

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An Ordinance to amend portions of Section 10-200 of the Crossville Municipal Code pertaining to dogs.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That Title 10, Chapter 2, be renamed "Dogs and Other Domestic Animals".

SECTION II. That Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 2 be amended to read as follows:

10-202. - Animals at large.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal to knowingly cause, permit or allow the animal to stray or in any manner to run at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk or park or upon the property of another, if such animal is not under sufficient restraint as to allow the animal to be controlled.
- (B) *Domestic Animal* means any dumb creature including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, warm blooded mammals, birds, reptiles and fish.
- (C) *Direct control* means immediate and continuous physical control of an animal (excluding herding dogs, dogs in the process of hunting, police dogs, and dogs participating in organized field competition) at all times such as by means of a fence, leash, cord, or chain of sufficient strength to restrain the animal.

SECTION III. That Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 6 be amended to read as follows:

10-206 Seizure and Disposition of Dogs and Other Domestic Animals

- (A) Any domestic animal found running at large may be seized by the Animal Control Officer or any police officer and placed in a shelter provided by the City Council. If the animal is wearing a tag, the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone or by a postcard addressed to his or her last known mailing address to appear within ten days and redeem his or her animal by paying a shelter fee, or the animal will be humanely destroyed or offered for adoption. If the animal is not wearing a tag, it shall be humanely destroyed or sold unless legally claimed by the owner within ten days. No animal shall be released in any event from the shelter unless or until the animal has been properly vaccinated and a tag placed on its collar.
- (B) When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, an animal found running at large cannot be safely impounded, it may be summarily destroyed by the Animal Control Officer or any police officer.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect upon and after its final date of passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Mayor

Councilmember

Councilmember

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Passed 1st Reading: _____

Passed 2nd Reading: _____

Passed 3rd Reading: _____