

ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-99

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND RIVERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rivers wishes to protect its citizens from dogs under the control of their owners and to provide a method for licensing all dogs within the city limits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND RIVERS, KENTUCKY.

§ 6.09.010 is added to the Grand Rivers Municipal Code, to read as follows.

AN ORDINANCE PLACING RESTRICTION UPON THE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS AND REQUIRING THE LICENSING OF ALL DOGS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

Section 1. LICENSURE OF DOGS: FEES

All dogs shall be required to be licensed by the City of Grand Rivers. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk of Grand Rivers and said license shall be issued only after proof of proper inoculations are presented. The cost of obtaining said license shall be set by the City Council. For a period of three months after the enactment of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall issue dog licenses without cost to the owner.

Section 2. DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

Each owner or person in control of any dog, licensed or unlicensed, shall, at all times, keep such dog securely confined so as not to leave the premises of the owner or person in control. Any dog found off the premises of the owner or controller shall be on a leash or other physical restraint or control of the owner or person in control.

Section 3. CITATION TO OWNER OF DOG IN VIOLATION

Any authorized city personnel, employed by the city, shall issue a citation to the owner or keeper of any dog found running at large and not under control of the owner or keeper. Such citation shall be issued whether the dog is licensed or unlicensed.

Section 4. SEIZURE, IMPOUNDMENT, NOTICE TO OWNER, DISPOSITION

Any dog found running at large shall be seized or impounded by the authorized city personnel. Provided, however, the authorized city personnel shall not enter upon the premises of the owner or keeper of any dog for the purpose of apprehending and/or impounding such animal. Any unlicensed dog so seized and impounded which has not been claimed within seven days after seizure shall be humanely disposed of. Any properly licensed dog so seized shall be held for seven days from the date of seizure, and thereafter an attempt shall be made to locate the owner at the address shown on the collar of the dog or by telephone. After an additional seven days, if such dog is not claimed, whether the owner has been contacted or not, the dog shall be disposed of in a like manner as if unlicensed.

However, this section does not apply to the disposition of sick or hurt animals where the owner is not known or cannot be located. These animals may be put to sleep at any time to prevent suffering.

Section 4. RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED DOG: FEES

(A) When a licensed dog is impounded pursuant to this subchapter, the owner may apply to the City Clerk for release of such dog, who shall charge a fee of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) plus cost of confinement, for such redemption. The redemption fee for any subsequent redemption shall be \$50.00 (fifty dollars) plus cost of confinement.

Upon payment of said redemption fee, the City Clerk shall issue a notice of release to the authorized city personnel who shall release said dog.

(B) When an unlicensed dog is impounded pursuant to this subchapter and such dog is sought to be redeemed, the authorized city personnel shall have such animal properly inoculated and licensed and a redemption fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shall be charged plus the cost of inoculation, license and cost of confinement.

Section 5. DOG CONTROL ACCOUNT

All license fees, fines and redemption fees collected hereunder shall be collected by the City Clerk and retained in an account under the title City Dog Control Account, which funds shall be used to defray the costs of enforcing this subchapter.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLIC READING: THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.


DATE OF SECOND READING: THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.

ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999

PUBLISHED: LIVINGSTON LEDGER THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999


Frank Buchanan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joe Dry, City Clerk

Certification

I, Joe Dry, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed clerk of the City of Grand Rivers, Kentucky, that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on September 14, 1999, that the Ordinance referred to therein is in the form presented to said meeting and in the form executed, and the said ordinance appears as a matter of public record in the Official City Ordinance Book and is still in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature on this 14th day of September, 1999.


Joe Dry, City Clerk