

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12-3

AMENDING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 1 OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES
CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF DOGS

WHEREAS, the Town of Springdale fees concerning licensing of dogs have not been updated since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Springdale wishes to implement a multiple dog/ kennel license due to resident interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following sections shall be altered or created to read as follows:

SEC. 7-1-3 ISSUANCE OF DOG LICENSES.

- a) The owner of any dog more than five (5) months of age on January 1 of any year, or five (5) months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes five (5) months of age, pay a license tax and obtain a license.
- b) The minimum license tax under this Section shall be ~~Four (\$4.00)~~ Seventeen (\$17.00) Dollars for spayed females or neutered males. The minimum fee for unspayed or unneutered animals shall be ~~Nine (\$9.00)~~ Twenty-two (\$22.00) Dollars. These amounts shall be reduced by one-half if the animal became five (5) months of age after July 1 during the license year. The license year shall commence January 1 and end December 31.
- c) Upon payment of the required license tax and upon presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, as required by Section 7-1-2 of this Chapter, the Town Treasurer shall complete and issue to the owner a license for such dog containing all information required by state law. A duplicate copy of the license shall be kept on file by the Town Treasurer. The Treasurer shall also deliver to the owner, at the time of issuance of the license, a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license, the name of the county in which issued and the license year.
- d) The owner shall securely attach the tag to a collar and the collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog for which the license is issue at all times.
- e) The fact that a dog is without a tag attached to the dog by means of a collar shall be presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed. Any Town Constable or Dane County Humane Society Officer shall seize, impound or restrain any dog for which a dog license is required which is found without such tag attached.
- f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons is exempt from dog license tax and every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license from the Town Treasurer upon application therefor.

SEC. 7-1-4 MULTIPLE DOG LICENSES.

- a) Multiple dog license option. Any person who keeps more than one dog may, instead of the license tax for each dog required by this chapter, apply to the Treasurer for a multiple dog license for the keeping of the dogs. Such person shall pay for the license year a

- license tax of \$55 for 12 or fewer dogs and an additional \$17 for each dog in excess of 12, regardless of spayed/neutered status. Upon payment of the required multiple dog license tax and upon presentation of evidence that all dogs over 5 months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the Treasurer shall issue the multiple dog license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs authorized to be kept by the person.
- b) Multiple dog license tags. Multiple dog license tags shall be made in a form so that they may be readily distinguishable from the individual license tags for the same year. The owner or keeper of dogs for which a multiple dog license has been issued shall keep at all times a multiple dog license tag attached to the collar of each dog over 5 months old kept by the owner or keeper under a multiple dog license, but this requirement does not apply to a dog during competition or training, to a dog securely confined indoors, to a dog while hunting, or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. An owner or keeper may transfer a multiple dog license tag from a dog that the owner or keeper no longer owns or keeps to another dog if the other dog is currently immunized against rabies. The rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag shall remain attached to the dog for which it is issued at all times, but this requirement does not apply to a dog during competition or training, to a dog securely confined indoors to a dog while hunting, or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. No dog bearing a multiple dog license tag shall be permitted to stray or to be taken anywhere outside the limits of the owner's or keeper's premises unless the dog is on leash or temporarily out for the purposes of hunting, breeding, trial, training, or competition.
- c) Applicability of other requirements. Unless clearly inapplicable, all the provisions of this chapter relating to the individual dog license tax, licenses, and tags shall apply to the multiple dog license and tags.

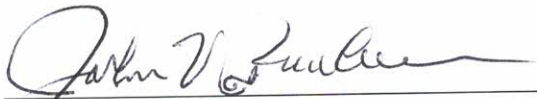
SEC. 7-1-4.5 LATE FEES.

The Town Treasurer shall assess and collect a late fee of Five (\$5.00) Dollars from every owner of a dog five (5) months of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog reached licensable age.

SEC. 7-1-5.6 RABIES QUARANTINE.

- a) **DOGS AND CATS CONFINED.** If a district is quarantined for rabies, all dogs and cats within the Town shall be kept securely confined, tied, leashed or muzzled. Any dog or cat not confined, tied, leashed or muzzled is declared a public nuisance and may be impounded. All officers shall cooperate in the enforcement of the quarantine. The Town Clerk shall promptly post in at least three (3) public places in the Town, notices of quarantine furnished by the department for posting.
- b) **EXEMPTION OF VACCINATED DOG OR CAT FROM QUARANTINE.** A dog or cat which is immunized currently against rabies, as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence is exempt from the Town quarantine provisions of Subsection (a) if a rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag is attached to the dog's or cat's collar.

Adopted this 20th day of December, 2022 by the town board of the Town of Springdale.



John Rosenbaum, Chair

Attest: 

Jackie Arthur, Admin/Clerk

Post: 12/20/2022 Town Hall and springdalewi.gov

Ordinance shall take effect 12/21/2022, the day after posting.

