

ORDINANCE NO. 1208

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, DOGS AND  
CATS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE  
CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS, DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISON,  
ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 6.04 of the Harrison Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

Section 1: Section 6.04.01 shall be deleted in its entirety and the following be added:

6.04.01 Licensing; Responsibility; Penalty. The quartering, keeping and maintaining of any dog or cat within the City of Harrison, Arkansas, is declared to be an annual privilege exercisable only by an animal license issued by the City for such purpose for the current calendar year.

Licenses are classified as follows:

- A. Male dogs and altered female dogs \$5 per calendar year or fraction thereof.  
Unaltered female dogs \$8 per calendar year or fraction thereof.  
Male cats and altered female cats \$5 per calendar year or fraction thereof.  
Unaltered female cats \$8 per calendar year or fraction thereof.
- (1) EXCEPTIONS: Owners 65 years of age or older or those permanently disabled may purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime of their dogs or cats, for \$10.00 each.
- (2) Owners who have a certified Seeing-Eye Dog or a Certified Personnel Care Dog shall be exempt from the annual fee or the lifetime fee.
- B. Responsibility of applicant.
  - A. Animal licenses shall be issued upon proof that the applicant's dog or cat has been inoculated against rabies for the calendar year and the payment of above mentioned fees. All dogs and cats four (4) months and older must be licensed.
  - B. Applicant, by permanent, appropriate and reasonable means shall attach to their dog's collar easily discernible and identifiable evidence of the license and its date of issue. Cats are exempt of the collar requirement, but the animal's owner must have in his possession evidence of the annual rabies inoculation and the current animal license.
- C. Kennels.
  - 1. From and after adoption of this section it shall be unlawful in any area of the city zoned residential for any person to place or cause to be placed on his property a kennel for the maintenance of dogs and cats whether for

boarding or breeding purposes.

2. A kennel shall be defined as any lot or premises on which are kept six (6) or more dogs, more than six (6) months of age.
3. Any licensed kennel validly pre-existing the date of this Ordinance shall continue to comply with the pre-existing Municipal Ordinances, and if not maintained as set out therein, the person convicted of violating said Ordinance shall be punished as set out below.

D. Disturbing the Peace.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep on his premises, or under his control, any dog which by loud and frequent barking and/or howling shall disturb the peace and quiet of any person who may reside within reasonable proximity of the place where such dog is kept.

E. Return of Dog.

If a dog is picked up by the Animal Control Officer and is wearing a current City License Tag, the animal will be returned (first time only) at no cost to the owner. Thereafter the fee for the return of the dog is \$25.00 plus \$5/day for boarding charge.

Section 2: Section 6.04.02 shall be deleted in its entirety and the following be added:

6.04.02 Impoundment. Animals that have bitten, scratched, clawed, or otherwise attacked a human being shall be seized and held for 10 days at and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, and the cost of such detainment is to be born by the owner, unless the owner can show proof of inoculation against rabies and will attest that the owner will secure and confine said animal for 10 days, and submit it to inspection for confirmation of this provision, with a final inspection at the end of the 10 day period.

Section 3: Section 6.04.03 shall be deleted in its entirety and the following be added:

6.04.03 Running At Large. The running at large of dogs is hereby declared to be a nuisance and a health hazard and shall be regulated as hereinafter set out.

1. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow or permit said dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Harrison, and the owner of every dog shall be responsible to keep said dog confined or restrained.
2. Dogs found running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Harrison shall be impounded in the city pound for a period of ten (10) days during which period the owner of said animal may reclaim said animal by paying to the City of Harrison twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the impoundment of said animal and an additional fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each day or part thereof that said animal is impounded. If the owner of said animal is known, the poundmaster shall give notice by mail of the impounding of the animal to its owner. All animals unclaimed

within five (5) days from the time of impounding or the time that notice is given, whichever is later, may be sold by the poundmaster to any person who will pay the fees owed; if buyer is found or the owner does not reclaim the animal within the said five (5) day period, the animal shall be destroyed.

3. If a dog is picked up by the Animal Control Officer, and the dog's owner does not provide evidence of current rabies inoculation or does not provide a current animal license, in addition to any other penalty imposed herein, the dog must be inoculated for rabies and the dog must be licensed within ten days of the date the dog's owner is notified that the owners dog has been impounded by the City.

Section 4: Section 6.04.04 shall be deleted in its entirety and the following be added:


6.04.04 Penalties Any person violating any provisions of this Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than \$100.00, and each day that such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

6.04.05 All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED ON THIS 7 DAY OF MAY, 2001.

  
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ROBERT A. REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Joel Williams, City Clerk

