

ORDINANCE NO. 7469

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN, KANSAS, RELATING TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 6-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manhattan, Kansas, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-52. – Disposition of animals.

Animals delivered to the animal shelter, which have been found to be running at large within the City of Manhattan, or Riley County, and which are not claimed by their owner, keeper or harborer within a period of three full days in which the shelter is open to the public, shall become the property of the City of Manhattan, Kansas. Dogs delivered to the animal shelter pursuant to Section 6-27 shall become the property of the city if the owner, keeper or harborer fails to redeem such animal within three days after it has been determined that such animal shows no evidence of rabies. Animals delivered to the animal shelter pursuant to an agreement with another governmental agency, and which are not claimed by their owner, keeper or harborer, within that period of time established by the agreement, or if no such period is established, within a period of three full days in which the shelter is open to the public, shall become the property of the City of Manhattan. Once an animal becomes the property of the city, either under the operation of this section or by a written release from the owner pursuant to Section 6-51, the city may dispose of the animal either by adoption or by euthanasia.

SECTION 2. That Section 6-54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manhattan, Kansas, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-54. – Adoption.

- (a) The operator of the animal shelter may allow any person to adopt any animal that has become the property of the city. Only natural persons shall be allowed to adopt animals, and corporations shall not be permitted to adopt animals, except that a corporation, which is licensed as a kennel by the City of Manhattan, Kansas, or a licensed animal rescue may be allowed to adopt animals hereunder. No more than four animals in any 12-month period may be adopted by any person or members of that person's immediate family.
- (b) An adoption fee of at least \$25.00 shall be assessed at the time of adoption. In addition, if a license would be required for such animal pursuant to the ordinances of the city, such license shall be obtained along with all requirements for such licensing, including rabies vaccinations. If no license is required, a rabies vaccination certificate must still be obtained before the animal is released.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon publication in the official city newspaper.

**PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN, KANSAS,
THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.**

Michael L. Dodson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Wolf, CMC, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 7469 SUMMARY

On December 17, 2019, the City of Manhattan, Kansas adopted the following ordinance:

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The Ordinance decreases the required holding period for a stray from five days to three days and sets a minimum adoption fee of \$25 for animals at the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter. The complete text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed free of charge at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., and is available for at least one week following the publication date of this summary at www.cityofmhc.com. This Summary certified to be legally accurate and sufficient by City Attorney Katharine Jackson.

City Attorney

Date certified: _____