

**CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 24-12-19-50**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING TITLE IX “GENERAL REGULATIONS,” CHAPTER 91 “ANIMALS,” “ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT,” BY ADDING SECTION 91.36 “LOCAL RABIES ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY,”; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER/SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Corinth, Texas is a home rule municipality, (the “City”), and as such, the City may adopt fees as necessary to pay for costs of development; and

WHEREAS, Texas Health & Safety Code Section 826.017 requires municipalities to designate a Local Rabies Control Authority for the purposes of local enforcement of the Rabies Control Act of 1981; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Corinth therefore finds it in the public interest and in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Corinth to designate a local rabies control authority and to provide for a local rabies and quarantine program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF PREMISES AND FINDINGS. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, accurately represent the findings of the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas and are incorporated herein as if written in full.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS. Amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IX “General Regulations,” Chapter 91 “Animals,” “Administration and Enforcement,” is hereby amended by adding a new Section 91.36, “Local Rabies Control Authority” is hereby adopted to be and read as follows, and all other subsections of Chapter 91 not expressly amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect:

“Section 91.36 - LOCAL RABIES CONTROL AUTHORITY.

(A) *Designation of Local Rabies Control Authority.* The Town of Hickory Creek Director of Public Works and Animal Services is designated as the local rabies control authority for purposes of enforcement of Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, as amended.

(B) *Duties.* Among other duties, as the local rabies control authority, either through the City’s animal services officers, or a third-party contractor or other person designated by the City Manager, shall enforce:

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1. Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, as amended, and the rules adopted by the Texas Board of Health that comprise the minimum standards for rabies control and any other applicable state and federal laws related to zoonotic diseases;
2. The City's ordinances governing the control of rabies within the City; and
3. The rules adopted by the Texas Board of Health under the area rabies quarantine provisions of Texas health and Safety Code Section 826.045, as amended, and any other applicable state and federal laws related to zoonotic diseases."

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of Corinth, Texas, that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance as severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such constitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, since they would have been entered by the City Council without the incorporation of this Ordinance of unconstitutional or invalid sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases.

SECTION 4. CUMULATIVE REPEALER/SAVINGS. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other Ordinances and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such Ordinances except for those instances where there are direct conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance. Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time this Ordinance shall take effect and that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance. Provided, however, that any compliant, action, claim, or lawsuit, which has been initiated or has arisen under or pursuant to such Ordinance on the date of adoption of this Ordinance shall continue to be governed by the provisions of that Ordinance and for that purpose, the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT. The City may enforce the requirements for this Ordinance against any person, firm, or corporation violating its provisions as allowed by law or equity, including without limitation, discontinuation of service, civil suit, or civil penalties as allowed by law. This provision is not meant as a limitation of remedies.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by state law and Charter, and it so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December, 2024.

Signed by:

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Bill Heidemann, Mayor

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ATTEST:
Attest by:

Lana Wylie
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Lana Wylie, City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Approved by:

Patricia Adams
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Patricia A. Adams, City Attorney