

ORDINANCE NO. 937

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 OF THE GOLDEN REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1965 AND RELATING TO DOMESTIC ANIMALS, DOGS AND CATS; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 7.04.010 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965, is hereby amended by deleting the second sentence thereof which commences with "Any person" and ends with "in each case". All other provisions of Section 7.04.010 remain as enacted.

Section 2. Section 7.04.030 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted as follows:

7.04.030 Notice of Impoundment - Posting.  
In the event the owner cannot be located, the Chief of Police, upon taking up and impounding of such animal, will give notice thereof by posting notices, one at the entrance of said pound or other place where the animals may be impounded, and one at the Post Office, of such taking up and impounding, giving the location of such pound or other place, and will also give a 7 days notice of sale, to be published in a local newspaper of general circulation within the City.

Section 3. Section 7.04.090 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted as follows:

7.04.090 Impounding Charges. The Chief of Police in addition to the cost of feeding and advertising shall be entitled to charge and collect for his services all other reasonable expenses incurred in taking and impounding of said animals.

Section 4. Section 7.04.100 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby enacted as follows:

7.04.100 Cruelty to Animals. No person shall treat an animal in a cruel or inhumane manner, or willfully or negligently cause or permit any animal to suffer unnecessary torture or pain.

Section 5. Section 7.04.110 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby enacted as follows:

7.04.110 Supervision of biting animals and animals suspected of rabies. Animals which have bitten persons or other animals, and animals which are suspected of having rabies, shall be kept in a suitable authorized place under veterinary supervision for not less than 10 days.

Section 6. Section 7.04.120 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby enacted as follows:

7.04.120 Animals exposed to rabies. Animals known to have bitten or exposed to a rabid animal must be destroyed or detained in suitable quarantine for a period of not less than six months unless proof of immunization is shown and booster injections given by a licensed veterinarian at the animal owner's expense.

Section 7. Section 7.12.010, Definitions, is hereby amended by adding the definitions therein of "Cat" and "Cat Owners" and repealing and re-enacting the definition of "Dog, stray" therein as follows:

7.12.010 Definitions. With the purposes of this chapter certain terms and words are herein defined as follows:

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Cat: The term "Cat" means any animal of domestic feline species regardless of sex.

Cat Owner: The term "Cat Owners" means every person in possession of or harboring any cat or who will suffer any such cat to remain about his premises for a period of ten days.

Dog, stray: The term "stray dog" means any dog found unattached or loose anywhere within the city limits.

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Section 8. Section 7.12.030 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed.

Section 9. Section 7.12.040 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted as follows:

7.12.040 Dogs to be Collared and Tagged.  
The owner of any dog or dogs shall cause to be placed upon the neck of every dog so owned, kept or harbored, a collar made of durable material, having attached thereto a valid current rabies tag to be furnished by a licensed veterinarian, the number of such tag corresponding with the number of the rabies certificate issued to the owner of the dog or dogs. Said collar with the tag attached thereto shall be kept on each dog at all times while the dog is off the premises of the owner or keeper.

Section 10. Section 7.12.050 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed.

Section 11. Section 7.12.060 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted as follows:

7.12.060 Dog and Cat Vaccinations Required.

1) By March 1 of each year every dog and cat aged 6 months or older shall be vaccinated against rabies; such vaccination to be repeated annually thereafter. An owner or keeper of a dog or cat brought into the City shall secure a rabies vaccination for said animal within ten days after bringing the animal into the City.

(2) Dogs and cats shall be vaccinated by an veterinarian licensed to practice veterinarian medicine in the State of Colorado. A certificate of vaccination shall be completed by the veterinarian, one copy to be issued to the dog or cat owner.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor any dog or cat which has not been properly vaccinated for rabies, as required by this section.

Section 12. Section 7.12.070 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed.

Section 13. Section 7.12.080 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted as follows:

7.12.080 Enforcement and Impoundment Authority. Adequate provision shall be made by the City Manager for patrolling to control and enforce the provisions of this chapter, which shall be carried out by a dog warden and the police department.

The dog warden and all police officers may catch and impound any dog which they reasonably feel to be in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. The dog warden and police officers shall not go upon the premises of the owner of a dog to catch said dog for impoundment unless the warden or the officer is in close pursuit of the dog or the dog warden or police officer reasonably feels that the dog is in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter while on his owner's premises. Dogs other than those impounded under authority of Section 7.12.090, shall be impounded for a period not to exceed ten days, if collared, tagged and healthy, and for a period not to exceed three days if uncollared, untagged and healthy; during which period of time the dog warden and the police department shall make all reasonable efforts to notify their owners. After such period and if the dog is not claimed by its owner, it shall be destroyed.

No dog shall be released from impoundment until the impoundment fee and the boarding fee as set by the City have been paid to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Owners of released dogs shall have 7 days from the date of release to obtain a valid rabies tag.

Section 14. Section 7.12.090 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted as follows:

7.12.090 Supervision of biting dogs and dogs suspected of rabies. Dogs which have bitten persons or other animals, and dogs which are suspected of having rabies, shall be kept in a suitable authorized place under veterinary supervision for not less than 10 days.

Section 15. Section 7.12.140 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted as follows:

7.12.140 Enforcement duty. It shall be the duty of the dog warden or other persons appointed by the City Manager to make diligent inquiry as to the dogs owned, harbored, or kept in the City of Golden and whether such dogs are collared and tagged. Any dog found uncollared and untagged on or after March 1st of each year may be seized and impounded by the dog warden or police department, and the persons owning, harboring or keeping any such dog or dogs may be notified to procure a valid rabies vaccination tag for the same within five days of the date of such notice. It shall be the duty of the dog warden and police department to enforce the provisions of this chapter and in the furtherance of such duties they may file complaints in the Municipal Court of the City in regard to any violation of this chapter of which they have knowledge.

Section 16. Penalty Provision. Unless otherwise provided in the respective chapters, the penalty for violating the provisions of the within ordinance shall be as prescribed in Section 1.01.110 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965, which is the general penalty provision thereof.

Section 17. Any ordinance or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Introduced, read and ordered published this 12th day of July, 1984.

Adopted, approved and ordered published this 26th day of July, 1984.

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Dr. Ruth A. Maurer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon L. Bennetts  
City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

Russell J. Sindt  
City Attorney

I, Sharon L. Bennetts, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced on first reading and read at a regular meeting of the City Council of said city, held on the 12th day of July, 1984 and was published as a proposed ordinance in the Golden Transcript, legal newspaper, as the law directs seven days or more prior to its passage. A public hearing was held and on the 26th day of July, 1984, the said proposed ordinance was read on second reading and passed by the City Council and ordered published in the aforesaid newspaper as the law directs.

Witness my hand and official seal of the City of Golden, Colorado, this 27th day of July, 1984.

Attest:

Sharon L. Bennetts  
City Clerk of the City of  
Golden, Colorado

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