## **Ordinance # 2021.5.1**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLATONIA, TEXAS **ORDINANCE** AMENDING 2021.4.2 **AMENDING** PROVISIONS OF THE FLATONIA FEE SCHEDULE, APPENDIX A, ARTICLE A3.000, ANIMAL CONTROL RELATED FEES, SECTION A3.001 DOG LICENSE, OF THE CITY OF **FLATONIA** CODE OF ORDINANCES. ESTABLISHING THAT DOGS FOUR (4) MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER MUST BE PROPERLY VACCINATED AND LICENSED FOR THE CITY OF FLATONIA, AS AMENDED AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Flatonia desires to protect the public health and safety by regulating the care and keeping of animals within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flatonia requires licensing with tags for all dogs more than four (4) months of age that are kept in the City; and

WHEREAS, the language in Ordinance 2021.4.2 adopted by the City Council at the April 13, 2021 meeting in which the amendments relating to Appendix A relating to license fees for dogs that must be registered conflicts with the age requirement for licensing of dogs within the City limits found in Sec. 2.02.006 of the Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City of Flatonia wishes to correct the conflict by changing the age requirements in the fee schedule from six (6) months to four (4) months and older so the age requirements for both are the same.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLATONIA, TEXAS:

**Section 1.** That the provisions of the Flatonia Fee Schedule, Appendix A, Article A3.000, Animal Control Related Fees, Section A3.001 Dog License, of the Flatonia City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

## Sec. A3.001 Dog license

There is hereby fixed and assessed a license fee of two dollars (\$2.00) against the owner or keeper of each and every dog more than four (4) months of age kept in the city. The licensing period shall run concurrently with the animal's rabies vaccination. The license fee will not be prorated for a partial period.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Flatonia, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any other ordinances of the City of Flatonia except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or section s of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional or invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**Section 4**. The City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered, and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately from and after its final passage and any publication in accordance with the requirements of the City of Flatonia and the laws of the State of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Flatonia, Texas, on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

By:

Bryan Milson Mayor

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ATTEST:

Heather Ambrose City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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City Attorney

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