BILL 2020-40

First Reading

Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Timothy Wymes, Community Development Director

DATE: October 5, 2020

RE: Home Quarantine

Issues

It was suggested by a member of the public when the Council was considering changing the quarantine timeframe for animals that bit a person that the City consider allowing a 'home quarantine' option. After much discussion at multiple committee meetings, the details of allowing home quarantine under certain circumstances have been laid out in Bill 2020-40.

For pets to qualify for the home quarantine option, the animal must be registered and up-to-date on required vaccinations. The victim or victim's guardian must agree to allow home quarantine and the pet owner must sign an agreement stating they understand and will comply with the requirements of home quarantine.

Recommendation

City staff recommends approval.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AMENDING DIVISION 2, DOGS, AND DIVISION 3, CATS, OF ARTICLE IV, ANIMALS, IN CHAPTER FIVE, HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE TO ALLOW FOR HOME QUARANTINE OF DOGS/CATS WHICH BITE A PERSON

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron recently amended the quarantine confinement for dogs and cats that have bitten a citizen from fourteen days to ten days; and

WHEREAS, during that discussion, the public wished to explore options for home confinement/quarantine; and

WHEREAS, City staff and Council have developed a program to allow home quarantine/confinement under certain circumstances.

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.

(a) *Quarantine:* 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 of 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 the veterinarian.

(b) *Home Quarantine:* The City of Cameron, Animal Control Department may authorize home quarantine for bite animals when the following criteria are met and the investigating officer concurs that it is in the best interest of all parties and the public's health to do so:

1. The bite animal must be current with the required vaccinations and properly licensed with the City of Cameron, Missouri.
2. The victim or legal guardian of the victim must consent in writing to allow home quarantine.
3. The pet owner shall quarantine the animal at the address where the city license is registered.

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4. The pet owner agrees to quarantine the animal inside the home and only allowed outdoors for potty breaks.
5. The pet owner agrees when the bite animal is outside of the home it shall be leashed at all times including inside a fenced yard and must be controlled by a legal adult.
6. The pet owner agrees that the animal shall be inspected by a licensed veterinarian on the third or fourth day after the bite incident. Once the veterinarian has inspected the animal, the pet owner must contact the City of Cameron Animal Control Department with the results within 24 hours.
7. The pet owner shall consent to the requirements of home quarantine; if he/she fails to comply with any of the guidelines, the bite animal will be placed in the care of the City of Cameron or a licensed veterinarian for the remainder of the quarantine at the expense of the pet owner.
8. The bite animal shall be isolated from nonrelated family members and other animals.
9. If the bite animal has been involved in more than one unprovoked animal bite against humans, home quarantine will not be allowed.

Section 2. Section 5-160A, Biting of person, of Subdivision III, Rabies Control, of Division 3, Cats, of Article IV, Animals, of Chapter 5, Health and Sanitation, of the City of Cameron Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5-160A. Biting of person.

(a) *Quarantine:* Any cat 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 cat to be about his premises shall be responsible for delivering such cat to a licensed veterinarian and paying the cost of keeping and confining the cat, for notifying animal control immediately upon knowledge of notice that such cat has bitten any person and, if such cat 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 the veterinarian.

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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 1st reading this 5th day of October 2020.

Passed and approved on 2nd/Final Reading this ____ day of _____ 2020.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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