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ORDINANCE NO. 734

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS
AND FOWL IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,
KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That definition of "At Large" in Section 2-201 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following text:

"At Large". Any dog/cat shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the premises occupied by the owner's household as their abode and when not accompanied by its owner on a leash.

SECTION 2. That definition of "At Large" in Section 2-201 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following text:

"Vicious Dog" shall mean any dog which is fierce, dangerous, mean or uncontrollable; or one which has previously attacked or bitten any person or domestic animal that is not "At Large", or possesses a propensity to attack or bite a person.

SECTION 3. That Section 2-207 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following text:

2-207. ALLOCATION OF FEES. All fees collected under this ordinance shall be deposited in the City's General Fund.

SECTION 4. That Section 2-208 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following text:

2-208. EXCEPTIONS TO REGISTRATION; REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITING DOGS/CATS AND DOGS/CATS OWNED BY CERTAIN NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS. The provisions of this article with respect to registration shall not apply to any dog/cat owned by any person visiting or temporarily remaining within the city for less than thirty (30) days. However, such dogs/cats shall be kept under restraint by the owner thereof at all times.

Further, the provisions of this article with respect to registration shall not apply to any dog/cat owned by a business accredited by Assistance Dogs International; provided, such dogs/cats shall be kept under restraint by the owner thereof at all times, all dogs shall

be tattooed with an identification number, and the owner thereof shall provide proof of compliance with the vaccination requirements of this article at any time the same is requested by the city. Dogs that are adopted out by the business are not covered by this exemption and shall be registered by the new owner. Puppies that are sent out for training by the business are covered and do not require registration.

SECTION 5. That Section 2-224 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following text:

2-224 ENFORCING OFFICER. The City Administrator or his/her assigns shall be responsible for the enforcement of this article. No City employee is expected to enforce this code while not on their regular shift. Vicious animal complaints should always be forwarded to the Washington County Sheriff's Department for enforcement and determination.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication in the Washington County News.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 2nd day of November, 2009.

THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS

(Seal)

Harold H. Jones, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise M. Powell, City Clerk