

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE  
AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 OF THE LAKE ELSINORE MUNICIPAL CODE (LEMC)  
REGARDING ANIMALS AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.**

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore desires to eliminate existing regulations requiring cat licensing in the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE DOES ORDAIN  
AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** LEMC Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.030, Dog and cat licensing, the section Title and Paragraphs A and C, are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

**6.04.030 Dog licensing.**

A. It is unlawful for any person to own, harbor or keep any dog four months of age or older within the City for a period longer than 30 days, unless there is attached to such dog a valid license tag obtained from the City of Lake Elsinore. A license will be issued for each dog upon payment of a license fee established pursuant to LEMC 6.04.020.;

C. Any dog owned by a person moving into Lake Elsinore that has a current license issued in the County of Riverside will be honored for up to one year. A Lake Elsinore license must be issued, however, to ensure that the dog is vaccinated against rabies and to ensure proper information is on file regarding the owner and the animal.

**Section 2:** LEMC Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.040, Vaccination requirements, Paragraphs A and B, are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

A. At the time of payment of the fee for a dog license, the applicant therefor shall deliver to the Animal Control Agency or their designee a certificate of vaccination, signed by a veterinarian licensed to practice as such in the State, certifying that he vaccinated the dog for which a license is sought with rabies vaccine, one injection or approved method, within a period of 12 months, and giving the date of such one injection or approved method, within a period of 12 months, and giving the date of such vaccination, the brand or type of each dog and the name of the owner of said dog.

B. Each veterinarian after vaccinating any dog shall sign a certificate of vaccination in duplicate in the form required by the Health Officer. The veterinarian shall keep one copy, shall give one copy to the owner of the vaccinated dog and shall send one copy to the Animal Control Agency. The owner shall retain his or her copy of the certificate in a safe place for so long as he or she shall continue to own the dog or until such time as the dog is vaccinated again, at which time the new certificate shall be retained as above indicated.

**Section 3:** LEMC Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.050, License information - Tags, is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

**6.04.050 License information - Tags.**

Each license shall state the name and residence address of the person to whom each license is issued, the amount paid therefor, the date when issued, the date on which such license shall expire, and in the case of an individual dog license, a description of the dog for which such license is issued, and the number of metallic tag accompanying such license, which metallic tag is required and authorized, and shall be furnished at the expense of the Animal Control Agency. With each license for any individual dog there shall be issued and delivered to the person securing the license a metal tag with a serial number of the license issued. Each kennel or cattery license shall show the maximum number of animals which may be kept in such kennel or cattery under authority of such license.

**Section 4:** LEMC Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.120, Duties of Animal Control Officer, Paragraph G, is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

G. To conduct license inspections to ensure that all dogs four months of age or older have been vaccinated and are properly licensed.

**Section 5:** LEMC Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.150, Dog and cat impoundment regulations, Paragraph A, is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

A. No impounded animal shall be redeemed except on payment of all appropriate fees established pursuant to LEMC 6.04.020. No dog which is to be kept or harbored within the corporate limits of the City of Lake Elsinore shall be released from the shelter unless or until it is duly licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. No unredeemed dog or cat shall be sold if or while the same is suffering from any infectious or communicable disease.

**Section 6:** LEMC Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.160, Unlawful acts designated, Paragraphs A, B, D, E, are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

A. For the owner of any dog to fail, neglect or refuse to obtain a license for each dog as required in this chapter.

B. For an owner of any dog to fail or neglect to keep fastened to such dog the tag as provided in this chapter. The tag shall be attached at all times to a collar, harness or other suitable device upon the dog for which the license tag was issued.

D. For any person to attach any current license tag on any dog other than the dog for which such license tag was originally issued.

E. For any person other than the owner to remove from any dog any tag which has been attached to such dog pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or for any person to counterfeit or imitate any such tag or attach a counterfeit or imitation tag to any dog or to possess any such counterfeit tag.

**Section 7: Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or its application is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, sections, or

applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end each phrase, section, sentence, or word is declared to be severable.

**Section 8: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the date of adoption.

**Section 9: Certification.** The Deputy City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause a synopsis of the same to be published according to law.

**Passed and Adopted** on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Steve Manos  
Mayor

Attest:

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Mark Mahan,  
Deputy City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE    ) ss.  
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE    )

I, Mark Mahan, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Lake Elsinore, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2019-\_\_\_\_\_ was introduced at the Regular meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore at its Regular meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I further certify that said Synopsis was published as required by law in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lake Elsinore, California on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201.

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City Clerk