

ORDINANCE NO. 1518-09-2022

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 3 –
ANIMAL CONTROL, SECTION 3.6 - REGISTRATION, SECTION
3.7 - REVOCATION AND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION,
SECTION 3.8 - IMPOUNDMENT, SECTION 3.9 – REDEMPTION
OF AN ANIMAL, SECTION 3.11 – ADOPTION OF DOGS AND
CATS, AND SECTION 3.12 – ANIMAL QUARANTINE/ANIMAL
BITES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE CODE OF
ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gainesville would like to make it more convenient for pet owners; and

WHEREAS, the current requirements to register dogs and cats places an inconvenience on local pet owners; and

WHEREAS, a majority of pet owners in the City are not following current registration requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS:

Section 1: Delete Section 3-6 Registration and Section 3-7 Revocation and Denial of Registration

Section 3-6 Registration and Section 3-7 Revocation and Denial of Registration shall be deleted from the Code of Ordinances.

Section 2: Amend Section 3-8 Impoundment (a)(1)

Section 3-8 Impoundment (a)(1) shall be amended to read:

(1) Cats or dogs not exhibiting evidence of vaccination.

Section 3: Amend Section 3-8 Impoundment (a)(9)

Section 3-8 Impoundment (a)(9) shall be amended to read:

(9) TNR program cats shall not be impounded under this section merely for being at large or not exhibiting evidence of vaccination.

Section 4: Amend Section 3-9 Redemption of an Animal (a)

Section 3-9 Redemption of an Animal (a) shall be amended to read:

(a) The owner may redeem an impounded animal upon payment of all applicable impoundment fees, handling fees, and any veterinarian bills or other cost incurred by the city for the impoundment, care and welfare of the animal and upon proof of compliance with the vaccination requirements of this chapter. Any animal being held under quarantine or observation for rabies shall not be redeemed until released from quarantine by the animal control officer.

Section 5: Amend Section 3-11 Adoption of Dogs and Cats (c)

Section 3-11 Adoption of Dogs and Cats (c) shall be amended to read:

(c) The person adopting the dog and/or cat shall pay all applicable costs of adoption set by the City of Gainesville's designated facility, including vaccination and veterinarian fees.

Section 6: Amend Section 3-12 Animal Quarantine/Animal Bites

Section 3-12 Animal Quarantine/Animal Bites (g)(4) shall be deleted

Section 7: Severability

If any provision, section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstance, if for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid (or for any reason unenforceable), the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance or its application to the other person or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intention of the City Council and of the Mayor of the City of Gainesville in adopting and approving this Ordinance, that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion, provision, or regulation.

Section 8: Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

Section 9: Open Meeting Finding

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

SUSPENSION OF CHARTER

IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, ON THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022, THE CHARTER PROVISION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE REQUIRING THE READING OF THE ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS WAS SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF:

7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT, AND 0 ABSTENTIONS

ATTEST:


DIANA ALCALA, CITY SECRETARY

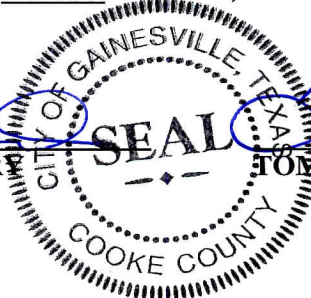

TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT, AND 0 ABSTENTIONS

ATTEST:


DIANA ALCALA, CITY SECRETARY




TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR