

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF MISSION CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14- ANIMALS, ARTICLE III - DOGS, CATS, OTHER DOMESTIC, CAPTIVE ANIMALS, DIVISION 4-IMPOUNDMENT, SECTION 14-144 FEES BY ADDING AN ADOPTION FEE AND A DOG WASH FEE, PROVIDING REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVRABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mission is a home-rule municipality possessing the full power of local self-governance pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, including Section 51.001 of the Texas Local Government Cod, the City Council has the authority to adopt an ordinance that among other things, is for good government peace or order of Mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments will help properly regulate the ordinance that needs to be revisited from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Mission finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Mission to amend the Code of Ordinances as set forth below;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS THAT:**

SECTION 1: That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mission, Chapter 14-Animals, Article III- Dogs, that Division 2, License, Section 14-144, Fees, are hereby amended by adding the language (**added**) to read in full as follows. \*The remaining sections are to remain in force.

**Section 14-102. License fee levied.**

There is hereby levied upon the owner or person entitled to possession of each and every dog and cat more than four (4) months of age, which is kept, harbored, or maintained by the owner or person in possession thereof in the corporate limits of the City, an annual license fee of \$5.00 per dog and \$5.00 per cat

**Section 14-142. Notice.**

If any dog has been picked up and impounded, the following notice requirement shall be complied with. If such dog bears a City license, the Animal Control Department shall check the records to determine who is the owner or keeper of such dog. If such dog is unlicensed, the Animal Control Department shall make reasonable efforts to determine who is the owner or keeper of such dog and in either event a written notice shall be sent through the United States mail addressed to such owner or keeper at his address which shall constitute notice to such owner or keeper that said dog is impounded.

### **Section 14-143. Time for Redemption.**

Any owner or person entitled to possession of a dog who appears at the City Animal Shelter within five (5) days after date of such notice, shall have the right to pick up such dog by paying an impoundment fee as provided in Section 14-144 of this Ordinance, if such dog is licensed. If such dog is not licensed, the owner, upon proof of his ownership or right to possession, may repossess such dog by having the dog vaccinated and licensed in accordance with the requirements of the City of Mission ordinance, and by paying the impoundment fee. Failure of any such owner or person entitled to possession to repossess such dog shall entitle the Animal Control Department to dispose of such dog in a humane manner.

### **Section 14-144. Fees.**

The following fees shall be charged for the impoundment of any animal under the provisions of this article:

Whenever any animal is impounded, an additional fee of \$10.00 per day shall be charged for each day, or fraction thereof, of impoundment, for feeding and caring for such animal. This also applies to quarantined animals at the shelter for a 10 day period.

Optional Microchip will be as follows: \$10.00 per dog or cat

**Adoption fee of a dog or cat will be as follow: \$50.00**

**Dog wash fee will be as follows: \$15.00**

SECTION 2. REPEALER All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and any remaining provision shall continue in effect notwithstanding the invalidity of such section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion.

### **SECTION 4. PENALTY:**

Any violation of the ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor for which the violator shall be punished by a fine of not less than ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR nor more than TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS. Each day in violation hereof shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 at a regular meeting of the City Council Elective Commission of the City of Mission, Texas, at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

CITY OF MISSION

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Patricia A. Rigney, City Attorney