

LARGE ANIMALS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 205: ARTICLE II: ANIMAL REGULATIONS

An Ordinance of the City of Clever, County of Christian, State of Missouri to amend Chapter 205, accepting and approving all changes relating to the City's large animal control, regulations, keeping of livestock.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AND FOR THE CITY OF CLEVER,
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN, STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflicts with this ordinance are hereby amended or repealed.

SECTION II: Definitions.

The following words, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings set out herein:

DOGS — All animals of the canine species, both male and female.

ENCLOSURE — A building or real estate with a properly designed fence to restrict or contain any and all animals as listed in Sections 205.180 — 205.190.

OWNER OR KEEPER — Any person having a right of property in a dog, or who keeps or harbors a dog, or who has it in his/her care or acts as its custodian, or who knowingly permits a dog to remain on or about any premises owned or occupied by him/her.

RUNNING AT LARGE — Allowing a dog to be off the private premises of the owner or keeper, or his/her agent or servant, and not on a leash or confined to the arms, motor vehicle, trailer or other conveyance of the owner or keeper, his/her agent or servant.

SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY — Physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes serious disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any part of the body.

TRESPASSER — A person upon the premises of the owner or keeper of the dog in question without license or privilege to be upon said premises.

UNRESTRAINED DOG — Any dog running at large or a dog on the premises of its owner or keeper but not confined to said premises by a leash, fence, structure, or other means that would prevent the dog from leaving such premises.

VICIOUS DOG — Any of the following dogs:

1. Any dog, whether or not running at large and whether or not unrestrained, that without provocation has bitten any person not a trespasser causing serious physical injury to that person.
2. Any unrestrained dog, whether or not running at large, that without provocation has attempted to bite any person not a trespasser which would cause serious physical injury to that person.
3. Any unrestrained dog, whether or not running at large, that without provocation has placed any person not a trespasser in apprehension of immediate serious physical injury.
4. Any dog that has killed another dog or other domestic animal without provocation.

5. Pit bull dogs.

SECTION III: City Registration Required

A. Any person who keeps, harbors or owns any dog within the City shall annually register such dog with the Code Enforcement Officer or his/her designee. The registration cost for dogs shall be \$5.00. A replacement tag can be purchased at the cost of \$2.00 per registration tag.

B. The Code Enforcement Officer or his/her designee shall record such information as follows:

1. The keeper's, harborer's or owner's name, address and phone number.
2. The animal's description with photograph of the animal, gender, and rabies vaccination number with expiration date. Any changes of information are to be provided to the Code Enforcement Officer by the animal owner.
3. The name, address and phone number of said animal's veterinarian.
4. A City registration number.

C. The Code Enforcement Officer or his/her designee shall also issue a City registration tag for such dog to correspond with the registration number of record.

D. City registration tag for such dog shall be affixed to the dog's collar. The collar with tag shall be worn, by the dog, at all times the dog is outside of its owner's residence. Failure to comply with this subsection may result in fines or penalties.

SECTION IV: Tags Not Transferable.

All tags required by this Section shall be specific for each dog and shall not be transferable to any other dog.

SECTION V: Running At Large Prohibited – Impoundment

A. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit the same to run at large within the City of Clever at any time. Any dog found running at large without the registration tag required per Section III, shall be impounded.

SECTION VI: Duty To Impound

A. Animals Impounded, When. Any dog found at large not displaying the tags required by this Article shall be impounded.

B. Holding of Impounded Animals. All dogs impounded can be kept in the custody of the City of Clever or its authorized representative, in the City impoundment facility or some other proper place, for a period of not less than one (1) week from the time of the animal's impoundment. Such animals shall be fed, watered, and shielded from the elements in a humane manner.

C. Upon Code Enforcement Officer discretion, and type of incident, animals can be released with a minimum impound of one (1) day, or a maximum of thirty (30) day time period, with cost incurred.

SECTION VII: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

FIRST READING BY TITLE WITH COPIES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC HELD ON THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

Alderman PREIBE	_____	_____
Alderman LARSON	_____	_____
Alderman SCHMIDT	_____	_____
Alderman MCPHAIL	_____	_____
Mayor (in case of tie)	_____	_____

SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE HERE ON THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

	Aye	Nay
Alderman PREIBE	_____	_____
Alderman LARSON	_____	_____
Alderman SCHMIDT	_____	_____
Alderman MCPHAIL	_____	_____
Mayor (in case of tie)	_____	_____

Approved Date: _____

(SEAL)

DALE MAISEL, Mayor

Attest:

KRISTY KEITHLEY, City Clerk