

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2212

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 265, 2108 AND 865 SETTING LICENSE FEES, IMPOUNDMENT AND BOARDING FEES, AND VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS MAINTAINED IN THE CITY OF MENA, ARKANSAS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council to amend ordinances 265, 2108, and 865 of the City of Mena, Arkansas which control and regulate the maintenance of animals within the City limits; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that license fees, impoundment and boarding fees, and vaccination requirements for animals be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Mena, Arkansas, that Ordinances §§265, 2108, and 865 be amended as follows:

Section I: Vaccinations. Ordinance No. 865 requires that all domesticated animals within the City of Mena shall be vaccinated with an anti-rabies vaccine annually. This section of Ordinance No. 865 is hereby amended to read all domesticated animals within the City of Mena shall be vaccinated with an anti-rabies vaccine as recommended by a licensed veterinarian.

Section II: License. The fees for a city license shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for one animal and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for each additional animal per year. However, a waiver will be given of five dollars (\$5.00) for one animal and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for each additional animal per year for a maximum of five (5) years if the owner provides proof the animal has been sterilized.

Section III: Fees. Section 18 of Ordinance No. 865 shall be amended as follows:
The following fees shall be charged for the impoundment of any animal:

First redemption within the calendar year	\$25.00
Second redemption within the calendar year	\$50.00
Third redemption & subsequent redemptions within the calendar year	\$75.00

Whenever any animal is impounded, an additional fee of seven dollars (**\$7.00**) shall be charged for each day, or fraction thereof, for feeding and caring for such animal.

Whenever any animal is impounded for reasons of quarantine as required by state law, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged for each day, or fraction thereof, for feeding and caring for such animal.

Section III: All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section IV: In the event any subsection, section, or part of this Ordinance is later ruled to be invalid, the other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in force and effect.

Section V: It has hereby been recommended by the City Council of the City of Mena, Arkansas, that the above-prescribed license fees, impoundment and boarding fees, and vaccination requirements for animals maintained within the City of Mena become effective immediately. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary to the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2012.

CITY OF MENA, ARKANSAS


George McKee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda Rexroad, City Clerk