

CODIFIED LAW #16
TOWN OF MISSION HILL

PRESCRIBING ANNUAL LICENSE AND VACCINATION RECORD FOR DOGS

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any resident living within the city limits of Mission Hill to keep, harbor, or maintain any dog unless such dog is duly licensed and vaccinated against the rabies virus as herein provided.

Section 2. An annual licensing fee, per animal in an amount established by resolution of the Town's Board of Trustees shall be payable to and collected by the Town Finance Officer on September 1 of each year. Upon presentation of the fee and written proof provided and signed by a licensed veterinarian attesting that the animal has been vaccinated against the rabies virus for the year the license is requested, the Town Finance Officer shall furnish the owner with a tag, assigned with a number or mark.

Section 3. The annual fee prescribed by the provisions of this ordinance as well as proof of vaccinations shall be presented to the Town Finance Officer on or before the first day of May each year.

Section 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be fined \$20.00 for the first occurrence, \$40.00 for the second occurrence and \$60.00 for every occurrence thereafter. Each day after May 1, 2006 that a dog owner is in violation of this ordinance shall be considered a separate offense. A citation shall be issued to a person in violation of this ordinance. Any fine not paid by the offender to the Town's Finance Officer within 15 days from the date a citation is issued and served shall automatically increase to \$60.00.

Section 5. Any dog unlicensed as required by this ordinance is hereby declared a nuisance and shall be subject to seizure and being destroyed. The dog may be placed in a shelter and, if not claimed within the time allowed according to the shelter's policy, it may be disposed of according to the shelter's policy. In the event the dog is claimed, all expenses incurred by Mission Hill, including any shelter expense and all past-due annual licensing fees, shall be paid by the owner prior to a tag being issued and the animal released.

Section 6. This ordinance shall supersede Ordinance #56, all prior enacted revisions of this Ordinance #73, and all prior ordinances containing language contradictory to the express terms and subject matter contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town Board of the Town of Mission Hill has duly adopted this ordinance and caused it to be executed by the officers of the Board of Trustees of Mission Hill, South Dakota.

Scott Vanburen
Town Board President

LeAnne J. Cutts
Finance Officer

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