

## **ORDINANCE NO. 20190826**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO, TEXAS, ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE BY REPEALING AND REPLACING THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES: ORDINANCE 233084, ORDINANCE 243172, ORDINANCE 252277, ORDINANCE 262288, ORDINANCE 280302, AND ORDINANCE 298365; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE AND REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Buffalo, Texas ("the City") is a general law municipality organized under the laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City is concerned with the safety of citizens as well as the safety of animals within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City has determined that a comprehensive and internally consistent animal control ordinance is necessary to promote the general health, welfare and safety of the City and its citizens.

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

### **Section 1. Findings Incorporated.**

The findings set forth above are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

### **Section 2. Definitions**

Abandon. To leave unattended for more than seventy-two (72) hours or without making reasonable arrangements for assumption of custody by another person.

Animal. Any living creature, including but not limited to dogs, cats, cows, horses, birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, insects, fowl, and livestock, but specifically excluding human beings.

Animal Control Authority (ACA). Any individual employed, contracted with, designated or appointed by the City for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this chapter or any other law or ordinance relating to the licensure of animals, control of animals, or seizure and impoundment of animals, and includes any state or local law enforcement officer or other employee whose duties in whole or in part include assignments that involve the seizure and impoundment of any animal.

Animal Foster Homes. A residential dwelling that accepts the responsibility for stewardship of animals through an affiliation with a public or private animal shelter or animal welfare organization, not to exceed six (6) foster animals at any given time. Permits to operate as a foster home shall be unexpired and issued through the City.

Animal shelter. A facility operated by the City or with which the City has contracted for the purpose of impounding or caring for animals held under the authority of this Ordinance or state law.

Apiary. Means any place where one (1) or more colonies of bees are located.

At-large. When an animal is not confined to the premises of its owner by a fence in good repair and of sufficient strength and/or height to prevent the animal from escaping there from, inside the residence or other enclosure, or secured on such premises by a leash of sufficient strength to prevent the animal from escaping from the premises, and so arranged that the animal will remain upon such premises when the leash is stretched to full length in any direction. An animal shall not be considered "at-large" when held and controlled by a person of adequate strength by means of a device, such as a leash, cord, chain, or rope, in good repair and of proper strength and length to control the action of the animal, or while confined within a vehicle. An "invisible fence" will suffice as sufficient restraint so long as the animal is not found outside the premises of the owner.

Beekeeper. A person who owns or has charge of one (1) or more colonies of bees.

Beekeeping equipment. Anything used in the operation of an apiary, such as hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards, and extractors.

Bite. Any abrasion, scratch, puncture, tear causing the breaking or piercing of skin caused by an animal.

Cat. All domestic species or varieties of felis catus, male or female, alive or dead.

Colony. Bees in any hive including queens, workers, or drones.

Dangerous dog. Any dog that, according to the records of the appropriate authority:

- (1) Makes an unprovoked attack on a person that causes bodily injury and occurs in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the dog from leaving the enclosure on its own;
- (2) Has more than once severely injured or killed a domestic animal while off the owner's property;
- (3) Has been used primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is a dog trained for dog fighting; or
- (4) Has, when unprovoked, chased or approached a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, provided that such actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one or more persons and dutifully investigated by the appropriate authority.

Dangerous wild animal. (As defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code 822.101.) Any lion, tiger, ocelot, cougar, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, bobcat, lynx, serval, caracal, hyena, bear, coyote, jackal, baboon, chimpanzee, orangutan, gorilla or any hybrid of an animal listed in this definition.

Dog. All domesticated members of canis familiaris, male and female, alive or dead.

Enforcement officers. Those authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter, including but not limited to the local animal authority representative, any animal control authority, or any police officer.

Farms general (livestock/ranch, crops). An area used for growing usual farm products, vegetables, fruits, trees, and grain and for the raising thereon of the usual farm animals such as horses, cattle, and sheep and including the necessary accessory uses for raising, treating, and storing products raised on the premises, but not including the commercial feeding of offal or garbage to swine or other animals and not including any type of agriculture or husbandry specifically prohibited by ordinance or law.

Harboring of animals. The keeping and caring, including but not limited to feeding and providing water, for an animal.

Hive. A frame hive, box hive, box, barrel, log, gum skep, or other artificial or natural receptacle which may be used to house bees.

Honeybee. The common honeybee, *Apis mellifera* species, at any stage of development, but not including the African honeybee, *Apis mellifera scutellata* species, or any hybrid thereof.

Humanely euthanize. To cause the death of an animal by a method which:

- (1) Rapidly produces unconsciousness and death without visible evidence of pain or distress; or
- (2) Utilizes anesthesia produced by an agent which causes painless loss of consciousness with death following such loss of consciousness.

Impound. To seize and hold in the custody of the animal control authority or other authority such as a veterinarian.

Invisible fence. Any fence which cannot be seen with the human eye but that is designed to keep an animal enclosed in a space. Such invisible fence must not be capable of causing pain or discomfort to any human being that crosses its path.

Law enforcement officer. Any peace officer as defined in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Litter. The offspring at one birth of a multiparous animal.

Livestock. Horses, mules, cattle, poultry, hogs, goats and sheep of any and all kinds, fallow deer, llamas, alpacas, emu's and ostriches, and shall include both the male and female species of such animals.

Mason bee. The common mason or blue orchard bee in the genus *Osmia*, of the family Megachilidae.

Observation period. The ten (10) days following a biting incident during which an animal's health status must be monitored.

Owner. A person, who harbors, keeps, possesses, or permits to be harbored, kept, or possessed an animal in his care, on or about his premises, without regard to title, purchase, or acceptance of the animal as a gift.

Person. Any individual, firm, association, partnership, or corporation or any other legal entity.

Police animal. Any animal used by a law enforcement agency or its officers in the administration of official duties.

Premises. Land together with any buildings or structures situated thereon.

Prohibited animal. An animal not normally considered domesticated, including, but not limited to, a venomous lizard, poisonous snake, raccoon, skunk, fox, bear, elephant, kangaroo, monkey, chimpanzee, antelope, white tail or mule deer, any protected, threatened, or endangered species as defined by the state parks and wildlife commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or any other wild animal capable of, or inclined to do, serious bodily harm to humans, other animals or fowl.

Proper enclosure of a dangerous dog. Secure enclosure of a dangerous dog, means a fenced area or structure that is:

- (1) Locked;
- (2) Capable of preventing the entry of the general public, including children;
- (3) Capable of preventing the escape or release of a dog;
- (4) Clearly marked as containing a dangerous dog; and
- (5) In conformance with the requirements for enclosures established by the local animal control authority.

Quarantine. Strict confinement under restraint by closed cage or paddock or in any other manner approved in this chapter or state law on the private premises of the owner or at a facility approved by the state board of health or its designee, the local animal control authority, or at a veterinarian's office.

Residence. Same as a residential dwelling; also, when used with district, an area of residential regulations.



Severe injury. Any physical injury that results in broken bones, multiple bites, or disfiguring lacerations requiring sutures or reconstructive surgery.

Stray animal. Any animal for which there is no identifiable owner or harborer.

Swine. Any of various omnivorous, even-toed ungulates of the family Suidae, including pigs, hogs, and boars.

Unprovoked. An action by an animal that is not in response to being tormented, abused, teased or assaulted by any person; in response to pain or injury; or in protection for itself or its food, kennel, immediate territory, or nursing offspring.

Vaccinated. Properly injected with a rabies vaccine licensed for use in that species by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by a veterinarian licensed to practice in the state in an amount sufficient to provide an immunity.

Veterinarian. A person licensed to practice veterinary medicine.

Vicious animal. Any individual animal that has on two previous occasions, without provocation, attacked or bitten any person or other animal, or any individual animal which the ACA has reason to believe has a dangerous disposition likely to be harmful to humans or other animals.

Wild animal. Includes all species of animals that commonly exist in a natural unconfined state and are usually not domesticated. This shall apply regardless of state or duration of captivity. The term shall include but is not limited to: foxes, panthers, wolves, alligators, crocodiles, apes, elephants, rhinoceroses, and all forms of poisonous or constricting reptiles, and other like animals. This term is also inclusive of the definition in section 822 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

### **Sections 3. Enforcement**

3.1 Enforcement of this chapter shall be the responsibility of the animal control authority.

3.2 The animal control authority shall have the authority to issue citations for any violation of this chapter.

3.3 If a person cited is not present, the animal control authority may send the citation to the alleged offender by registered or certified mail.

3.4 It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the animal control authority in the performance of his duties.

3.5 The animal control authority shall have the authority to humanely euthanize and/or destroy any animal in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

3.6 The animal control authority shall have the authority to use a tranquilizer gun in the lawful discharge of his/her duties.

3.7 Police animals are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

#### **Section 4. Authority to Impound, Destroy, or Muzzle Certain Animals**

4.1 The animal control authority shall have the authority to impound an animal which is diseased and could endanger the health and welfare of another animal or person.

4.2 Any law enforcement officer or animal control authority shall have the authority to kill an animal which, in the sole opinion of the police officer or animal control authority, poses an imminent danger to a person or property and where a real or apparent necessity exists for the destruction of the animal.

4.3 The animal control authority shall have the authority to muzzle, or order the owner, handler, or controller of an animal to muzzle, an animal which, in the sole opinion of the animal control authority, poses a threat to the safety or welfare of any person.

#### **Section 5. Fees**

All fees for licensing, daily handling, impoundment, disposal, quarantine, lost or destroyed tags, and/or surrender to the animal shelter are stated in the schedule of fees to be revised from time to time by the Animal Control Authority and approved by the City Council. A copy of the schedule of fees can be obtained from the Animal Control Authority or City Secretary.

#### **Section 6. Confinement of Animal Involved in Attack**

When an animal has bitten, scratched, or otherwise attacked a person or animal, anyone having knowledge of such incident shall immediately notify the animal control authority. Such animal shall then be confined in a veterinary hospital or approved animal shelter designated by the animal control authority for a period of ten (10) days. The cost of such confinement shall be paid by the owner of the animal. Such animal shall, during such period of confinement, be subject to inspection by the animal control authority, other City personnel or a licensed veterinarian. If, after the ten-day period, the owner fails to pick up the animal, the animal control authority may follow the procedure for adoption or disposal of an impounded animal.

(State law references – Rabies reports and quarantine, Health and Safety Code, sec.826.041 et seq.; quarantine of animals, Health and Safety Code, sec. 826.042.)

#### **Section 7. Vicious Animals**

A vicious animal, as defined in Section 2 of this Ordinance, shall not be allowed in the City limits. Any vicious animal found in the City shall be removed immediately by order of the animal control authority. If the owner of the vicious animal fails to remove such animal, the

animal control authority may have such animal impounded and/or destroyed.

#### **Section 8. Rabies Vaccination of Dogs and Cats**

It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of each dog and cat owned, kept, possessed, harbored or allowed upon the premises of any such person and under such person's control in the City to have such dog or cat vaccinated (as defined herein) against rabies by a licensed veterinarian at least once every three (3) years. The most recent rabies vaccination tag for the animal must be worn by the animal at all times. Such vaccination must be with a protective inoculation with antirabic vaccine recognized and approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture given in an amount sufficient to provide immunity. It shall be unlawful for an owner or keeper of a dog or cat to fail to have all such animals vaccinated for rabies.

(State law reference—Rabies vaccinations, Health and Safety Code, sec. 826.021 et seq.)

#### **Section 9. Animal Waste**

It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to fail to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by a dog, cat, or other animal being owned, handled, or controlled by that person:

- (1) Upon a public area, including but not limited to walks, parks, recreation areas, sidewalks, parkways, public streets, alleys, school grounds, any common areas of an apartment house, or any common area of an office building; or
- (2) Upon private property other than the premises of the owner, handler or controller of such animal.

#### **Section 10. Sanitary Conditions**

All persons keeping animals within the City shall keep the premises upon which such animal is kept clean and free from noxious and unpleasant odors and shall use some control measure at reasonable intervals so as to keep such premises free from flies, mosquitoes, fleas and other insects. Premises must further be kept clean of animal feces, trash, and etc. as to not create noxious and unpleasant odors.

#### **Section 11. Noise**

11.1 No person shall knowingly keep or harbor any animal that causes loud and unusual or frequent barking, howling, or other noise that disturbs the peace and quiet of any person of ordinary sensibilities.

11.2 It shall serve as prima facie evidence of a violation of this section if an owner allows an unprovoked animal to cause noise described in this section in excess of fifteen (15) minutes.

## **Section 12. Limitation Upon the Number of Dogs and Cats Allowed**

12.1 Premises Less Than One Acre - It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, or raise more than four (4) dogs or cats or any combination thereof more than the age of sixteen (16) weeks on any one (1) premise less than one (1) acre within the City.

12.2 Premises One Acre or Greater - It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, or raise more than six (6) dogs or cats or any combination thereof more than the age of sixteen (16) weeks on any one (1) premise one (1) acre or greater within the City.

12.3 Approved animal shelters are exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

12.4 Animal foster homes with an unexpired permit issued by the City are allowed to keep, harbor, or raise animals for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) weeks. In no instance shall the number of foster animals exceed more than six (6) animals regardless of size of premises.

12.5 There is no limit on the amount or size of litters per residence.

## **Section 13. Farm Animals and Livestock**

13.1 Except as provided otherwise in this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, or raise more than one (1) head of livestock per one-half (1/2) acre within the corporate city limits of the City.

13.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or raise more than one (1) hog, pig or any other type of swine (domestic or wild) per one (1) acre within the corporate city limits of the City.

13.3 No person may knowingly or intentionally keep, harbor or raise any type of swine within a distance of 200 feet of any business or dwelling within the corporate city limits of the City.

13.4 Any person who owns or has the responsibility for the control of poultry or fowl, including, but not limited to chickens, guineas, ducks or geese, may not knowingly permit the birds to traverse or roam at large, unattended, within the corporate city limits of the City.

13.5 No person may knowingly or intentionally keep, harbor or raise any number of rabbits for sale, trade or any other commercial purpose within the corporate city limits of the City. Rabbits raised by students participating in school related F.F.A. or 4-H projects shall not be prohibited by this Section if it is demonstrated that they are raised with strict adherence to cleanliness, structure, size and only in numbers needed for project purposes. Rabbits raised as pets shall not be prohibited by this Section but shall be limited to four (4) rabbits per household.

13.6 Manure and droppings shall be removed from pens, stables, yards, etc., on a regular basis and disposed of in such a manner to keep cleanliness of the premises and free of

any nuisance.

13.7 No person shall knowingly, intentionally or negligently allow runoff or drainage from land used to raise the livestock and farm animals provided for in this Section to enter or cross land or property of another without express written consent of the landowner.

13.8 Watering troughs and tanks shall be maintained and cleaned regularly in such a way to prevent the breeding of flies, mosquitoes or other insects.

#### **Section 14. Animals at Large**

14.1 It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow a dog or any other animal possessed, kept or harbored by him, other than a cat, to be at-large, as defined in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

14.2 Upon the complaint to the animal control authority that a cat has caused a nuisance or hazard to the health or welfare of the human or animal population, a law enforcement officer or animal control authority may determine such cat to be at-large as defined in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

14.3 A law enforcement officer or animal control authority is authorized to impound any animal found to be at-large.

(State law references—Animals at-large, Local Government Code, sec. 215.026; authority to regulate the capture and impoundment of animals, Local Government Code, sec. 215.026(c).)

#### **Section 15. Food, Care and Shelter**

15.1 No person shall fail to provide any animal in his charge or custody food, drink, care, shelter and protection from the elements, or cause such deprivation to be done. This Section does not require shelter for pastured livestock.

15.2 It shall be unlawful to leave an animal in a vehicle at a time when the temperature is above seventy-five (75) degrees Fahrenheit and the animal is showing signs of distress.

#### **Section 16. Impoundment; Notice to Owner**

16.1 The animal control authority is authorized to capture and impound any animal upon having probable cause to believe the animal to be in violation of any of the City's regulations or state law, which authorizes or requires the animal's capture and impoundment.

16.2 If, by identification tag, the owner of an impounded animal can be identified, the animal control authority will make every attempt to notify the owner of the impoundment and any violations witnessed by the animal control authority. Written warnings may be issued to owners. Violators may be impounded and/or citations may be issued to owners of said animal.

16.3 All impounded animals shall be kept for not less than five (5) calendar days. After this period of time, the animal shall be released to the animal control facility and either placed for adoption or humanely destroyed at the discretion of the animal control authority. No record shall be kept by the City as to the disposition of an animal after its release.

16.4 Any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, which in the professional judgment of the animal control authority, is in great pain and suffering due to injury from which the animal probably will not recover, or which appears to have rabies, and/or which is at-large and is posing an imminent danger to human beings or to other animals, may be destroyed by the animal control authority in a humane manner.

### **Section 17. Dog Licenses and Tags**

17.1 No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog or cat within the city limits unless such dog or cat is licensed annually as herein provided.

17.2 The owner or harbinger of each dog or cat more than three (3) months old in the City shall register the animal with the City animal control authority and obtain a license for such animal from the animal control authority. At the time of application for such license, the owner shall present an unexpired certificate of vaccination for the animal, a photo of the animal, and pay a licensing fee for each animal, the amount of which is to be designated on the schedule of fees of the City.

17.3 Upon presentation of the unexpired vaccination certificate, a photo of the animal, and payment of the licensing fee, the animal control authority shall issue to the owner a license tag.

17.4 A person commits an offense if he possesses within the City an animal which has not been licensed according to this Section. The owner of an animal shall, upon request, show to the law enforcement officer or animal control authority enforcing this chapter the receipt for the animal's City registration. The failure or refusal of an owner to produce to the law enforcement officer or animal control authority the receipt for the animal's City registration or a license tag shall constitute prima facie proof that such animal has not been licensed according to the requirement contained in this Section.

17.5 In the event a license tag is lost or destroyed, a new tag shall be issued by the animal control authority upon presentation of a receipt showing the payment of the license fee and upon the payment of a replacement fee, the amount of which is to be designated on the schedule of fees.

17.6 A person commits an offense if he owns an animal without an unexpired licensing tag for the animal.

17.7 It is a defense to prosecution that:

(a) The animal was younger than four months of age; or

(b) The owner of the animal has resided in the City less than 30 days.

17.8 City registration or licensing of an animal is not transferable to another animal.

### **Section 18. Dangerous Dogs**

18.1 For the purpose of and procedures for identifying, declaring, and regulating dangerous dogs the City follows the provisions of the Texas Health and Safety Code Section 822, Subchapters A and D.

18.2 The owner of a dangerous dog shall pay an annual registration fee of \$100.00 to the City.

18.3 Only one dangerous dog may be kept per property.

18.4 It shall be unlawful for a dog that has been identified and declared under this Section to be a dangerous dog, to be outside of its kennel, pen, yard, or other enclosure without a muzzle and under restraint by its owner on a leash or lead.

18.5 The owner of a dangerous dog must obtain liability insurance coverage or show financial responsibility in the amount specified by state law to cover damages resulting from an attack by the dangerous dog causing bodily injury to a person.

### **Section 19. Dangerous and Wild Animals**

The City hereby adopts Texas Health & Safety Code, sections 822.101–822.116 in its entirety and any subsequent amendments for the regulation and control of dangerous wild animals.

### **Section 20. Beekeeping**

20.1 The purpose of this chapter is to authorize beekeeping subject to certain requirements intended to avoid problems that may otherwise be associated with beekeeping in populated areas.

20.2 Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain an apiary or to keep any colony on any property in a manner that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance.

20.3 Hives on Residential Lots

(a) An apiary, consisting of not more than five (5) hives or an equivalent capacity, may be maintained in the rear yard of any residential lot that is larger than five thousand (5,000) square feet.

(b) On a residential lot which is larger than one-half (0.5) acre, the number of

hives located on the lot may be increased to ten (10) hives.

(c) A person shall not locate or allow a hive on property owned or occupied by another person without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.

20.4 Each beekeeper shall be registered with the Texas Apiary Inspection Service as provided in the Texas Agricultural Code set forth in Chapter 131, as amended.

20.5 Beekeepers are allowed to keep honeybees or mason bees as defined in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

20.6 A hive shall be placed on property so the general flight pattern of bees is in a direction that will deter bee contact with humans and domesticated animals.

20.7 Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the colony continuously between March 1 and October 31 of each year. The source of water shall be in a location that minimizes any nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring property.

20.8 Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other beekeeping equipment is left upon the grounds of an apiary site. Upon removal from a hive, all such equipment shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within an enclosed building or other bee-proof enclosure.

20.9 It shall be unlawful for any person to keep beehives in a manner that is contrary to the provisions of this Section. Any such violation shall be a Class C misdemeanor.

#### **Section 21. Penalty**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance is committed, continued or permitted, and each such violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

#### **Section 22. Savings Clause**

All rights and remedies of the City of Buffalo, Texas, are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Ordinance or any other ordinance which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

#### **Section 23. Cumulative/Repealer Clause.**

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of state or federal law and other ordinances



of the City of Buffalo, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

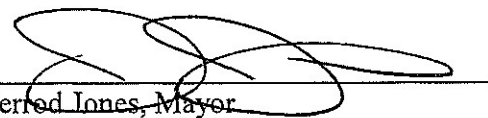
**Section 24. Severability Clause**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.


**Section 25. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Buffalo, Texas, on this on this the 26 day of August, 2019.

  
Jerrod Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Debbie Waters, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

**City of Buffalo**  
**Animal Control Fee Schedule**

**Effective 10/01/2019**

**Annual Registration**

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Sterilized      | \$10.00 per year |
| Non-sterilized  | \$25.00 per year |
| Replacement tag | \$5.00           |

**Dangerous Dog Registration Fee**

\$100.00 per year

**Impoundment Fees (in addition to boarding fees)\***

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dogs and Cats                        |                    |
| 1st Offense                          | \$25.00            |
| 2nd Offense (per annum)              | \$50.00            |
| Subsequent Offenses (per annum)      | \$100.00           |
| Small Livestock (goats, sheep, hogs) | \$25.00 per animal |
| Large Livestock (cows, horses, etc)  | \$50.00 per animal |
| Wild or exotic animals               | \$75.00 per animal |

**Boarding Fees**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dogs and Cats   | \$15.00 per day |
| Small Livestock | \$15.00 per day |
| Large Livestock | \$20.00 per day |

**Animal Foster Home Permit**

\$50.00 per year

**Confinement/Quarantine**

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Impound fee                  | \$50.00 per animal |
| Boarding (during quarantine) | \$25.00 per day    |

**Veterinarian Fees**

The owners of any animal in possession by the City shall be responsible for all necessary veterinarian charges incurred in caring for the animal

\* These fees are in addition to any citation fees related to violations of city ordinances or state laws.