

BILL NO. 2022-181

ORDINANCE NO. 11675

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-143 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATING TO DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Sedalia, Missouri has the authority to enact regulations regarding animals running at large; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sedalia, Missouri has determined that it is appropriate and necessary to amend Section 8-143 of the City's Code of Ordinances in order to adopt new regulations relating to dogs and cats running at large.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI as follows:

Section 1. Section 8-143 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 8-143. Dogs and Cats Running at Large.

(a) Dogs and cats running at large in violation of Section 8-92 of the Code shall be subject to the provisions this Section, which are in addition to any other applicable provisions of the Code. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to police dogs while in the performance of law enforcement activities, or community cats as defined in Chapter 8 of the Code.

(b) Dogs that have been adjudged to be potentially dangerous will require sterilization.

(c) The owner of any dog or cat impounded for running at large may only redeem the animal upon compliance with the provisions of Section 8-93 of the Code and the following conditions. As a condition to the release of a dog or cat impounded for the first time for running at large, the owner shall sign a written redemption agreement acknowledging, among other things, that upon the second impoundment for running at large the dog or cat, if not already so implanted, shall be implanted by the City with a readable identifying microchip before being released. Upon the second impoundment for running at large, any dog or cat that has not been implanted with a readable identifying microchip shall be implanted with an identifying microchip by the City before being released. The owner shall pay a microchip implantation fee in the amount specified in the City Fee Schedule plus the cost of the microchip before the dog or cat is released. If the animal has previously been implanted with a microchip, the owner shall notify the animal control officer and any applicable national registry of any change in address or telephone number. As a condition to the release of a dog or cat impounded for the second time for running at large, the owner shall sign a written redemption agreement acknowledging, among other things, that upon the third impoundment for running at large the dog or cat, if intact, will be spayed or neutered as provided in the Code.


(d) Intact dogs and cats impounded for the third time shall be spayed or neutered before being released, unless the owner demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the animal control officer that one or more of the following exceptions apply:

- (1) Dogs being used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement activities or such dogs designated as breeding stock by an appropriate agency or organization approved by the Chief of Police;
- (2) Dogs that have been appropriately trained and are being used as service dogs such as a guide dog, hearing dog, assistance dog, seizure alert dog or social/therapy dog or such dogs designated as breeding stock by an appropriate agency or organization approved by the Chief of Police;
- (3) Dogs that have been appropriately trained and are being used by search and rescue agencies for search and rescue activities or such dogs designated as breeding stock by an appropriate agency or organization approved by the Chief of Police;
- (4) Dogs or cats certified by a licensed veterinarian as having a health reason for not being spayed or neutered;
- (5) Dogs that have been appropriately trained and are being used for herding of other animals or as livestock guardian dogs, or such dogs designated as breeding stock by an appropriate agency or organization approved by the Chief of Police;
- (6) Dogs or cats boarded in a licensed kennel or licensed business which boards such animals for professional training or resale.

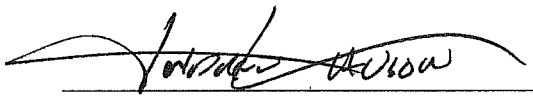
The owner shall pay a spay or neuter fee of in the amount specified in the City Fee Schedule before the dog or cat is released.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

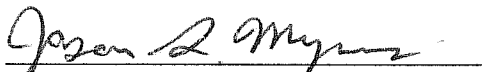
Read two times by title, copies of the proposed ordinance having been made available for public inspection prior to the time the bill is under consideration by the Council and passed by the Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri this 17th day of October, 2022.


Presiding Officer of the Council

Approved by the Mayor of said City this 17th day of October, 2022.


Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jason S. Myers
City Clerk