



Animal Microchip Ordinance

Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2025-36: N. Flowers

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY OF BURNET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14 (ENTITLED “ANIMALS”) BY AMENDING SECTIONS 14-1 (ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS”) AND 14-31 (ENTITLED “IDENTIFICATION FOR ANIMALS”) AND DELETING SECTIONS 14-164 (ENTITLED “LICENSE REQUIRED”) AND 14-165 (ENTITLED “REVOCATION OF LICENSE, NOTICE OF HEARING AND APPEALS”); PROVIDING FOR PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 PER VIOLATION; PROVIDING CUMULATIVE, REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

MICROCHIP AND MICROCHIP INFORMATION

- ❖ A microchip is a Radio Frequency Identifier that when scanned it reads a number which is registered in a microchip database with your information and pet's information.
- ❖ Microchips do not have GPS capabilities. They cannot be used to track or locate animals.



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Name: DAISY

Sex: Female

Species: Dog

Primary Breed: Retriever, Labrador

Secondary Breed: Crossbreed

Date of Birth: 09/01/2019

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Primary Color: Brown / Other

Color Pattern:

Distinguishing Marks:

Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Burnet TX 78611 US

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email:

Owner consents to releasing this information: Yes

Microchip Sold To

Name: PetPALS

Phone: 830-598-7729

Email: petpalsmarblefallstx@gmail.com

Additional Information:



INTAKES (10/01/2024-07/30/2025)

◆ Dogs

- ◆ 137 total dogs
 - ◆ 122 Stray pickups with 112 being unique animals
 - ◆ 9 Owner surrenders or refusal to reclaim
 - ◆ 4 Seized/Custody (owners arrested or crash victims)
 - ◆ 2 Service In (BCSO holds)

◆ Cats

- ◆ 53 total cats
 - ◆ 52 Stray pickups (causing a Nuisance)
 - ◆ 1 Seized/Custody (owner arrested)

ANIMAL OUTCOMES

- ◇ Shelter transfer to Hill Country Humane Society
 - ◇ Cats – 51
 - ◇ Dogs - 88
- ◇ Return to Owner (Direct)
 - ◇ 46 total with 38 unique animals
 - ◇ **14 Microchipped**
- ◇ Return to Owner (HCHS)
 - ◇ 9 RTO – No microchips, saw on FB post



Proposed Changes

- ◆ City of Burnet Ordinance

- ◆ **14-1 Definitions**

- ◆ **Microchip** – means a permanent method of electronic identification that is implanted subcutaneously (just under the skin) between the shoulder blades at the back of an animal's neck. A microchip has a unique number that is detected using a microchip scanning device.
 - ◆ **Microchipped** – means an animal that has a microchip implanted and registered through a national microchip registry with the current owner's name and contact information.
 - ◆ **Microchip reader or scanner device** – means an electronic scanner with an operating frequency that is able to detect a microchip that has been implanted in an animal and display the number of the microchip to its operator. The microchip reader shall be of a type that activates and displays the number of a microchip manufactured by multiple vendors.

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Identification for Animals

- a) *Canines and felines.* No person shall own, possess or have control over any dog or cat that is four months of age or older unless the dog or cat has been implanted with a microchip. This requirement shall not apply to community cats that have been ear-tipped in accordance with an approved trap-neuter-return (TNR) program.
- b) *Registration required.* It is the duty of the owner or custodian of the animal to ensure that the animal's implanted microchip identification number is registered with a nationally registered pet recovery database.
- c) *Changing status.* If there is a change in ownership or contact information for the owner or custodian of the microchipped animal, the owner or custodian shall update the contact information with the appropriate nationally registered pet recovery database within 30 days after the date of the change in information.

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- ◇ (d) Other Animals. Identity requirements for animals, other than dogs and cats, are as follows:
 - ◇ (1) Requirement. All animals, other than dogs and cats, within the city shall be implanted with a microchip or marked by some type of identifying license, tag, band, tattoo or brand by which the animal's owner can be identified. All Livestock shall be tagged or tattooed.
 - ◇ (2) Exception. The requirement stated in subsection (d)(1), immediately above, does not apply to domestic mice, rats, rabbits, guineas, hamsters, gerbils, ferrets, fowl, amphibious and aquatic animals or reptiles.
- ◇ (e) Defenses. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that:
 - ◇ (1) The animal owner is a nonresident of this city and is keeping the subject animal in the city for fewer than 30 days;
 - ◇ (2) The animal owner has been a resident of this city for fewer than 30 days; or
 - ◇ (3) The animal had been abandoned or lost and the temporary owner has had the dog or cat for fewer than 30 days.
- ◇ (f) Administrative rules. The city manager may promulgate forms and administrative rules as required for the orderly administration of this section.
- ◇ (g) Penalty. A violation of any provision is unlawful and subject to City Code of Ordinances Sec. 1-6 (entitled "general penalty").

A photograph of two kittens lying on a light-colored surface. The kitten on the left is a tabby with light green eyes, looking towards the camera. The kitten on the right is a darker, possibly black and white, breed, lying down with its head resting on the surface. The background is slightly blurred, showing some indoor furniture. The text "THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!" is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font.

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