

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02-19-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON REQUIRING ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF VINTON TO BE REGISTERED AND/OR LICENSED AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF ANIMAL REGISTRATION AND/OR LICENSING FEES TO RECOVER THE COST OF COMPLIANCE WITH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AND THE COST OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-11-21-5 REGULATING THE NUMBER AND MANNER OF KEEPING OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF VINTON AND DECLARING NONCOMPLIANCE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Vinton has entered into an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Welfare Services with the County of El Paso, Texas for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens. This Interlocal Agreement authorizes the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to enforce the October 24, 2016 El Paso County Animal Regulations Order of the El Paso County Commissioners' Court and any lawfully adopted successor orders and animal regulations within the jurisdictional areas of the Village of Vinton and further authorizes the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to enforce animal regulations that supersede the County of El Paso regulations to the extent they are consistent with the County of El Paso animal regulations.

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Welfare Services requires the Village of Vinton to pay an annual fee to the County of El Paso for its services rendered in accordance therewith, and, in addition, further obligates the Village of Vinton to be financially responsible for any and all shelter costs and fees for any animals impounded pursuant thereto, including, but not limited to, Shelter impoundment fees, daily kenneling fees, vaccination fees, and spay/neuter fees.

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the October 24, 2016 El Paso County Animal Regulations Order of the El Paso County Commissioners' Court requires all residents within the County to register any dog or cat four months of age or older with the County or with a municipality within the County.

WHEREAS, consistent with the County of El Paso animal regulations, the Village of Vinton has adopted Ordinance No. 2017-11-21-5 regulating the number and keeping of domestic animals and livestock within the Village of Vinton in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

WHEREAS, the Village Council intends that the cost to the Village of providing animal

welfare services including the costs associated with its obligations under the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Welfare Services and to monitor compliance and enforcement of Ordinance No. 2017-11-21-5 is to be borne proportionately by all persons receiving the services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS as follows:

1. All domestic animals and livestock within the Village of Vinton as described in Ordinance No. 2017-11-21-5 are required to be registered with the Village of Vinton on an annual basis and the owners thereof shall be required to secure an annual permit or license from the Village of Vinton to keep the animals within the Village of Vinton.
2. All persons conducting business within the Village of Vinton providing animal welfare services and/or relating to the care of animals described in Ordinance No. 2017-11-21-5 shall be required to secure an annual permit or license from the Village of Vinton to be authorized to conduct such services.
3. The Village of Vinton's Master Fee Schedule shall be amended by resolution to include a schedule of registration and/or license fees applicable to the owners of animals described in Ordinance No. 2017-11-21-5 and to business owners providing animal welfare services and/or relating to the care of animals described in said ordinance.
4. The adopted schedule of registration and/or licensing fees will be determined based on the estimated cost to the Village of Vinton to comply with its payment obligations under the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Welfare Services with the County of El Paso and to conduct inspections and monitor and enforce compliance with Ordinance No. 2017-11-21-5.
5. Failure to comply with the registration and/or license requirements and/or payment of the required fees as authorized herein is declared unlawful and the violator shall upon conviction thereof, be fined in an amount not less than \$1.00 or more than \$500.00. Each individual instance in which a violation of this ordinance occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.
6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2019.


Manuel Leos, Mayor

Attest:



Andrea Carrillo, Village Administrator

Approved as to Form:



Shane A. English, Village Attorney