

**CITY OF FOREST LAKE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 681**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER
35, SECTION 35.01 AND TITLE IX, CHAPTER 99
TO ELIMINATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR
DOGS AND THE RELATED DOG LICENSE FEE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST LAKE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title III, Chapter 35, Section 35.01 Amendment: Title III, Chapter 35, Section 35 of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby amended as follows to remove the dog license fee shown below. The struck-out text shows the deleted wording:

Dog License	\$10.00 per dog for the duration of rabies certification
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Section 2. Title IX, Chapter 99, Sections 99.02 and 99.02 Repeal: Title IX, Chapter 99, Sections 99.02 and 99.03 are repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. Title IX, Chapter 99, Section 99.09 Amendment: Title IX, Chapter 99, Section 99.09 of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby amended as follows. The underlined text shows the proposed additions to the City Code and the ~~struck-out~~ text shows the deleted wording:

§ 99.09 IMPOUNDING DOGS.

(A) The police, as defined in this chapter, may take up and impound any dog found not to be kept, confined or restrained in the manner required by this section.

(B) To enforce this chapter, the police may enter upon the private premises where it appears or where there is reasonable cause to believe that a dog is not being kept, confined, or restrained as herein required.

~~(C) Any owner shall produce for the inspection of the police his or her dog's tag or a receipt indicating payment of the license fee when requested by such official.~~

~~(C)~~ (D) No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest the police or any of their assistants in the performance of their duties hereunder, or attempt to release any animal from the city animal shelter except as herein provided.

~~(D)~~ (E) Any dog so impounded under this section shall be confined in the city animal shelter in a humane manner for a period of not less than 72 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, if not claimed prior thereto by its owner. Police shall make reasonable efforts to identify the owner of the dog and to notify the owner of the impoundment of the dog. Thereafter, the dog shall become the property of the city and may be disposed of in a humane manner or may be sold to or placed in the custody of some other suitable person. ~~If a dog is destroyed pursuant to this section, the license of the dog shall expire.~~

~~(F) Immediately upon the impounding of a dog wearing a current license tag, the police shall make every reasonable effort to notify the owner of the impoundment and of the conditions whereby the owner may regain custody of the dog. Any verbal notices shall immediately be confirmed in writing by the police.~~

Section 4. Title IX, Chapter 99, Section 99.11 Amendment: Title IX, Chapter 99, Section 99.11 of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby amended as follows. The underlined text shows the proposed additions to the City Code and the ~~struck-out~~ text shows the deleted wording:

§ 99.11 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS.

Any dog impounded hereunder not being held for suspected disease may be reclaimed by the owner within 72 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, upon payment by the owner to the City Clerk or City Animal Shelter ~~or his or her designated agent, with an impounding fee of \$20 if the dog has affixed to it a current city license, or \$25 if the dog has no license, plus an additional sum equal to the cost to the city of keeping the dog in the City Animal Shelter. If the dog so reclaimed requires a current license, the City Clerk shall, upon notification, issue such license without further cost.~~

Section 5. Title IX, Chapter 99, Section 99.13(B) Amendment: Title IX, Chapter 99, Section 99.13(B) of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby deleted in its entirety. The ~~struck-out~~ text shows the deleted wording:

~~(B) The licensing requirements of this chapter shall not apply to any dog belonging to a non-resident of the city and kept within the city for not longer than 30 days provided that all dogs, shall, at all times while within the city, be kept under restraint.~~

Section 6. Summary Publication. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 412.191, in the case of a lengthy ordinance, a summary may be published. While a copy of the entire ordinance is available without cost at the office of the City Clerk, the following summary is approved by the City Council and shall be published in lieu of publishing the entire ordinance:

The ordinance amends various provisions of Chapter 99 of the City Code to eliminate the requirement that dogs residing within the City of Forest Lake be licensed by the City and amends Chapter 35 of the City Code to eliminate the fee for a dog license.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Passed in regular session of the City Council on the 5 day of November, 2018.

CITY OF FOREST LAKE

By: Ben Winnick

Its: Mayor

Attested: By: Patrick Casey

Its: City Administrator/City Clerk

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