

Finance
9-17-18

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to create/amend/repeal Section 11.220 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regulating Animal Licenses.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 11.220 is amended to read as follows:

"11.220 Animal Licenses.

(1) Dog and Cat Licenses Required. The owner of a dog or cat more than five months of age on January 1st of any year, or five months of age within a license year, shall annually, or on or before the date such dog or cat becomes five months of age, pay the dog or cat license tax and obtain a license for such dog or cat. As used herein, the word owner shall include every person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat. If the owner has more than three cats or three dogs at any one dwelling, the owner shall apply for a permit pursuant to MMC § 14.020(1). No more than one Four-Animal Permit shall be issued per dwelling unit. No dog or cat licenses shall be issued for owners of more than three cats or three dogs unless proof is presented to the City Treasurer that a permit has been approved by the Chief of Police or his designee.

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(2) ~~Kennel Licenses.~~

~~(a) Kennel License Option. Any person who keeps or operates a kennel may, instead of the license tax for each dog or cat required by this section, apply to the City Treasurer for a kennel license for keeping or operating a kennel. Such person shall pay for the license year a license tax of \$85.00 for a kennel of 12 or fewer dogs and an additional \$8.00 for each dog in excess of 12. Upon payment of the required kennel license tax, and upon presentation of evidence that all dogs and cats over five months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the City Treasurer shall issue the kennel license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs or cats authorized to be kept in the kennel. As used herein, the term kennel means any establishment wherein or whereon dogs or cats are kept for the purpose of breeding, sale, or sporting purposes.~~

~~(b) Kennel License Tags. Kennel license tags shall be issued and required to be displayed as provided for in Wis. Stat. § 174.053.~~

(3) Listing of Dogs and Cats. The City Clerk Treasurer shall annually ascertain by diligent inquiry the dogs and cats owned or kept within the City of Manitowoc. Every person shall answer frankly and fully all questions asked by the City Clerk Treasurer or his/her designate relative to the ownership or keeping of dogs or cats within the City of Manitowoc. The City Clerk Treasurer shall enter in the records for personal property assessments, or in a separate record, all dogs and cats in the City of Manitowoc subject to tax, to whom they are assessed, the name, number, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed and color of each dog and cat. The City Clerk Treasurer shall make, in triplicate, a list maintain a record of the owners of all dogs and cats assessed and all licenses issued. The Police Department may be called upon by the City Clerk Treasurer for assistance in performing these duties. The City Clerk Treasurer shall make a claim against Manitowoc County for each dog listed by the City Clerk Treasurer.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication.

INTRODUCED SEP 17 2018 ADOPTED _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

APPROVED _____

Fiscal Impact: \$0
Funding Source: n/a
Finance Director Approval: /sc
Approved as to form: /kmm

This resolution was drafted by Elizabeth Majerus, Assistant City Attorney