

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA

Ordinance No. 2024- 40

An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning the Regulation and Licensing of Pets by the Animal Control Authority

WHEREAS, the Common Council (“Council”) of the City of Hobart, Indiana recognizes that the enhanced enforcement of existing animal control provisions in the Municipal Code of the City (“Code”) is essential to ensuring humane and proper practices for the care of pets and the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the current provisions for pet licensing are critical to promoting responsible pet ownership among citizens of the City and that the current oversight for pet licensing is assigned to the staff at the Clerk-Treasurer’s office; and

WHEREAS, the City has established an ongoing partnership with the Humane Society of Hobart, INC. which currently also acts in the capacity as the Animal Control Authority for the City pursuant to the Code and that as the premiere authority for pet health, welfare and safety, the Humane Society of Hobart, INC. is best equipped to issue pet licenses as required by pet owners throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council concludes that Humane Society of Hobart, INC., as the designated Animal Control Authority for the City of Hobart shall also maintain, issue and collect all fees for pet licensing within the City of Hobart pursuant to the Code;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Municipal Code of the City of Hobart (“Code”) is

hereby amended by striking out and inserting the following language to **CHAPTER 90: ANIMALS AND FOWL, § 90.35** entitled "**Pet Licenses**" as follows:

(A) *Generally.* It is unlawful for any person to own or harbor any dog or cat over the age of 6 months of age unless the animal is licensed by the city as provided in this chapter.

(Prior Code, § 3-24)

(B) *Duration.* All city pet licenses shall be effective for 12 months from the period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

(Prior Code, § 3-25)

(C) *Issuance.* City pet licenses shall be issued under the supervision of the city's Clerk-Treasurer at such places and at such times as may be designated by the Mayor.

(Prior Code, § 3-26)

(D) *Rabies inoculation required.* Current rabies vaccinations shall be required before issuance of a city pet license. Indiana state law shall be the determination for time period considered current.

(Prior Code, § 3-27)

(E) *Fee.* Every person owning or harboring a dog or cat within the city shall, on or before January 1 of each year or within 10 days of acquiring any such animal over the age of 6 months or within 10 days after any such animal becomes 6 months of age, obtain an annual city pet license **issued by the Animal Control Authority** for each animal so owned or harbored. The fees are as set out in the Fee Schedule of this code.

(Prior Code, § 3-28)

(F) *Fee exemption.* There shall be no fee charged for licenses issued for any dog trained as and actually used for a guide dog for blind or hearing impaired. Owners of these dogs or the owners' agents should obtain a city license yearly with no fee being charged.

(Prior Code, § 3-29)

(Ord. 1758, § 1(part))

SECTION TWO: The Municipal Code of the City of Hobart ("Code") is hereby amended by striking out and inserting the following language to **CHAPTER 90, ANIMALS AND FOUL, § 90.35** entitled "**LICENSE TAG**" as follows:

(A) *Transferability.* Individual city pet tags shall be attached to the animal for which they are issued and shall pass from 1 owner to another with the animal. Upon the change of ownership of a licensed animal, the new owner shall notify the city's ~~Clerk-Treasurer~~ **Animal Control Authority**, in writing, of the change in order that license records of the city may be properly adjusted. No tag shall be transferred from 1 animal to another.

(Prior Code, § 3-30)

(B) *Loss; fee for duplicate.* If any city license tag should be lost, the owner may procure a duplicate tag for use during the remainder of that year by making an application for same and paying a fee

as set out in the Fee Schedule of this code to the city's ~~Clerk-Treasurer~~ **Animal Enforcement Authority**.
(Prior Code, § 3-31)

(C) *Attachment.* It is unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to permit the animal off the owner's premises without having its individual city license tag attached to a collar or harness worn by the pet. City pet tags shall not be obscured or defaced in any way.
(Prior Code, § 3-32)

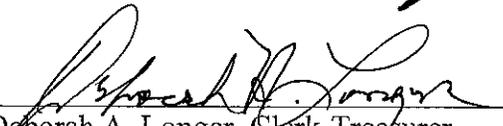
(D) *Removal.* It is unlawful for any person other than the owner of a licensed animal, or that owner's agent, to remove a collar with a city tag from the animal, except that the Animal Control Authority has the right to remove the collar from any living animal impounded so as to prevent injury and from any dead animal to aid in identification of owner.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption in the manner required by law, and upon publication thereof pursuant to I.C. §36- 3-4-6-14(b) in two newspapers of general circulation published within the City pursuant to I.C. §5-3-1-4 (a).

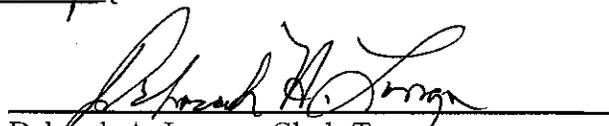
SECTION FOUR: All ordinances or portions thereof in effect prior to the effective date and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ALL OF WHICH is PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 18th day of December, 2024.

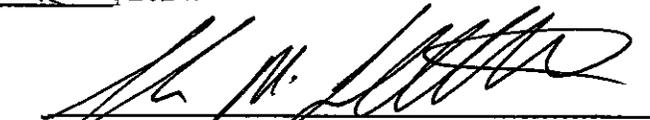

Joshua Huddleston, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 18th day of December, 2024 at the hour of 7:15 pm


Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 16th day of December, 2024.



Loshaua Huddleston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer