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Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Timothy Wymes, Community Development Director

DATE: March 16, 2020

RE: Animal Ordinance Update for Quarantine Requirement

Issues

City staff is recommending updating the animal ordinance quarantine requirements for dogs and cats. If a pet owner's dog or cat is involved in an animal bite that injures a human, by city ordinance the animal must be quarantined for a period of 14 days by a licensed veterinarian. Under the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians and Control Committee, who sets the nation standards for rabies control, their professional recommendation requires a 10 day quarantine for dogs, cats, and ferrets. City staff would like to follow the national standards regarding animal quarantine.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends approval.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AMENDING SECTIONS 5-144 AND 5-145 OF SUBDIVISION III, RABIES CONTROL, OF DIVISION 2, DOGS, OF ARTICLE IV, ANIMALS, OF CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION, OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE CHANGING THE RABIES OBSERVATION TIME TO TEN DAYS FOLLOWING A DOG BITE

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron set the rabies observation period at fourteen days for dogs which had bitten a person in conjunction with standards set by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid National Veterinarians Association changed their observation period to ten days in 2016 and the City of Cameron desires to update its Code to match these regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5-144, Biting of person – confinement of dog; responsibility of owner, of Subdivision III, Rabies Control, of Division 2, Dogs, of Article IV, Animals, of Chapter 5, Health and Sanitation, of the City of Cameron Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5-144. Biting of person – Confinement of dog; responsibility of owner.

Any dog which shall bite any person causing an abrasion of the skin shall be immediately delivered to a licensed veterinarian for purposes of confinement and observation by the licensed veterinarian for a period of not less than ten (10) days. The person owning, harboring or permitting any such dog to be about his premises shall be responsible for delivering such dog to a licensed veterinarian and paying the cost of keeping and confining the dog, for notifying animal control immediately upon knowledge or notice that such dog has bitten any person and, if such dog has been or will be immediately delivered to a licensed veterinarian for confinement and observation as provided in this section, for notifying the police of the name of such veterinarian.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of Section 5-145, Same – Disposition after confinement, of Subdivision III, Rabies Control, of Division 2, Dogs, of Article IV, Animals, of Chapter 5, Health and Sanitation, of the City of Cameron Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5-145. Same – Disposition after confinement.

(a) All dogs impounded under section 5-144 and which are not rabid shall be released at the expiration of ten (10) days, provided that such dog shall be provided with a collar and the metal tag as specified in section 5-141.

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Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to sign this Ordinance approving it on behalf of the City of Cameron, Missouri.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Passed and approved on first reading this 2nd day of March 2020.

Passed and approved on second and final reading this 16th day of March 2020.

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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