

ORDINANCE NO. 215-86

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS FOR CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WILLOW PARK AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, there exists no regulation for control of animals within the city limits of the City of Willow Park; and,

WHEREAS, it is determined that It would be in the best interest of the citizens and for the purpose of promoting the general health, safety and welfare of the City of Willow Park to promote ordinances and regulations for the control of animals within the City of Willow Park and providing penalties therefor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS:

THAT a new Ordinance be enacted, to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Definitions.

- a. Dogs shall mean both male and female animals of the canine kind.
- b. Cats shall mean both male and female animals of the feline kind.
- c. Owner or possessor shall mean any person or persons, firm, association, partnership or corporation owning, keeping or harboring any animal or animals of the canine or feline kind.
- d. At large shall mean a dog or cat or other animal, including fowl, that is not confined inside the owner's or possessor's house or to the premises of the owner or possessor by suitable fence of significant strength and height to prevent the dog from escaping therefrom or secured on such premises by a lease of sufficient strength to prevent the dog from escaping from the premises and so arranged that the dog will remain upon the premises when the lease is stretched a full length in any direction; provided, however, that a dog shall not be considered at large when held and controlled by some person, owner or possessor or by means of a lease or chain of a proper strength and length to control the actions of the dog or confined within a vehicle. Further, any dog or cat

not licensed and vaccinated and carrying the appropriate licensing tag will be considered at large.

- Sec. 2. No owner or possessor of any dog shall permit It to run at large within the corporate limits of the City. No dog or cat of fierce, dangerous or vicious propensity nor a female dog or cat in heat shall be allowed upon any public place in the City of Willow Park whether or not said dog or cat Is under control by means of & lease, chain, or otherwise.
- Sec. 3. Any animal at large may be captured and detained by the duly appointed City Animal Control Warden. Said detention will be for a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours; after such time the animal is to be disposed of in the proper manner. Any person owning or having possession of said animal prior to its detention or impoundment, is liable to the City for all costs of detention and disposal.
- Sec. 4. Upon satisfactory proof of ownership; an owner may redeem the animal upon payment of all necessary detention fees. Animals detained and unclaimed after seventy-two (72) hours may be adopted from the kennel, by paying the detention fees for boarding and rabies vaccination.
- Sec. 5. Any person, firm, possessor, owner, association or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon final conviction thereof fined in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Each and every day any such violation continues or is allowed to exist shall constitute a separate violation and shall be punishable hereunder.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

Passed and approved on this the 17 day of March, 1986

Tim Philpot

TIM PHILPOT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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AREF HASSAN, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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