

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, SD REPEALING ORIGINAL ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 6.03 – DOGS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, SOUTH DAKOTA

That a new Ordinance for the Town of Wentworth is hereby adopted, to-wit:

Section 1.

License, Application Fee, Vaccination Record & Tag

A. It shall be unlawful for any person(s) within the Town of Wentworth to keep, maintain, or have in his or her custody or control, any dog without first having obtained a license from the Town Finance Officer.

B. Any person or person(s) within the Town of Wentworth desiring to keep, maintain or have in his or her custody or control, any dog, must make application on or before November 1st of each year with the following exception: Resident shall have the option to purchase a two year license. License fees are as follows:

Spayed Or Neutered --	\$10.00 (One Year)	\$15.00 (Two Year)
Not Spayed Or Neutered --	\$15.00 (One Year)	\$25.00 (Two Year)
Replacement Of Lost Tag --	\$2.00	

C. Prior to a license being issued, resident must provide a certificate from a registered veterinarian showing proof of vaccinations.

D. Upon completion of application, receipt of vaccination record and payment of applicable fee, resident shall be issued a numbered license tag. It shall be the responsibility of the dog owner to place a collar around the neck of such dog and securely fasten numbered tag to collar.

Section 2.

Animals at Large

It shall be unlawful for any person(s) to allow to run-at-large, within the limits of the Town of Wentworth, any animal including but not limited to dogs, cats, hogs, sheep, llamas, or any other animal normally having four legs, after being notified in writing that such animal is running at large. Said notice may be sent to the owner or keeper thereof or the person having custody of said animal. Having been notified of such activity any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined a minimum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

Section 3.

Fees, Penalty and Vaccinations.

A. In addition to the fine imposed pursuant to Section 2, the following fees shall be charged for the impoundment of any animal under the provision of the article:

(1) For the first redemption of the animal within the calendar year, twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

(2) For the second redemption of the animal within the calendar year, thirty-five (\$35.00) Dollars.

(3) For each additional redemption of the animal within the calendar year, forty-five (\$45.00) Dollars.

(4) Whenever any animal is impounded, an additional fee of ten (\$10.00) Dollars shall be charged for each day, or fraction thereof, of impoundment for feeding and caring for it.

B. Providing numbered license tag is secured to the dog collar, the Town's animal control officer will match the tag number to the owner. Animal control officer will make one courtesy call prior to transporting animal to dog pound. It shall be the dog owner's responsibility to arrange pick up of animal within thirty minutes of call being placed by animal control officer.

C. The owner or any party removing an animal from impound shall pay any and all fees and penalties in full, in cash, prior to the release of the animal. The owner or any party removing an animal from impound shall, within 3 days of the animal's release, provide to the City documentation that all the vaccinations of the animal are up to date or current.

D. It shall be unlawful to fail to provide documentation as to the status of vaccinations as required by Section C. The penalty for any person convicted of any such violation shall be punishable by fine, imprisonment or both as specified for a Class 2 Misdemeanor by the State of South Dakota and each day shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 4.

DESTRUCTION OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

The Town of Wentworth is hereby authorized to employ, whenever it is deemed necessary, a person(s) or organization authorized to capture and convey to their facility to care for, euthanize and dispose of any and all animals running at large in violation of the provisions of this chapter. All animals captured, conveyed or transported shall be kept with humane treatment and supplied with sufficient food and water for a period of at least 3 days unless sooner reclaimed by the owner or keeper thereof. Upon expiration of the 3 days the animals may be disposed of or ownership may be transferred to other person(s) provided the Town of Wentworth is reimbursed

for the expenses of capture, housing and care of animals seized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

Dated & adopted this 12th day of October, 2011.

TOWN OF WENTWORTH

Roger Vogt
President

ATTEST:

Trish Natwick
Finance Officer

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