

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3**ANIMAL CONTROL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 90, 92 AND 2001-5. PASSED AND APPROVED HERETOFORE ON THE 19TH. DAY OF FEBRUARY BY THE CITY OF BEASLEY, TEXAS, CONCERNING THE IMPOUNDING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BEASLEY, TEXAS.

IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRMENTS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT SET FORTH BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEASLEY AND FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEASLEY, TEXAS:

Section 1. Impounding and Release

(a) **Stray Dogs**

Licensed or unlicensed stray dogs found running at large in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be taken up, captured and impounded by the Humane Officer designated by the City Council or by any Police Officer of the City of Beasley or any personnel of the Fort Bend County Animal Control Department and so impounded in a shelter designated as the "City Pound" or other secure place, and there confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than three (3) days. Upon the impounding of such dog, the officer so impounding the dog shall, as soon as possible, post a notice at the City Hall which notice shall remain posted for a minimum of three (3) days, notifying the public of the place of capture of the dog in question and giving general description of the dog. Upon the expiration of the three (3) day notice period, and the expiration of the three (3) day notice period provided herein, then any dog not claimed thereafter may be disposed of in a humane manner by the Humane Office or any Police Officer of the town or any personnel of the Fort Bend County Animal Control Department.

(a) **Unclaimed Dogs**

Any dog, licensed or unlicensed, which is unclaimed at the expiration of the period described above, may be disposed of at the discretion of the Humane Officer or any Police Officer of the town or any personnel of the Fort Bend County Animal Control Department in any humane manner that he deems proper, but not by way of limitation, the offering of such dog for adoption by any person willing to pay all costs incurred in connection therewith. Any dog offered for adoption must be spayed or neutered at the time of adoption if the dog is of sufficient age and maturity for such operation in the opinion of a licensed veterinarian, or, in the event the dog is not of sufficient age and maturity at the time of adoption, then the person adopting the dog must agree in writing to provide the Humane Officer or any member of the Police Department of the town with satisfactory

evidence of such operation within the time specified by the veterinarian in question. In addition the dog shall have all of the vaccinations required by the Fort Bend Animal Control Department.

(b) Fees

The owner or any other person to whom an impounded dog is released shall be entitled to receive possession of the dog only upon payment to the Fort Bend Animal Control Department. Payment of any such fee shall not preclude the town from prosecuting the person in question for violations of this ordinance. If the dog in question is in need of humane medical care or emergency veterinarian care, the Humane Officer or any other Police Officer of the town or any personnel of the Fort Bend County Animal Control Department shall deliver the dog to a licensed veterinarian for appropriate care, the cost of which shall also be paid by the owner or other person receiving possession of the dog following its impoundment. Before any dog impounded under the terms of this ordinance may be released to any person, a receipt showing that all reasonable charges incurred as provided above, including the boarding, feeding, medical treatment and cleaning of the dog in question have been paid must be presented to the Fort Bend Animal Control and/or to the veterinarian rendering services under this ordinance.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective after its passage and publication according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of February, 2002.



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Francis Smith, Mayor
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City Secretary

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