BILL 2020-20

First Reading

Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Timothy Wymes, Community Development Director

DATE: May 18, 2020

RE: Animal City License Requirements

Issues

City Staff and the Policy and Procedure Committee met on May 6, 2020, to discuss the requirements for animal licenses. Currently the City requires that dogs and cats be registered with the city annually each calendar year. Per city code, in order to receive a city pet license, dog owners are required to provide proof of the rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Dog's owners have the option of purchasing a separate park license for the use of the dog park. To obtain a dog park license, the dog owner would need to provide additional proof of the parvo/distemper and kennel cough vaccination. After some discussion, City Staff and the Policy and Procedure Committee agreed upon eliminating the requirement for an additional park tag license.

In order for dog owners to receive a 2021 dog license, they will be required to provide proof of the rabies and parvo vaccination. All shots will still be required to be administered by a license veterinarian. The new requirement for a dog license will allow for every licensed dog the use of the dog park as well.

Recommendation

To approve as presented.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN SUBDIVISION II, LICENSE, OF DIVISION 2, DOGS, OF ARTICLE IV, ANIMALS OF CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE CHANGING THE VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR DOGS AND REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SEPARATE DOG PARK LICENSE

WHEREAS, the health and safety of Cameron's residents and their pets are of utmost concern to the City of Cameron; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to make the Cameron Dog Park safe and accessible to as many citizens and dogs as possible; and

WHEREAS, by adding the Parvo shot requirement for all dog tags, the City could then allow access to the Cameron Dog Park with the annual dog license/tag and eliminate the need to purchase an additional tag for access to the Dog Park as well as protecting all dogs from the Parvo disease.

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

FIRST READING

Section 1. Section 5-121, Listing dog with city clerk; payment of tax; immunization against rabies, of Subdivision II, License, 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. 5-121. Listing dog with city clerk; payment of tax; immunizations.

No person shall own or keep a dog or harbor or permit a dog to stray indefinitely upon premises occupied, owned, rented, leased or controlled by him in the city limits unless such person, or someone for him, shall list such dog with the city clerk, shall pay the tax imposed by this subdivision on or before January 1 of each year and shall immunize such dog against rabies and parvo, as provided in this division. The owner, keeper or harborer of an animal that is allergic to the required vaccines may be exempt from the vaccine as per section 5-122(b).

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of Section 5-122, Vaccination required, of Subdivision II, License, 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. 5-122. Vaccinations required.

(a) No person shall be entitled to obtain a city license required by this subdivision for a dog until such person submits proof of rabies and

parvo vaccination of such dog. Such proof may be shown by production of the veterinarian's certificate described in section 5-142.

Section 3. Section 5-131, Dog park license, of Subdivision II, License, of Division 2, Dogs, of Article IV, Animals, of Chapter 5, Health and Sanitation, of the City of Cameron Code is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

Sec. 5-131. Dog Park access.

The following requirements must be met for dogs and their owner, keeper or harborer to access the City Dog Park:

(a) The owner, keeper or harborer shall first obtain a city dog tag from the city clerk before entering dog parks within the city limits.
(b) City dog licenses must be visible and attached to the dog(s) at all times.
(c) All dogs must be properly vaccinated with the rabies vaccine and parvo vaccine by a licensed veterinarian.
(d) Exemption from the vaccination requirement shall comply with section 5-122(b).
(e) Owner, keeper or harborer shall adhere to dog park warnings and safety rules at all times.
(f) Transient/non-resident visitors to the city dog park must adhere to all the requirements herein, except that the City dog license requirement shall be waived if proof of rabies and parvo vaccinations is provided.
(g) No person shall use for any dog a license receipt or license tag issued for another dog.

Section 4. The Mayor is authorized to sign this Ordinance approving it on behalf of the City of Cameron, Missouri.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning with 2021 new dog licenses/tags and 2021 dog license/tag renewals.

Passed and approved on first reading this 18th day of May 2020.

Passed and approved on second and final reading this _____ day of June 2020.

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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