

ORDINANCE NO. O-14-036

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14.407 & 14.413 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WOOD DALE TO INCREASE THE RECORDING FEE AND FINE STRUCTURE FOR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the City of Wood Dale is a body politic and corporate, organized and existing pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wood Dale is authorized and empowered, pursuant to the Animal Control Act, 510 ILCS 5/24 *et. seq.*, to regulate and prohibit animals from running at large; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the current fee structure for processing an animal that is running at large does not cover the cost of handling and transporting the animal to the animal impound; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the current fee structure for maintaining a record of the impounded animals does not cover the cost that the City actually incurs; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the fine structure for repeat offenses does not provide an appropriate remedy to prevent future violations; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to bring these fees and fine structure into line with current practices for offenses of a similar severity and impact on the resources of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOD DALE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

SECTION TWO: That the Code of Ordinances of the City Chapter 14, Article IV, entitled, "ANIMALS AND ANIMAL CONTROL" shall be amended as provided for herein:

Sec. 14.407. Impoundment And Redemption Procedures.

A. Animal Impoundment: Any dog or other animal found in the city in violation of any of the other provisions of this article shall be kept in the enclosure established as the city pound until redeemed or otherwise disposed of as directed from time to time by the city council. Animals held in the pound shall be held at least ten (10) days for redemption.

B. Care And Treatment Of Animals: Impounded animals shall be humanely treated and fed; the pound shall be under the charge of the chief of police, who shall be responsible for the care and custody of the same.

C. Redemption of Impounded Animals: Any person seeking to redeem an impounded animal shall pay a recording fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per day that the dog is impounded. This shall be in addition to any fees that are due to the facility where the dog is impounded, which shall be paid to the City prior to release of the animal.

D. Unredeemed Animals: Unredeemed animals shall be disposed of as provided by the mayor and council.

Sec. 14.413. Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be deemed to be guilty of an offense and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) for the first offense, forty dollars (\$40.00) for the second offense, eighty dollars (\$80.00) for the third offense, one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00) for the fourth offense, three hundred twenty (\$320.00) for the fifth offense, and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense thereafter. If any violation shall be of a continuing nature, each day of violation shall be deemed a separate offense and subject to the progressive penalties contained herein.

SECTION THREE: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in the manner provided for in Section 65 ILCS 5/5-2-1 *et seq.*

SECTION FIVE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.


PASSED this 20th day of November, 2014.

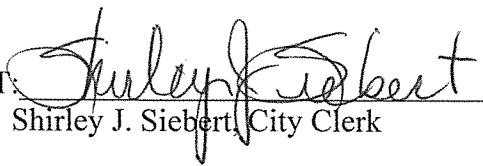
AYES: Aldermen Catalano, Lazzara, Jakab, Susmarski, E. Wesley, R. Wesley, and Woods

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Winger

APPROVED this 20th day of November, 2014

SIGNED: 
Annunziato Pulice, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Shirley J. Siebert, City Clerk

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