies inoculations.

All persons who are the owners of any dog over four (4) months of age within the city shall have such animal vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian so as to provide immunity from rabies annually. All dogs receiving said vaccination shall receive a tag as specified in the current Compendium of Animal Rabies Control."

Section 10. That 8-50, Tags, collar or harness required on dogs, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be enacted and shall read as follows:

"Sec. 8-50. Tags, collar or harness required on dogs.

No owner or keeper of any dog over the age of four (4) months shall allow or permit such dog to be in any place in the city at any time without a collar, or harness having attached thereto, the rabies tag, required by Section 8-46."

Section 11. That Section 8-71, Vaccination required, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be

amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-71. Vaccination required.

No person shall own, keep or harbor any cat within the city unless the same be vaccinated annually for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. The first such vaccination shall not be required until the cat is four (4) months of age when such vaccination becomes mandatory."

Section 12. That Section 8-71.1. License required, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-71.1. License required.

No person shall own, keep or harbor any cat over four (4) months of age within the city unless such cat has been licensed under the provisions of this Code."

Section 13. That Section 8-91, Impoundment Authorized, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-91. Impoundment Authorized.

(a) Any animal found in violation of the provisions of this chapter, or any animal abandoned, may be seized and impounded by any police or animal warden. Impoundment shall be in any animal shelter designated by the city council.

(b) In order to impound an animal in violation of this code, employees of the department of health and welfare shall have the authority to enter upon private property while pursuing said animal and they shall have the authority to open gates, cross fences and take whatever steps that are necessary to impound the animal except that nothing contained herein shall be construed to authorize the city employee to enter into a dwelling without consent of

those in lawful control of the dwelling, or authorized by a court of law."

Section 14. That Section 8-94, Fees, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-94. Fees.

(a) The following fees shall be charged for the impoundment of any animal under the provisions of this article:

- (1) First redemption of animal within twelve (12) months..... \$15.00;
- (2) The second redemption of the same animal within the preceding twelve (12) months \$30.00;
- (3) The third redemption of same animal within the preceding twelve (12) months.....\$45.00;
- (4) The fourth redemption of same animal within the preceding twelve (12) months.....\$60.00;
- (5) The fifth redemption and any subsequent redemptions of same animal within the preceding twelve (12) months.....\$75.00.

(b) Whenever any animal is impounded, an additional fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be charged for each day, or fraction thereof, of impoundment for feeding such animal.

(c) In addition to the fees above-described in this section, there shall be an additional fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for any animal impounded that is subject to licensing as required by this chapter that does not have a current license.

(d) In addition to the fees set forth in Section 8-94 (c), a deposit of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be made per each animal not shown to have received at the time of its release, a required rabies vaccination and license from a licensed veterinarian in accordance with Section 8-46 or Section 8-71 of this code. This Ten Dollar (\$10.00) deposit shall be reimbursed only if within five (5) working days the animal has received a current rabies vaccination. Employees of the department of health and welfare shall verify that said animal has received the proper vaccination within ten (10) working days of the animal's release from the pound. If said vaccinations have not taken place, then the owner or keeper shall receive a complaint to municipal court for violating Section 8-46 or 8-71 of the ordinance.

(e) The owner of any animal required to be quarantined and placed in the Joplin Humane Society shall be required to pay a charge of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per day or fraction thereof for feeding such animal, but the owner shall not be required to pay the impoundment fee described in Section 8-94. However, the owner shall be responsible for fees as set forth in (c) and (d) above as necessary.

(f) Owners of impounded animals may retrieve or otherwise obtain the release of their animals from the Joplin Humane Society only after they have made payment of impoundment and all other charges.

(g) If a financial hardship exists on the owner of an impounded animal, the Fifteen Dollar (\$15.00) first impoundment fee may be waived at the direction of the director of public health and welfare if the following conditions apply: (1) the animal is current on license & vaccination; (2) no previous violations of city code or written warnings have occurred with the owner or any animal in the owner's possession; or, (3) animal was impounded for being at large."

Section 15. That Section 8-98, Redemption of unvaccinated animal, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, shall be repealed in its entirety and is hereby reserved.

Section 16. That Section 8-112, Certain animals to be quarantined, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-112. Certain animals to be quarantined.

Every animal which bites or scratches a person or which is suspected of having been exposed to rabies shall be promptly reported to the police department and/or the department of public health and welfare and may thereupon be securely quarantined at the direction of the director of public health for a period of ten (10) days from the date of confinement. Such animal shall be quarantined at the shelter designated as the city pound or a veterinary hospital or at the home of the owner upon such conditions as the director of public health shall impose, and the expense of such quarantine shall be paid by the owner of such animal if his identity is known."

Section 17. That Section 8-113, Duty to surrender, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-113. Duty to surrender.

The owner, upon demand made by the department of public health and welfare, shall forthwith surrender any animal which has bitten or scratched a human or which is suspected as having been exposed to rabies for supervised quarantine, the expense of such shall be borne by the owner."

Section 18. That Section 8-115, Procedure when rabid animal dies, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-115. Procedure when quarantined or rabid animal dies.

When an animal under quarantine has been diagnosed as being rabid or suspected by a licensed

veterinarian, or the director of public health and welfare or representative, as being rabid and dies while under such observation, the head of such animal shall be sent to the state health department for pathological examination and the proper public health office shall be notified of reports of human contacts, and the diagnosis made of the suspected animal."

Section 19. That Section 8-116, Procedure when animal is bitten by rabid animal, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-116. Procedure when animal is bitten by rabid animal.

Any animal bitten or scratched by either a wild, carnivorous mammal or a bat that is not available for testing, should be regarded as having been exposed to rabies.

Dogs and Cats. Unvaccinated dogs and cats exposed to a rabid animal (or wild animal not available for testing or quarantine) should be euthanized immediately. At the owner's options, the animal should be placed in strict isolation for six (6) months and vaccinated one (1) month before being released. Animals with expired vaccinations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Dogs and cats that are currently vaccinated should be re-vaccinated immediately, kept under the owner's control, and observed for forty-five (45) days."

Section 20. That Section 8-117, City-wide quarantine--Generally, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-117. City-wide quarantine--Generally.

When a report under Section 8-116 gives a positive diagnosis of rabies, the director of public health and welfare may recommend a city-wide quarantine for a period of six (6) months. Upon the invoking of such quarantine, no animal shall be taken into the streets or permitted to be in the streets during

such period of quarantine. During such quarantine, no animal may be taken or shipped from the city without written permission of the director of public health and welfare."

Section 21. That Section 8-119, Unauthorized destruction or removal of rabid animals, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-119. Unauthorized destruction or removal of rabid animals.

No person shall kill or cause to be killed any rabid animal, any animal suspected of having been exposed to rabies or any animal biting or scratching a human, except as provided in this article; nor remove the same from the city limits without written permission from the director of public health and welfare."

Section 22. That Section 8-123, Physicians to report bites, scratches, etc., of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-123. Physicians to report bites, scratches, etc.

It shall be the duty of every physician to report to the department of public health and welfare the names and addresses of persons treated for bites or scratches inflicted by animals, together with such other information as will be helpful in rabies control."

Section 23. That Section 8-125, Record of bite cases, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-125. Record of bite, scratches, etc., cases.

It shall be the duty of the department of public health and welfare to keep or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of all animal bite, and scratch cases reported to it, and its investigation of same."

Section 24. That Section 8-141, Definitions, of Chapter 8, Article VI. Keeping Regulations,

Division 1. Generally, Animals and Fowl, be amended to add one additional definition, Dangerous Reptile, so that Section 8-141 shall read, in part, as follows:

"Sec. 8-141. Definitions.

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Dangerous Reptile. Any alligator, crocodile and turtle of any size or any non-poisonous snake of a constrictor nature capable of growing in excess of six (6) feet in length, or any other reptile deemed by the director of public health and welfare to be dangerous to the public.

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Section 25. That Section 8-144, Hogs prohibited, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-144. Hogs prohibited.

(a) The keeping, feeding or raising of hogs or pigs with the city is hereby declared to be a nuisance and it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, feed or raise hogs or pigs with the city.

(b) Exception. It shall be permissible to own and maintain "pot-belly" pigs if the owner thereof meets each of the following criteria:

(1) That the owner possesses a Certificate of Registration from a registry service approved by the Director;

(2) Such animal is blood tested for brucellosis, leptospirosis, and pseudo rabies;

(3) Such animal remains indoors at all times except during exercise and restroom breaks;

(4) No person shall own or maintain more than two (2) pot-belly pigs per household."

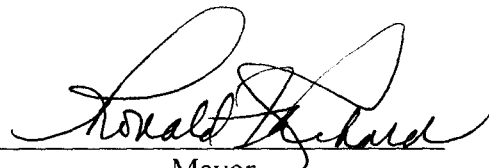
Section 26. That Section 8-154, Wild animal suspected of rabies, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, be repealed and re-enacted as Section 8-126, under Article V. Rabies Control, of Chapter 8, Animals and Fowl, to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-126. Wild animal suspected of rabies.

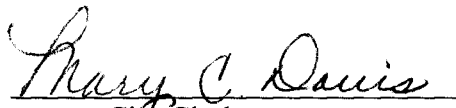
Whenever any wild animal (including ferrets) has been diagnosed as being rabid, or suspected of being rabid by a licensed veterinarian, the head of such animal shall be sent to the state health department for pathological examination, and the proper public health officer shall be notified of reports of human contacts and the diagnosis made of the suspected animal."

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this

2nd day of June, 1997.

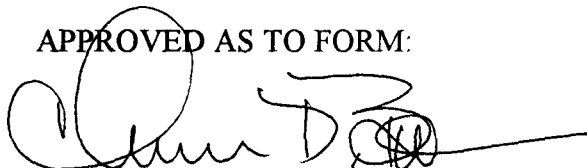

Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney