

CITY OF BELLS

ORDINANCE NO. 107-1A

ARTICLE II DOGS AND CATS

Sec. 1 Definitions.

When used in this article, the following words and terms, unless the context indicates a different meaning, shall be interpreted as follows:

Cat means a domestic feline of either sex, including one (1) neutered or sterilized.

Dog means a domestic canine of either sex, including one (1) neutered or sterilized.

Domestic Animal shall include all species of animals commonly and universally accepted as being domesticated.

Harboring means the act of keeping and caring for an animal, or of providing a premises to the animal returns for food, shelter, or care for a period of ten (10) days.

Owner means any person who has right of property in an animal, or who harbors any animal, or allows an animal to remain about his premises for a period of ten (10) days.

Pet shall include dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents birds, reptiles, and any other species of animal which is sold or retained as a household pet, but shall not include skunks, nonhuman primates, and any other species of wild, exotic or carnivorous animal that may be further restricted in this law.

Rabies Vaccination shall mean the vaccination of a dog, cat, or other domestic animal with an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by a veterinarian licensed by the State.

Running at Large means an animal not under the physical control of the owner or his authorized representative.

Animals prohibited on City property means no animal other than service animals on City owned property.

Stray Animal means any animal for which there is no identifiable owner or harborer.

Vicious Animal means any specific animal that chases, terrorizes, bites, attacks or injures human beings or domesticated animals without provocation; or which because of temperament, conditioning or training, has known propensity to attack, bite, or injure human beings or domesticated animals.

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Wild Animals mean all species of animals which exist in a natural unconfined state and are not usually domesticated.

Sec. 2 Running at Large Prohibited.

The owner or harbinger of any dog shall keep it under restraint at all times and the dog shall not be permitted to run at large within the City of Bells. By "Restraint" it is meant that the owner or harbinger shall keep the dog in a secure enclosure or tied to prevent it from running loose.

Sec. 3 Animals Prohibited on City Property.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or harbinger to allow any animal to come onto or inside any City of Bells property. City of Bells property includes, but is not limited to (City Hall, Police Department, Public Works Buildings, Parks, and City Recreational Ball Fields, Ect).

Exception.

Service Animals that are used to assist will be allowed in all the above locations and areas.

Sec. 4 Barking Dogs.

It shall be unlawful and a nuisance for any person to harbor or keep on his premises or in or about his premises or premises under his control any dog which by loud or prolonged barking or howling shall cause the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or the occupant of adjacent premises to be disturbed.

Sec. 5 Vaccinations.

Every owner of a dog or cat three (3) months of age or older shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies. All dogs and cats vaccinated at three (3) months of age or older shall be revaccinated at one (1) year of age and annually thereafter. Such routine vaccination should be performed during the months of January and February during each calendar year. Any person moving into the city from a location outside the City of Bells shall comply with this article within ten (10) days after having moved into the City. If the dog or cat had inflicted a bite on any person or another animal within the last ten (10) days, the owner of such dog or cat shall report such fact to the veterinarian, and no rabies vaccination shall be administered until after the ten-day observation period.

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Sec. 6 Certificate of Vaccination.

Upon vaccination, the veterinarian shall execute and furnish to the owner of the dog or cat as evidence thereof, a certificate upon a form furnished by the veterinarian. The veterinarian shall retain a duplicate copy and one (1) copy thereof shall be filed with the City- County Health Department. Such certificate shall contain the following information.

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the vaccinated dog or cat.
- (2) The date of the vaccination.
- (3) The type of rabies vaccine used.
- (4) The year and number of rabies tag; and
- (5) The breed, age, color and sex of the vaccinated dog or cat.

Sec. 7 Rabies Tag.

Concurrent with the issuance and delivery of the certificate of vaccination referred to in section 6, the owner of the dog or cat shall cause to be attached to the collar or harness of the vaccinated dog or cat a metal tag, serially numbered to correspond with the vaccination certificate number, and bearing the year of issuance and the name of the issuing veterinarian and his address. The owner shall cause the collar or harness, with the attached metal tag, to be worn by his dog or cat at all times.

Sec. 8 Harboring unvaccinated Dogs or Cats.

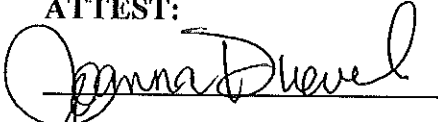
It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor any dog or cat which has not been vaccinated against rabies, as provided in section 5, or which cannot be identified as having a current vaccination certificate.

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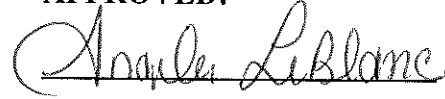
READ AND ACCEPTED this 12 day of may, 2015

ATTEST:



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APPROVED:



Mayor, Angela Le Blanc

This amendment shall replace Ordinance 107-1 dated June 6, 2006