

ORDINANCE NO. 5-580-2022

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 203.00 OF THE 1995 ORDINANCE CODE OF
THE CITY OF KARLSTAD ENTITLED LICENSING AND REGULATING THE
KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS**

THE CITY OF KARLSTAD DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Section 203.00 of the 1995 Ordinance Code of the City of Karlstad entitled Licensing and Regulating the Keeping of Dogs and Cats is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 203.00

LICENSING AND REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS

Subd. 1. No person shall keep without a license or allow to run or be at large within this City any dog or cat in accordance with provisions of this ordinance.

Subd. 2. Every person who owns or keeps a dog or cat within the limits of this City, shall before the first day of May, cause each dog and cat to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, and shall cause such dog or cat to wear around its neck a collar with the owner's name and its registered number and such owner or keeper to such dog or cat shall be required to pay an annual license fee, which shall be established at the January meeting of the Council each year.

Subd. 3. The Clerk-Treasurer shall issue all dog and cat licenses, receive the fee therefor and immediately pay the same into the City Treasury.

Subd. 4. The Clerk-Treasurer shall annually, on or before the 15th day of May, post in some conspicuous place in the said City, a list of all dogs and cats licensed for the current year and shall furnish a copy of such list to the City Law Enforcement Officer and shall thereafter, from time to time, furnish said Officer with a list of such dogs and cats as are subsequently licensed during the year.

Subd. 5. The owner or keeper of any dog or cat within this City may at any time have such dog or cat licensed by paying to the Clerk-Treasurer the sum provided by this ordinance.

Subd. 6. No person shall remove the collar from any dog or cat duly licensed under this ordinance.

Subd. 7. The Police Officer shall impound any dog or cat found unlicensed or running at large and shall give notice of such impounding to the owner of such dog or cat, if known. In case the owner is unknown, such officer shall post notice at the pound and at City Hall that if the dog or cat is not claimed within forty-eight (48) hours after the posting of said notice, it will be killed. If such dog or cat is not claimed within the time specified and all fees and charges paid, the

poundmaster shall kill such dog or cat and dispose of its carcass. The poundmaster shall house and feed in a humane manner any dog or cat held at the pound. An impounding fee of \$10.00 and a charge of \$1.00 per day for feeding shall be charged for any dog or cat held at the pound. If such dog or cat is unlicensed, it shall not be released until license fee is paid as well as aforesaid charges to be paid. The local Police Officer shall be the poundmaster.

Subd. 8. Immunization. All applications for dog and cat licenses shall be accompanied by a current certificate of immunization for rabies signed by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota, and stating (1) the owner's name; (2) a description of the dog or cat; and (3) the date beyond which such immunization is not considered effective. On or prior to the date of expiration of the effective immunization, the owner of the dog or cat shall file with the City a new certificate containing the same information as herein required.

Subd. 9. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any dog or cat outdoors and unattended for a period of one-half an hour or longer, during such a period when the temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the City. Dogs and cats will be considered "outdoors" regardless of access to an outdoor doghouse or similar structure, unless the structure has an independent source of heat that is safe for use in outdoor structures and does not pose a danger to the animal. A vehicle shall not be considered an adequate shelter.

Subd. 10. Penalty. Penalty for violation of any provision of this Section shall be governed by Section 2000 of this Code.

Section 2. Repeal of existing 203.00. The foregoing ordinance, once enacted and passed, shall replace previous Section 203.00 of the 1995 Ordinance Code of the City of Karlstad which previous code provisions are hereby repealed.

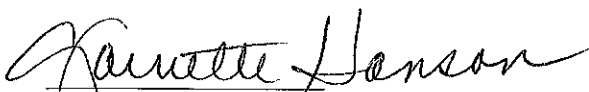
Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on the date following the date of publication of this ordinance.

Following the publication of this ordinance in the manner prescribed by law, the City Clerk shall codify this ordinance within the City Code of the City of Karlstad.

Adopted by the City Council on 5/5, 2022.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Date of publication of this ordinance: 04-21-2022