

**ORDINANCE No. 2015-181
CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 3 – DOGS, CATS, FERRETS; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES:

That, the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct; and,

That section 6-91 of the Shoreacres City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-91. - Vaccination required for dogs, cats and ferrets.

No person shall own, keep, or harbor within the city any dog, cat, or ferret four [three] months of age or older unless such animal has a current rabies vaccination, as determined by the T.D.H. The animal must be revaccinated before the expiration of the first and each subsequent current vaccination period.

That section 6-92 of the Shoreacres City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-92. - Registration of dogs and cats required.

(a) Registration required. No owner within the city limits shall have in his/her possession a dog or cat four [three] months of age or older unless said dog or cat is currently registered with the city. No dog or cat shall be registered unless it has current vaccination.

(b) Renewal. A registration shall be renewed no later than the date of expiration of the current vaccination period for which it was issued.

(c) Vaccination required. A registration certificate and tag can be obtained with proof of vaccination at the Shoreacres City Hall [Police Department].

(d) Tags. Upon acceptance of the registration application and payment of the license fee, the regulatory authority shall issue a durable tag, stamped with an identifying number. The owner of such animal must attach the tag to a collar or harness and said collar or harness must be worn by the animal at all times. The tag or receipt for payment of said tag shall be presented to the regulatory authority upon demand. Failure to present the license tag or receipt shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(e) Fee. A fee of \$4.00 shall be assessed for each registration tag issued. The regulatory authority shall maintain a record of the identifying numbers of all tags issued [and this record shall be available to the public]. If the tag has been lost, a duplicate can be obtained from city hall [the police department] for a fee of \$2.00.

(f) Exemptions. The registration requirements of this section shall not apply to:

- (1) An animal under the age of four [three] months of age.
- (2) Animals that are owned by or in custody of persons who are nonresidents of the city traveling through the city temporarily or sojourning therein for a period not to exceed 30 days.
- (3) Dogs or cats brought into the city exclusively for the purpose of entering them in any dog or cat show or exhibition.

That section 6-93 of the Shoreacres City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-93. - Collar and tag required.

- (a) The owner of every dog, cat or ferret shall see that the dog, cat or ferret wears at all times a collar or harness to which the registration tag will be attached.
- (b) If the registration tag is lost or destroyed, the owner shall apply in writing or in person at city hall [the police department] for a replacement tag by presentation of proof of current vaccination and/or presentation of certificate of registration that is to be replaced accompanied by a fee of \$2.00.

That section 6-94 of the Shoreacres City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-94. - Number of dogs, cats, and birds limited.

- (a) Dogs and cats. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, possess, maintain or allow to be kept, harbored, possessed or maintained more than four dogs or four cats or any combination of said animals with the total number not exceeding four over four [three] months old, upon or within any premises owned, occupied or under control of any person within the city except where specifically exempt in this chapter.
- (b) Birds. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, possess, maintain or allow to be kept, harbored, possessed or maintained more than 12 domestic or pet birds, over the age of three months, including, but not limited to, parakeets, finches, racing pigeons, parrots, canaries, and doves, upon or within any premises owned, occupied or under control of any person within the city except where specifically exempt in this chapter.
- (c) Exemptions. The provisions of this section limiting the number of animals shall not apply to the following:
 - (1) Kennels.
 - (2) Animal shelters.
 - (3) Circuses.


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That if any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and,

That the City Council officially finds, determines, recites, and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of June 2015.





 Rick Moses, Mayor

ATTEST:


 David K. Stall, CFM, TEM
 City Secretary

M/2		Yea	Nay	N/V	Absent
	R. Moses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	R. Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M	D. Jennings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Z	J. McKown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	N. Schnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	M. Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Passed / Failed  06.08.15
 David Stall, City Secretary - Date