

ORDINANCE 14-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1 IN GENERAL AND CHAPTER 2 DOGS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen desire to update the Municipal Code regarding animal control and dogs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the White House Municipal Code Title 10, Chapter 1 In General and Chapter 2 Dogs be revised from the Municipal Code as follows:

ARTICLE X: ANIMAL CONTROL
CHAPTER 1: In General
SECTIONS: Multiple sections edited and chapter re-numbered

10-101. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any dogs, ~~cats~~, cows, swine, sheep, horses, mules, goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits.

~~10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted. No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street, without a permit from the health officer. The health officer shall issue a permit only when in his sound judgment the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building under the circumstances as set forth in the application for the permit will not injuriously affect the public health.~~

10-103 102. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean.

10-104 103. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided.

10-105 104. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.

10-106 105. Cruel treatment prohibited.

10-107 106. Seizure and disposition of animals. Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by ~~the health officer~~ an animal control officer or by any police officer and confined in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address. If the owner is not known or cannot be located, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. In either case the notice shall state that the impounded animal or fowl must be claimed within five (5) days by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold. If not claimed by the owner, the animal or fowl shall be sold or humanely destroyed, or it may otherwise be disposed of as authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance.

10-108 107. Inspections of premises. For the purpose of making inspections to insure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, ~~the health officer~~ an animal control officer, or his authorized representative ~~a police officer~~, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter.

10-109 108. Duty of the court.

10-110 **109. Improper care prohibited.**

ARTICLE X: ANIMAL CONTROL
CHAPTER 2: Dogs
SECTIONS: Amending sections 10-206 and 10-207

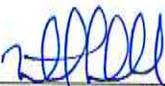
10-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid. If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for reason suspected of being infected with rabies, ~~the health officer~~ the animal control officer or chief of police may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he reasonably deems necessary to determine if such dog is rabid.

10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs. Any dog found running at large may be seized by the ~~health~~ animal control officer or any police officer and placed in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If said dog is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying a reasonable pound fee, to be fixed by the pound keeper, or the dog will be humanely destroyed or sold. If said dog is not wearing a tag it shall be humanely destroyed or sold unless legally claimed by the owner within two (2) days. No dog shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog has been vaccinated and had a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar. When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog found running at large cannot be safely impounded it may be summarily destroyed by the ~~health~~ animal control officer or any policeman.¹

This ordinance shall become effective upon its final reading and adoption by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and publication, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading: November 20, 2014 PASSED

Second Reading: December 18, 2014 PASSED



Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kerry Harville, City Recorder