



ORDINANCE 752

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-24 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE:

Section 1 That Chapter 5, Section 5-24 of Code of Ordinances of the City of The Village be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 5-24. Running at large.

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to keep any dog in his custody physically confined on his property or confined by a leash at all times. Confinement shall be accomplished by means of a substantial fence or similar enclosure of sufficient strength and height to prevent the dog from escaping therefrom, or from extending its head through the enclosure so as to constitute a threat to any person or animal in the area adjoining the enclosure; or by keeping the dog inside a house or other building or, if a person is outdoors with the dog at all times, by a tether of at least ten (10) feet consisting of material of sufficient strength to prevent the dog from escaping; however, nothing shall prohibit an unattended dog from being tethered in an enclosed area or in a fenced yard as provided herein.
- b) If the City is called upon to capture a cat on private property, or if the City is called upon to collect a cat captured by a private citizen, the owner of the cat or the person harboring said cat shall be responsible for paying impoundment, boarding and vaccination fees, as established by Resolution of the City Council, prior to the release of the cat by the pound master. If no person claims ownership of the cat and/or fails to pay the required fees within seventy-two (72) hours, the cat shall be considered stray and handled in accordance with the policies adopted by the City Council. The city shall not be responsible for damage to a private trap when called upon to collect an animal captured by a private citizen.

(Code 1976, 2-1-5(a); Ord. No. 227, §6, 1-18-77, Ord. No, 752 , §1, 07-06-2020)

Section 2. Repealer Clause. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.



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Section 3. Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Emergency Clause. WHEREAS, it being necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, and safety of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, an emergency is declared to exist and by reason thereof this Ordinance shall take full force from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE, OKLAHOMA, this 6th day of July 2020, after compliance with the notice requirements of the Open Meeting Law (25 O.S. § 301, *et seq.*).

ATTEST:



Bruce K. Stone,
City Clerk



DAVID BENNETT, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY this 6th day of July 2020.



City Attorney