

ORDINANCE NO. 011/2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.04 MONROE MUNICIPAL CODE ANIMAL CONTROL; CLARIFYING CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR THE LICENSURE OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY; AMENDING THE STANDARDS FOR THE MANDATORY QUARANTINE OF BITING DOGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 8.04 contains the City of Monroe regulations governing animal control; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend Chapter 8.04 Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) in order to revise and clarify certain animal licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City further desires to modify the standards for quarantining of dogs following the biting of a person or other animal;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of MMC 8.04.050. Subsections 8.04.050(A) and (B) of the Monroe Municipal Code are hereby amended to provide in their entirety as follows:

8.04.050 Licensing of animals.

A. Any person owning a dog or cat which has permanent teeth or which is more than six months of age shall procure a license for each such animal each year. Such license shall be procured within thirty days after the date an animal of six months of age or with permanent teeth is brought by the owner into the city, or within thirty days after any dog or cat reaches six months of age or has permanent teeth; thereafter each such animal shall be licensed annually on that date. The animal licenses shall include information as to sex, breed, and name and address of the owner; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to nonresident animals kept within the city in excess of thirty days, duly licensed by the jurisdiction which the owner resides in, if such animals are kept at all times under restraint by the owner.

B. A dog or cat license fee as established by the city council by periodic resolution shall be charged for each animal. This fee is due and payable on application for an animal license. Any dog used by a blind person is exempt from the license fee

while so owned and used, but is not exempt from being licensed or from any required rabies inoculation.

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Section 2. Amendment of MMC 8.04.080. Section 8.04.080 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

8.04.080 Biting dogs to be reported and quarantined.

A. Any owner of a dog, any person who is bitten by a dog, and any doctor, veterinarian or hospital which has information that a person has been bitten by a dog shall immediately report such bite, giving the name and address of the bitten person if known to him, and shall abide by the quarantine instructions given in this chapter.

B. All dogs alleged to have bitten a person or another animal shall be quarantined as herein provided for a period of ten days, commencing from the date of the alleged bite, unless the owner of the dog alleged to have bitten the person produces a valid certificate of inoculation by a modified live virus type vaccine against rabies dated less than two years prior to the time said alleged bite occurred, and such dog does not exhibit aberrant behavior.

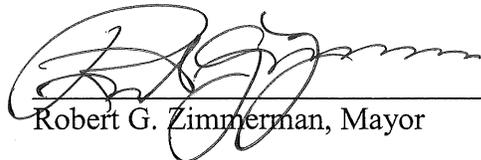
Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 15th day of May 2012.

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CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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