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DOMESTIC ANIMALS

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DEFINITIONS

SECTION.

15-2.1-1-1. Definitions.

15-2.1-1-1. Definitions: The terms and words listed below shall be defined as indicated for the purpose of this article.

(a) Animal: Any live, non-human vertebrate creature, domestic or wild.

(b) At large: Not under restraint, as defined in this section.

(c) Domestic Animal: A domestic animal, as defined by state law, but not a dog used to aid a blind person.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
TITLE 15: ANIMALS IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE, INDIANA

Be it ordained by the Sharpsville Town Board as follows:

Title 15: Animals in the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Sharpsville, Indiana shall be amended as follows:

15-2.1-21-9. Penalties:

This article shall be enforced by the Town Marshal. Any person who violates any provision shall be deemed to have committed an ordinance violation and, upon conviction shall be fined as follows:

1 st Offense:	\$100.00
2 nd Offense:	\$500.00
3 rd or more Offense:	\$1,000.00

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

15-5-9-17. Dog Tax:

(b) Every person harboring a dog shall register the dog with the Clerk-Treasurer on or before June 1 of each year. The registrant shall supply information concerning:

- (1) the breed of the dog;
- (2) the date of the most recent vaccination, with written proof from a licensed veterinarian;
- (3) the name and address of the owner; and
- (4) any other information deemed relevant by the Clerk-Treasurer.
- (5) new residents have 30 days after moving in to town to register the dog.

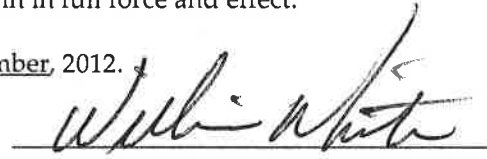
(d) The Clerk-Treasurer shall not issue a license under this section until the applicant has complied with subsections (a) and (b) and has paid a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) for each dog to be licensed, in addition to any charge for rabies vaccinations required by this section.

All provisions of *Title 15* not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED this 13th day of December, 2012.

Attest:


BERNIECE FARRIS
Clerk-Treasurer


WILLIAM WHITE, President


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ROBERT RUPE, Member

VACCINATIONS

spread by dogs running at large, issue a proclamation requiring all dog owners to comply with the following requirements:

(1) All dogs shall be confined on the property of the owner, or shall be muzzled, for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days after the proclamation has been issued.

(2) All dogs shall be inoculated with anti-rabies serum by a veterinarian; and

(3) Every dog owner shall secure and muzzle his or her dogs while the proclamation is in effect so that they can not bite any human or other animals.

(e) Any domestic animal which has bitten a person shall be impounded at the expense of the owner for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days and until the County Health Officer can determine if the animal is rabid. If the animal dies while impounded, a test shall be conducted at the expense of the owner to determine if the animal was rabid. The death of any animal suspected to have been rabid shall be reported to the County Health Officer immediately following the discovery of its death.

(f) Any domestic animal which has been bitten by an animal suspected to be rabid shall be confined for a period of six (6) months at the expense of the owner or shall be destroyed.

(g) No person who knows or suspects that an animal under his or her control is rabid shall allow that animal to leave his or her control except to be taken to an animal shelter or a veterinarian.

(d) Any animal constituting a public nuisance or being a vicious animal may be impounded in an impoundment center designated by the Police Department. No animal shall be released from impoundment until the owner pays in full any costs and charges resulting from the impoundment, including any veterinary treatment deemed necessary by the Police Department, and until the owner has obtained all required licenses for that animal. Any animal impounded for more than five (5) days may be disposed of as the Town deems proper.

(e) No person shall harbor any vicious animal in the Town. The Police Department may destroy any vicious animal at large in the Town, if that animal cannot be captured and impounded without extraordinary measures. The Police Department shall make every effort to avoid destroying any animal before doing so.

(f) Any person who wishes to register a complaint concerning an animal deemed a public nuisance shall contact the Police Department. The Police Department shall notify the owner of the animal concerning the complaint.

Statutory history:

- (a) Ordinance #161, Sec. 8, adopted July 3, 1978; Order of Nov. 2, 1964; Ordinance #137, Secs. 1 and 2, adopted Oct. 17, 1960; Order of Feb. 5, 1951.
- (b) Ordinance #161, Secs. 5 and 8, adopted July 3, 1978.
- (c) Ordinance #137, Sec. 1, adopted Oct. 17, 1960.
- (d) Ordinance #161, Secs. 11 and 12, adopted July 13, 1978; Ordinance #137, Sec. 11, adopted Oct. 17, 1960.
- (e) Ordinance #161, Secs. 13 and 14, adopted July 13, 1978; Ordinance #137, Sec. 2, adopted Oct. 17, 1960.
- (f) New material.

Parallel citation:

IC 15-2.1-21-8. [Animals]
running at large.

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- (4) any other information deemed relevant by the Clerk-Treasurer.

(c) Every person harboring a licensed dog shall attach a metal tag provided by the Town with the inscription "Sharpsville Dog Tax" and the date of issuance and number of the license stamped upon its. The Town shall issue a tag of durable material, and shall change the shape or color of the tags at least once each year.

(d) The Clerk-Treasurer shall not issue a license under this section until the applicant has complied with subsections (a) and (b) and has paid a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each dog to be licensed, in addition to any charge for rabies vaccinations required by this section.

(e) If any person harbors, obtains or purchases any dog after June 1 of any year, that person shall register the dog no later than thirty (30) days after it was obtained or purchased or first harbored or kept. If the dog is less than six (6) months old when obtained or purchased, the person harboring, keeping or owning it shall register

the dog no later than thirty (30) days after it becomes six (6) months old. The Clerk-Treasurer shall not issue any license after June 1 until the applicant has paid a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each dog to be licensed.

Statutory history:

- (a) Ordinance #161, Sec. 1, adopted July 3, 1978.
- (b) Ordinance #161, Sec. 3, adopted July 3, 1978.
- (c) Ordinance #161, Sec. 3, adopted July 3, 1978.
- (d) New material; Order of June 2, 1980;
Ordinance #161, Sec. 1, adopted July 3, 1978.
- (e) New material.
- (f) Ordinance #161, Sec. 16, adopted July 3, 1978.

Parallel citation:

IC 15-5-9-17. (Town dog taxes).

Codifier's note:

Ordinance #161, provided that its provisions would enter into effect forty-five days following publication.

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