

AGENDA ITEM
November 20, 2013

Subject: Amendment to Municipal Code Sec 5-26 sub-section (a) and (b)

Department: Animal Control

This ordinance will amend dog licensing fees, add agreements with local veterinary clinics to issue licensing, and add requirements for vaccinations and licensing for impounded dogs.

If approved these changes would become effective January 1, 2014.

A GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 5-26 sub-section(a) and (b) OF THE NEVADA CITY CODE PERTAINING TO FEES, LICENSING AND VACINATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 5-26 of the Code of the City of Nevada, Missouri is amended to read as follows:

(a) *Annual license.* Every responsible party, keeping, harboring or permitting a dog to remain on his premises shall register and secure a license for such dog if over the age of six months. Dog licenses shall be issued by the city license officer or a representative upon payment of a license fee of \$5.00 for each spayed or neutered female or male and \$10.00 for each unsprayed or unneutered female or male. Application for a dog license shall be made by the responsible party on a printed form provided by the city for that purpose, upon which he shall state his name and address, and the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned or kept by him. Before any dog license shall be issued the responsible party shall present to the licensing officer a certificate of vaccination from a licensed veterinary surgeon showing that such veterinary surgeon has vaccinated the dog sought to be licensed, with an antirabies vaccine effective to create immunization from rabies for at least the effective period of the license. The provisions of the article shall not apply to a dog whose responsible party is a nonresident temporarily within the city, nor to seeing-eye dogs which have been vaccinated, and are trained and actually used to assist a blind person. Licenses shall be valid for 1 year from the date of issuance therefore, renewal licenses shall be due on the anniversary date of issuance.

1. Under an agreement with local veterinary clinics, city licenses may also be sold through the clinics. Licenses shall be supplied in defined increments to the clinics and the clinics shall make remittance to the City of applicable funds. The veterinary clinics may retain fifty (.50) cents of each license sold as an administrative fee.
2. Any dog impounded at the animal shelter for which an responsible party is found and who does intend to reclaim such animal shall show current proof of city license and antirabies vaccine at the time of impound. If no proof can be provided, the responsible party shall at the time of reclaim, purchase a voucher from the animal shelter for an antirabies vaccination and city license. The voucher can then be presented at a participating veterinary office to receive the dog's antirabies vaccination and city license.

(b) *Dog tags.* Upon payment of the license fee, the city license officer shall issue to the responsible party a license certificate and a metallic tag for each dog so licensed. The color of the tag shall be changed each year and shall have stamped thereon the year for which it was issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every responsible party shall be

required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag shall be affixed, and shall see that the collar and the tag are constantly worn. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate shall be issued by the licensing officer upon presentation of a certificate showing the license fee paid for the current year, and the payment of a \$0.50 fee for such duplicate. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license tax because of the death or loss of the dog or the responsible party leaving the city before the expiration of the license period. No person shall remove or cause to be removed the collar or tag from any dog without the consent of the responsible party or keeper thereof.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2014.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, this 3rd day of December, 2013.

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ATTEST:

Seth Barrett, Mayor

Bev Baker, City Clerk