

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE KEEPING AND CARE OF DOGS AND CATS, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 6-70 REGARDING NOISY DOGS AND ADDING A NEW SECTION ON THE FEEDING OF FERAL CATS IN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. City Code Section 6-70 regarding Noisy Dogs, shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 6-70. Noisy Animals.

- (a) General Provision: The keeping or harboring of any animal which by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping, mewing, roaring or screeching shall disturb the peace of any neighborhood is hereby prohibited.
- (b) Complaint Procedure: Any citizen being disturbed by actions in violation of this section may issue a written complaint to a City law enforcement officer or the public officer of the City detailing the location of the offending animal, the owner or party harboring the offending animal, a general description of the times and dates of the alleged violation and a time-stamped recording of the violation.
- (c) Duty of Owner or Person Harboring Animal: It shall be the duty of any person owning, harboring or keeping such loud or noisy animal or animals to abate the condition, either by using established and humane animal control methods to stop noise, to address conditions that may cause the disturbance or remove the animal from the City.
- (d) Notice of Violation: Upon receipt of a Complaint under subsection (b), above, the responsible city officer shall give Notice of the violation by personal service or mail delivery of a Notice form, detailing the complaint or complaints submitted. Said notice shall give the noticed party Ten (10) days to abate the noisy conditions to the satisfaction of the city officer.
- (e) Failure to Abate: If the owner or person harboring the noisy animal does not abate the noisy conditions, the City may abate the violation by filing an action in Municipal Court. Upon conviction of a violation of this section the Court may impose a fine upon a first violation in an amount not to exceed \$200.00. Upon a second conviction of a violation of this section within a three-year period, the court shall impose a fine of not less than \$200, nor more than \$499. Upon a third conviction within a three-year period a fine of not less than \$500.00 shall be imposed and the Court may order the taking up, impounding and/or disposing of the animal at the expense of the person charged.

SECTION 2. The City Code is amended by adding the following:


Sec. 6-127. Feeding Feral Cats. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally place or distribute food on any public or private property within the City, whether owned by individual owners or upon any public property or public ways/easements, for the purpose of aiding or feeding

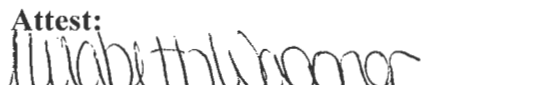
feral cats. It shall be presumed that any unlicensed cats that are fed in this manner are feral, and no claim of ownership of the cat or cats shall be admissible absent current registration as provided in this Code. A person found in violation of this section may be charged with a City Ordinance violation in municipal court and fined for each violation in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

SECTION 3. All Code sections and Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 14 day of March 2024.


DEBBY WERTH, Mayor

Attest:

ELIZABETH WAGONER, City Clerk

