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**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 90.01 SHORT TITLE.**

This chapter shall be referred to and cited as the Animal Control Ordinance of the City of Meadowlakes, Texas, as amended.  
(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

**§ 90.02 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

***ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY.*** The Animal Control Officer, agents, and other citizens appointed by the City.

***ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.*** That person appointed by the city.

***AT LARGE.*** Off of or out of the residence, or commercial location, of the owner or not under the direct control of the owner or any member of his immediate family, by restraint.

***CITY ANIMAL SHELTER.*** Any premises designated by the city for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals under the authority of this chapter.

***COMMERCIAL LOCATION.*** A place, premises, dwelling or house for purposes other than where a person resides.

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### ***DANGEROUS ANIMAL.***

(1) Any dog that the Municipal Court of Record Number 1 determines to have caused death or serious bodily injury to a person;

(2) Any domestic, wild or feral animal which by species or nature is vicious or dangerous to man. It shall be presumed that any species of mammal or reptile for which a permit is required by state or federal law is a dangerous animal.

***HARBORING.*** The keeping, raising, using, possessing, and having on a person's premises or under a person's control or attempted control an animal or animals.

***KENNEL.*** Any person or groups of persons engaged in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, or boarding any animal or animals, excluding any person who is a passive or occasional breeder of not more than one litter per calendar year.

***LOCAL RABIES CONTROL AUTHORITY.*** The Animal Control Officer.

***NONRESIDENT OWNER.*** A guest or visitor of a city resident on a temporary basis at a private resident dwelling. Temporary basis shall mean no more than 72 hours.

***NORMAL WORKING DAY.*** Any other day than a weekend or holiday.

***OWNER.*** Any person keeping or harboring an animal or animals, or in the case of dogs or cats, the owner shall be any person whose residence is returned to by a dog or cat on three consecutive occasions.

***PENALTY.*** A fine or other punitive measures assessed, or to be assessed, for any violation of, or noncompliance with, this chapter or commission of an offense described in this chapter.

***PERSON.*** Any individual, corporation, partnership or any other entity.

***RESIDENCE.*** A place, premises, dwelling or house where a person resides.

***RESTRAINT.*** Any fence in good repair, leash, chain, cord or other suitable material attached to a collar or harness that keeps an animal confined within the lot line of the premises or within the domicile of the person residing on the premises.

***RUNNING AT LARGE.*** An animal found outside the lot line of the owner's or resident's yard and not under the restraint of the animal's owner.

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***SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.*** Any injury characterized by severe bite wounds or severe ripping and tearing of muscle that would cause a reasonably prudent person to seek treatment from a medical professional and would require hospitalization without regard to whether the person actually sought medical treatment.

***VACCINATION.*** Rabies vaccination, or other vaccinations required by law, for an animal or animals.

***WILD ANIMAL.*** Lions, tigers, ocelots, cougars, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, lynx, bobcats, hyenas, bears, lesser pandas, binturongs, wolves, coyotes, foxes, nonhuman primates, elephants, rhinoceroses, endangered or protected species, game animals, game birds, skunks, armadillos, raccoons, nutria or any poisonous or dangerous snake which can be found in the wild state. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 05-001, passed 4-5-05; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

### § 90.03 HARBORING WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

(A) Residents desiring the removal of wild animals from a lot or premises should contact a pest control service for disposition. The City of Meadowlakes Animal Control Officer is not responsible for providing the general services for capture and disposition of wild animals, except as deemed necessary as defined below.

(B) A person commits an offense if such person harbors wild animals within the city limits. A wild animal may be impounded or humanely destroyed by the Animal Control Officer or his agent, if in his sole discretion such action appears reasonably necessary and in the public interest. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 05-001, passed 4-5-05; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05)

### § 90.04 RESTRAINT.

(A) A person commits an offense if a person's animal leaves the lot line of the residence or commercial location unless such animal, if a dog or cat, is registered with the city; and, in the case of a dog, under restraint with a leash not longer than 12 feet. Unrestrained animals may be taken by the Animal Control Authority, or any other person, and delivered to the city or its agent to be impounded in an animal shelter, as set out herein, if the animal is found running at large.

(B) A person commits an offense if a dog under restraint defecates on property other than the owner's residence and the owner fails to remove the dog's solid waste and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05)

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### § 90.05 ANIMAL DEEMED A NUISANCE.

(A) A person commits an offense if a person's animal is a nuisance. For the purposes of this chapter, an animal shall be deemed to be a nuisance if it attacks a person, not otherwise authorized to do so herein, produces excessive and continuous or repetitive noise, molests passers by, chases vehicles, or habitually attacks or bites other animals.

(B) The Animal Control Authority or peace officer shall cause a citation to be issued to such person for such offense and may cause the animal to be impounded. The Animal Control Authority or peace officer shall notify the owner of such impoundment as provided in § 90.75(C) hereof. The Municipal Court of Record Number 1 shall be notified of such impoundment, if any, on the citation filed with the Court. If the animal has been impounded, the Court shall set a date and time for an arraignment hearing not later than the tenth day after the date on which the citation was issued or the date on which the animal was impounded, whichever is later. The owner or person in possession of an animal that is determined to be a nuisance may be fined, the license to keep such an animal may be revoked, and the animal may be disposed of. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

### § 90.06 PROPER FACILITY FOR IMPOUNDMENT.

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the city shall not impound any animal unless there is a proper facility in which to keep that animal. For the purpose of this section, a proper facility is one that adequately provides for the needs of the animal and for the protection of the public.

(B) Any impoundment of an animal found to be dangerous or a nuisance shall continue pending the outcome of all appeals from the Municipal Court of Record Number 1. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

### § 90.07 INVESTIGATIONS.

For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this chapter and to enforce its provisions, any agent of the Animal Control Authority or peace officer is empowered to seek a warrant from the Municipal Court of Record Number 1 upon a showing of probable cause to believe that an animal is not registered or vaccinated as required herein and to enter upon any premises upon which a dog or cat is kept or harbored and demand exhibition of such dog or cat and proof of current license and vaccination. It is further provided that any agent of the Animal Control Authority or peace officer may seek a warrant upon a showing of probable cause to believe that an animal is kept or harbored in a cruel or inhumane manner and may enter upon the

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premises where any animal is kept or harbored and demand to examine such animal and to take possession of such animal, when in the opinion of said agent or peace officer, it requires humane treatment and may humanely destroy such animal upon recommendation of a veterinarian.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

### § 90.08 INTERFERENCE WITH ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, PEACE OFFICERS.

A person commits an offense if such person interferes with, hinders or molests any agent of the Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer in the performance of any duty of such agent, or seeks to release any animal in the custody of the Animal Control Officer or designated representative, except as herein provided.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05)

### § 90.09 RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY.

(A) *Licensing of all animals.* It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Authority to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records of the licensing, required vaccinations and renewals.

(B) *Impoundment and disposition.* It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Authority to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records of the impoundment and disposition of each and every animal coming into its custody.

(C) *Bite cases.* It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Authority to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of all reported cases, and investigation thereof in accordance with this chapter.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 02-06, passed 4-2-02)

## SWINE, LIVESTOCK, FOWL AND OTHER ANIMALS

### § 90.20 SWINE PROHIBITED WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

A person commits an offense if that person keeps or allows to be kept, in any pen or enclosure on any premises within the corporate limits of the city, a hog, pig, or swine.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

**Swine, Livestock, Fowl and Other Animals****§ 90.21 CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS OR LIVESTOCK PROHIBITED WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**

A person commits an offense if that person keeps or allows to be kept, in any pen or enclosure on any premises within the corporate limits of the city, cattle, sheep, goats or livestock. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

**§ 90.22 HORSES PROHIBITED WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**

A person commits an offense if that person keeps, or allows to be kept, in any pen or enclosure on any premises within the corporate limits of the city any horse, foal, or pony. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

**§ 90.23 RABBITS AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS PROHIBITED WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**

A person commits an offense if that person keeps, or allows to be kept in any pen or enclosure on any premises within the corporate limits of the city rabbits and other small animals, unless a permit is issued by the city. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

**§ 90.24 CHICKENS, TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, AND GUINEAS PROHIBITED WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**

A person commits an offense if that person keeps or allows to be kept, in any pen or enclosure on any premises within the corporate limits of the city any chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and guineas. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

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### § 90.35 LICENSING AND VACCINATION REQUIRED.

(A) *Application, renewal and transfer of license.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any dog or cat within the corporate limits of the city without first obtaining a license as herein provided. Owners shall be subject to application, payment of fees, and proof of vaccination within 30 days of acquiring an animal four months of age or older. New residents, permanent or temporary, shall be subject to application, payment of fees, and proof of vaccination within 30 days of taking residence in the city. Written application for such license shall be made to the City Secretary, or other such agent as shall from time to time be so designated by the governing body upon forms promulgated for that purpose giving the name and address of the owner and name, breed, color, age and sex of the dog or cat with proof of current vaccination record. The City Secretary, or designated agent, shall issue a numbered tag, impressed with City of Meadowlakes, to the owner, which, if not revoked, shall be renewed **every three years, no later than *three years* from the last renewal date (which will coincide with the date of the rabies vaccination)**, and upon payment of a fee to be established and posted by the City.

The City Secretary, or designated agent, shall record the registration, including tag number, age, breed, color, sex, registration date, rabies vaccination date and owner.

(B) *Vaccination required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog or cat over the age of four months within the corporate city limits unless the dog or cat shall have been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian with anti-rabies vaccine within one year preceding the date of ownership, possession, keeping or harboring, and **every three years** thereafter.

(C) *Revocation of license.* A license or licenses may be refunded or revoked after issuance if the person to whom the license was issued refuses or fails to comply with this chapter or any state law governing keeping of animals or committing cruelty to animals. Any person whose license is refused (revoked) shall within ten days thereof humanely dispose of or transfer ownership of the animal or animals, except as is otherwise set out herein to the contrary. A license may be revoked upon the recommendation of the Animal Control Authority and upon the entering of a judgment by the Municipal Court if Record Number 1 finding the person guilty of this section.

(D) *Nonresident owners.* License requirements set out herein do not apply to nonresident owners provided such animals possess proof of current vaccination and are kept under restraint as provided herein.

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(E) *Temporary residents and guests.* The animal license requirements and restrictions set forth herein apply to everyone residing in Meadowlakes whether in a permanent or temporary capacity. Guests and visitors of a city resident (for visitation duration of less than 7 days) are exempt from the licensing requirements only. All other animal regulations and requirements apply to guests and visitors.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 02-06, passed 4-2-02; Am. Ord. 03-02, passed 7-1-03; Am. Ord. 05-001, passed 4-5-05; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06) Penalty, see § 90.99

### **§ 90.36 TAG AND COLLAR REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to keep a current rabies vaccination and city license tag securely fastened to a choke chain, collar or harness of a dog or cat owned by such person, which shall be worn by the dog or cat at all times. It shall be unlawful for any person to use a license receipt, license tag or vaccination tag issued for any dog or cat for which it was not issued.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person who owns a cat to fail to have a bell(s) attached to the choke chain, collar or harness, making a sound discernible from a distance of five feet. (Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2006-12, passed 8-1-06) Penalty, see § 90.99

### **§ 90.37 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor, maintain, or keep more than five dogs and cats, in the aggregate, but no more than three of such animals can be dogs over the age of three months at any one residence.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

### **§ 90.38 ANIMAL CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE.**

Fees shall be charged for specific animal control related services. The specific service requiring fees and the associated fee schedule shall be as specified in Appendix A10.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2006-27, passed 11-7-06)

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### **§ 90.39 DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUS DOG; SEIZURE.**

If a person reports an incident involving a dog purported to be a dangerous animal, the Animal Control Authority may investigate the incident and may seek a warrant from the Municipal Court of Record Number 1 authorizing the Animal Control Authority or a peace officer to seize the dog. The Municipal Court of Record Number 1 shall issue a warrant authorizing seizure upon:

(A) The sworn complaint that the dog caused the death of or serious bodily injury to a person; and upon

(B) A showing of probable cause to believe that the dog has caused the death or serious bodily injury to a person.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

### **§ 90.40 HEARING.**

(A) Municipal Court of Record Number 1 shall set a time for a hearing to determine whether the dog caused the death of or serious bodily injury to a person by attacking, biting, or mauling the person. The hearing must be held not later than the tenth day after the date on which the warrant is issued.

(B) The Court shall order the dog destroyed if the Court finds that the dog caused the death of a person by attacking, biting, or mauling the person. If that finding is not made, the Court shall order the dog released to:

- (1) Its owner;
- (2) The person from whom the dog was seized, or
- (3) Any other person authorized to take possession of the dog.

(C) The court may order the dog destroyed if the Court finds that the dog caused serious bodily injury to a person by attacking, biting, or mauling the person. If that finding is not made, the Court shall order the dog released to:

- (1) Its owner;

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- (2) The person from whom the dog was seized, or
- (3) Any other person authorized to take possession of the dog.

(D) The Court may not order the dog destroyed if the Court finds that the dog caused the serious bodily injury to a person by attacking, biting, or mauling the person and:

(1) The dog was being used for the protection of a person or person's property, the attack, bite, or mauling occurred in an enclosure which the dog was being kept and the enclosure was reasonably certain to prevent the dog from leaving the enclosure on its own and provided notice of a dog; and the injured person was at least eight years of age, and was trespassing in the enclosure when the attack, bite or mauling occurred;

(2) The dog was not being used for the protection of a person or person's property, the attack, bite, or mauling occurred in an enclosure in which the dog was being kept, and the injured person was at least eight years of age, and was trespassing in the enclosure when the attack, bite or mauling occurred;

(3) The attack, bite, or mauling occurred during an arrest or other action of a peace officer while the peace officer was using the dog for law enforcement purposes;

(4) The dog was defending a person from an assault or person's property from damage or theft by the injured person; or

(5) The injured person was younger than eight years of age, the attack, bite, or mauling occurred in an enclosure which the dog was being kept and the enclosure was reasonably certain to keep a person younger than eight years of age from entering.  
(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

### **§ 90.41 PAYMENT OF FEES; DESTRUCTION OF DOG.**

The owner shall pay any costs or fees assessed by the municipality related to the seizure, impoundment, and destruction of an animal. The destruction of a dog or cat under this chapter must be performed by a licensed veterinarian, or personnel of a recognized animal shelter or humane society who are trained in the humane destruction of animals.  
(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

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### **§ 90.55 QUARANTINE OF ANIMAL BITING PERSON; SURRENDER OF ANIMAL.**

(A) Any dog or cat which bites a person, breaking that person's skin, shall be promptly reported to the Animal Control Authority or other designated representative and shall thereupon be securely quarantined at the direction of the Animal Control Authority for a period of ten days, and shall not be released from such quarantine except by written permission of the Animal Control Authority. Such quarantine shall be at the designated city animal shelter, or in a veterinary hospital of the owner's choice and at the owner's expense. In the case of unlicensed dogs or cats running at large whose ownership is unknown, such animal shall be humanely destroyed if suspected of being rabid and the carcass treated in all respects according to § 90.56 of this chapter.

(B) It shall be an offense for a person, upon demand made by the Animal Control Authority, to refuse to immediately surrender any animal which has bitten any person, breaking the skin, or which is suspected as having been exposed to rabies, for supervised quarantine. The expense of the quarantine shall be borne by the owner. The animal so quarantined may be redeemed by the owner if the animal is adjudged to be free of rabies and upon the payment of all fees set forth in § 90.78 of this chapter, and upon compliance with the licensing and vaccination provisions set forth in § § 90.35 through 90.41 of this chapter.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05)

### **§ 90.56 SUSPECTED RABID ANIMALS.**

If a veterinarian determines that a quarantined animal shows the clinical signs of the disease of rabies, the Animal Control Authority shall humanely destroy the animal. If an animal under quarantine dies or is destroyed, the Animal Control Authority shall cause the head of the animal to be immediately sent to the State Health Department for pathological examination, and shall notify the proper health officer of reports of human contacts the animal may have had, and the diagnosis made of the suspected animal.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

### **§ 90.57 CITY-WIDE QUARANTINE.**

(A) When a laboratory examination approved by the State Health Department gives positive diagnosis of rabies, the Animal Control Authority may recommend a city-wide quarantine for a period of ten days and upon the invocation of such quarantine, no animal shall be taken or permitted in the streets during such period.

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(B) Any animal found at large, taken or permitted upon the streets during the quarantine period shall be deemed to be suspected of having been exposed to rabies and shall be impounded by the Animal Control Authority as set forth in § 90.75 of this chapter, except said impoundment shall be for the duration of the quarantine or any extension thereof, and any redemption thereafter shall be made as set out in this chapter.

(C) In the event there are any additional positive cases of rabies diagnosed during the quarantine, the Animal Control Authority may extend the quarantine for an additional reasonable period of time.  
(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

### **§ 90.58 ANIMALS NOT TO BE KILLED OR DISPOSED OF.**

It shall be unlawful for a person to kill, or cause to be killed, any rabid dog, cat, or any other animal; any dog, cat, or any other animal suspected of having been exposed to rabies; or dog, cat, or any other animal which has bitten or scratched any person, except as otherwise provided herein; nor shall such dog, cat, or any other animal be removed from the corporate city limits of the city, without the express written permission of the Animal Control Authority.  
(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

### **§ 90.59 DEAD ANIMALS TO BE SURRENDERED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to surrender the carcass of any dead animal exposed or suspected of having been exposed to rabies to the Animal Control Authority or designated representative.  
(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2005-7, passed 10-10-05) Penalty, see § 90.99

### **§ 90.60 ANIMAL DISPOSITION.**

The Animal Control Authority shall direct the disposition of any animal found to be infected with rabies in a humane manner.  
(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

### **§ 90.61 RESPONSIBILITY OF VETERINARIANS, PHYSICIANS.**

(A) It shall be the responsibility of every duly licensed veterinarian to report his diagnosis of any animal in Meadowlakes, Texas, observed by him as a rabies suspect to the Animal Control Authority.

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(B) It shall be the duty of every physician, or other practitioner, to report to the Animal Control Authority the names and addresses of every person treated for bites inflicted by animals in Meadowlakes, Texas.

(C) A veterinarian performing duties under this chapter is not liable to the owner of an animal for the death of or injury to the animal expect in the case of willful misconduct or gross negligence.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00) Penalty, see § 90.99

## **IMPOUNDMENT**

### **§ 90.75 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE; CITATION, NOTIFICATION OF OWNER.**

(A) *Animals at large.* Animals found running at large shall be taken up by the Animal Control Authority, anyone at his direction, or any police officer, and impounded in a shelter designated as the city animal shelter, and there confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than five working days, and thereafter, if not claimed by the owner or other person within the prescribed period, shall become the property of the City of Meadowlakes and disposed of at its discretion, except as otherwise provided herein.

(B) *Owners may be cited.* Should any animal be found running at large or unrestrained and the ownership be known to the Animal Control Authority or any police officer, the owner may be cited to appear in the Municipal Court of Record Number 1 to answer charges of violating this chapter in lieu of impounding such animal.

(C) *Owners to be notified.* Immediately upon impounding of a licensed animal, or other animals the ownership of which is known, the Animal Control Authority shall notify the owner by certified mail of such impoundment. Notification as set out herein shall be deemed to be made on the date of mailing same. The notice shall include a description of the animal, and inform the owner that should the animal not be claimed within five normal working days from the date of the notice the animal shall become the property of the city and may be subject to disposal as set out herein. Any claim thereafter shall be considered on the same basis as any other adoption request.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

### **§ 90.76 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR QUARANTINE AND IMPOUNDMENT FACILITIES.**

(A) The governing body shall establish minimum standards for impoundment facilities and for the care of impounded animals.

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(B) In accordance with Health and Safety Code, Chapter 826, a local rabies control authority may contract with one or more public or private entities to provide and operate a quarantine facility.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

### § 90.77 TREATMENT OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.

(A) A person who impounds or causes the impoundment of an animal under state law or municipal ordinance shall supply the animal with sufficient wholesome food and water during its confinement.

(B) If an animal impounded under Subsection (a) continues to be without necessary food and water for more than eight consecutive hours, any person may enter the pound or corral as often as necessary to supply the animal with necessary food and water. That person may recover the reasonable cost of the food and water from the owner of the animal. The animal is not exempt from levy and sale on execution of a judgment issued to recover those costs.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00) Penalty, see § 90.99

### § 90.78 REDEMPTION.

(A) *Impoundment fees.* Any owner is entitled to redemption of any animal impounded under the provisions of this chapter upon the payment of an impoundment fee and daily boarding fee as set out in the fee schedule referred to in § 90.38 and incorporated by reference herein.

(B) *License and vaccination fees.* No animal shall be redeemed unless the owner shows proof of payment of current license fees and vaccinations required by this chapter. The Animal Control Authority shall cause any animal impounded, for which there is no proof of current vaccination, to be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian prior to redemption, and all license fees and fees charged for vaccination shall be paid by the owner prior to release of the animal.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

### § 90.79 IMPOUNDMENT OF FEMALE DOGS AND CATS IN HEAT.

Every female dog or cat shall be impounded in such a manner as to avoid contact with another animal except for planned breeding, and as otherwise set out herein.

(Ord. 00-05, passed 7-5-00)

## Citation

### § 90.98 CITATION.

(A) A lawfully appointed Animal Control Officer shall have, and is hereby granted, authority to issue a citation or citations for an offense or offenses committed under this chapter in the City of Meadowlakes, Texas.

(1) A citation issued under this section shall:

(a) Be written, using the form furnished by the City of Meadowlakes, Texas and

(b) Shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Municipal Court of Record Number 1 in Meadowlakes, Texas for handling according to law.

(2) A citation issued under this chapter shall not:

(a) Be presented by the Animal Control Officer to the individual charged and named therein, notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary provided.

(Ord. 02-02, passed 2-5-02; Am. Ord. 2006-29, passed 11-7-06)

## Penalty

### § 90.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person found guilty of committing an offense hereunder or of violating any section of this chapter shall be fined as follows:

(1) *First offense.* No less than \$35 and no more than \$200.

(2) *Second and subsequent offenses.* No less than \$100 and no more than \$500.

(B) If any violation be continuing, each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation for the purposes of penalty assessment set out herein. Any person found guilty of committing more than three violations of this chapter within 12 consecutive months of the first violation, shall have their license to own, keep, harbor or have custody of any dog or cat revoked immediately, their ownership of any dog or cat escheated to the city, the dog(s) or cat(s) disposed of in a humane manner and no new or other licenses shall be issued to that person for a period of one year.

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