

**City of Medicine Lake  
Ordinance No. 132**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 77: DOGS, CATS, ANIMALS AS  
IT RELATES TO LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT**

The City Council of the City of Medicine Lake does ordain as follows:

**Section 1:** Purpose: This ordinance is adopted in order to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Medicine Lake and to clarify certain administrative requirements including eliminating requirements to have dogs, cats, and other animals licensed.

**Section 2:** Amendments: Deleted text is reflected by a ~~strikeout~~. Added text is reflected by underline. The following sections of Ordinance 77 are amended as follows:

Section 01: Purpose The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the community and its people by establishing minimum standards for the care and maintenance of animals; by providing for their ~~licensing~~, protection and the public's protection while under the control of an owner or guardian; by establishing density limits with regards to their occupancy; to provide for the public notice, protection and/or redemption of animals at large; to provide for the control, impoundment or destruction of animals deemed dangerous as may be warranted and to prescribe a means of recourse for those challenging such actions; to prescribe penalties for violations of such regulations; to provide recourse to those seeking relief from perceived or prescribed violations herein; to define powers and duties of the City Clerk, the City Council, ~~Animal Warden, Animal Control Officer~~ Hennepin County Sheriff and those others acting as agent or agents for the City to carry forth the provisions of this Chapter, and; to provide for the repeal of prior ordinances or ordinances that may conflict.

~~Section 03: License Required~~ *Section 03 is deleted in its entirety and subsequent sections renumbered.*

Section ~~04~~ 03: Tags ~~(A) The City shall procure a sufficient number of metallic tags, and shall deliver one such tag to the person issued a license. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the dog or cat or other animal for which said tag was obtained to permanently attach the a tag to the collar of the dog or cat or other animal in a manner so that the tag may be readily seen on the animal. An electronic chip shall serve the purpose of the tag. The tag shall provide owner contact information and name of~~

animal if available. The tag is not transferable to any other dog or cat. If a tag is lost or stolen, the owner may obtain a new tag upon request.

Section 05 04: Running At Large Prohibited (A) No animal including without limitation, dogs and cats, shall be permitted to run at large anywhere within the limits of the City of Medicine Lake. Any animal described in this subsection found running at large may be impounded by the ~~Animal Warden or police officers~~ Hennepin County Sheriff. All animals shall be kept secured on a leash which is attached to a person at all times. The owner shall keep all animals in control and under restraint at all times, including when on leash, to prevent injury to others. Animals, when on their owners' property, are not required to be leashed.

Section 09 08: Impoundment (B) ~~At all times, Police Officers and the official Animal Warden shall seize and impound any animals kept or harbored within the City without the tag provided for by this Ordinance or animals running at large.~~ At all times, The Hennepin County Sheriff ~~Police Officers and/or the Animal Warden~~ may seize and impound any animal kept or harbored within the City that has been found to be or is suspected of attempting to cause injury, attempting to injure through aggression, diseased animals, injured animals, animals disturbing the peace, or any animals running at large. To enforce this Ordinance, the Hennepin County Sheriff ~~Police Officers and the Animal Warden~~ may enter on private property when they have reasonable cause to believe there is an animal kept, harbored or running at large in violation of this Ordinance. (C) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to interfere with the ~~Animal Warden or Police Officer~~ Hennepin County Sheriff engaged in taking an animal hereunder for impounding or refusing to surrender an animal to a ~~Police Officer or Animal Warden~~ Hennepin county Sheriff for confinement as required.

**Section 3:** Effective Date: This ordinance will take effect and be in force after its passage and official publication.

**ADOPTED** this 2nd day of August, 2021 by the City Council of the City of Medicine Lake, Minnesota.

Chris Heim, Acting Mayor  
ATTEST: Nancy Pauly, City Clerk