

ORDINANCE NO. 7

(FORMERLY "ORDINANCE 3, SERIES 1978, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY"): AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE ANIMALS THEREIN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH –

SECTION II - Animals - (Restraint Required) - All animals shall be kept under restraint at all times.

SECTION III - Dogs and cats are to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

SECTION IV - (Impounding) - Unrestrained animals shall be taken by the dog warden, police or humane officer and impounded in the Animal Shelter and there confined in a humane manner. Impounded animals shall be kept for not less than seven (7) days unless reclaimed by their owners. If by a license tag, or other means, the owner can be identified, the agency impounding such animal shall immediately notify the owner by telephone or mail of the impoundment of the animal. Animals not claimed by their owners within seven (7) days of their impoundment, or placed in suitable new homes, shall be humanely euthanized by the agency. However, the seven (7) day impoundment time may be waived by the dog warden or his agent if an impounded animal has an injury or physical condition which causes the animal to suffer.

SECTION V - (Issuance of Citations) - In addition to, or in lieu of impounding of an animal found at large, any enforcement officer so authorized, may issue to the owner of such animal a citation, specifying the Section or Sections violated and indicating the specific nature of the violation. Such citation shall impose upon the owner the obligation of appearance to answer the charges specified in the citation at the Jefferson County District Court at the time and place indicated on the citation.

SECTION VI - (Confinement of Animal When in Heat) - Every female dog or cat in heat shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure in such manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding.

SECTION VII - (Nuisance) - No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals so as to prevent the following actions by them; excessive, continuous or untimely barking or howling; molesting or passersby; chasing of vehicles; attacking of domestic animals; trespassing upon school grounds; trespassing upon private property; or damaging of property of any nature.

SECTION VIII(a) - (Humane Treatment of Animals) - No owner shall fail to provide his animal with good wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment. Any owner or keeper of animals shall maintain a clean and healthful shelter and living area for any animal being kept. If any animal is restrained by a chain, leash or similar restraint, such chain or restraint shall not be less than ten (10) feet in length and either on a swivel designed to prevent the animal from choking or strangling itself or else on a chain run. No person shall, beat, cruelly ill treat, torment, overload, overwork or otherwise chase any animal, or cause or permit any dog fight, cockfight or other combat between animals. No owner shall abandon the animal, abandonment consisting of leaving such animal for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours without providing for someone to feed, water and check on the animal's condition.

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SECTION VIII(b) - No person shall place any poisonous substance which may be harmful to any animal as described herein in any location where it may be readily found and eaten by such animal.

SECTION XIV - (Exhibition of Wild or Vicious Animals Prohibited) - No person shall keep or permit to be kept on his premises any wild or vicious animals for display or for exhibition purposes, whether gratuitously or for a fee.

SECTION XVI - (Interference With Enforcement Prohibited) - No person shall in any manner interfere with, hinder, molest or abuse any officer or individual authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION XIX - (Penalties) - Any persons violating any provision of this ordinance (excepting Section VIII(b) and Section XVI) shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than (\$15.00) dollars nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars or be imprisoned for not less than five (5) nor more than sixty (60) days or both so fined and imprisoned. Any person violating Section VIII(b) or Section XVI of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars or imprisoned for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year or both so fined and imprisoned. If any violation be continuing, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation.

FIRST READING: August 10, 1992

SECOND READING: September 14, 1992

Passed and approved this 14th day of September, 1992 by five ayes and no nays.

Ben Franklin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Faye Humbert, City Clerk