

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORSICANA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED *ANIMAL CONTROL*, ARTICLE 2.600, *RUNNING AT LARGE*, OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADDING A TITLE TO CREATE SECTION 2.601, *RUNNING AT LARGE* AND ADDING SECTION 2.602 *SPAY/NEUTER REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Corsicana, Texas, that Chapter 2, entitled *Animal Control*, Article 2.600, *Running at Large* be amended to add a title to create Section 2.601, *Running at Large*, and to add Section 2.602, *Spay/Neuter Requirements and Exceptions* and hereafter read as follows:

**CHAPTER 2: ANIMAL CONTROL
ARTICLE 2.600 RUNNING AT LARGE**

Section 2.601 Running at Large

- A. It shall be unlawful for an owner or harbinger of any pet animal and/or livestock or any other person who has such animal under his or her possession or care, to allow or permit such animal to run at large.
- B. It is an exception to (A) that:
 - 1. The animal is a police service animal under the supervision of a peace officer in the performance of his or her official duties.
 - 2. The cat is spayed or neutered and in compliance with Article 2.500 (animal registration).
 - 3. The animal is a waterfowl at a municipally owned facility.
- C. Each animal in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.
- D. The animal control officer, LRCA, Animal Services Manager or Shelter Supervisor is authorized to impound such animal(s) running at large or when he/she has received a complaint that the pet animal has caused a nuisance or hazard to the health or welfare of humans or the animal population.

Section 2.602 Spay/Neuter Requirements and Exceptions

- A. *All dogs or cats upon the second impound/offense (i.e. Running at Large) within the corporate city limits will be required to have the dog/cat spayed/neutered within 30 days of redemption. The cost to spay/neuter the animal shall be paid by the owner.*
- B. *The following animals will not be spayed/neutered as directed under Subsection (A):*


1. *The animal is under four months of age;*
 2. *A licensed veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat should not be spayed/neutered for health reasons or is permanently non-fertile;*
 3. *The animal is a trained animal used by or under the authority of a governmental agency in police or rescue work;*
- C. *Animals transferred to another animal shelter or a nonprofit or 501(c)3 organization that provides a written agreement to the City that the animal will be sterilized before being placed into a new home located within the corporate limits of the City; or*
- D. *Dogs or cats, picked up for the first time, belonging to a breeder that has:*
1. *The animal's microchip number;*
 2. *A copy of the animal's health statement; and*
 3. *Paid the fee for first offense and all other fees associated with the impoundment of the animal.*
 4. *Should the animal be impounded or a citation issued for the same offense (i.e. Running at Large) a second time, then the owner will be required to have the animal spay/neutered within 30 days of redemption. The cost to spay/neuter the animal shall be paid by the owner.*

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this **9th** day of **October, 2017**.



Don Denbow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stephanie Hunt, Acting City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kerri Anderson Donica, City Attorney