

Ansonville Town Council

ORDINANCE NO. 2

An Ordinance of the Ansonville, North Carolina Town Council to Modify the Ansonville Town Code to Establish an Animal Control Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature has delegated to municipalities the power to regulate by ordinance acts, omissions or conditions detrimental to the health safety and welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Ansonville Town Council recognizes the necessity of regulating, restricting, or prohibiting, where necessary, animals; to protect the public from unvaccinated, diseased, stray, roaming, dangerous, or wild animals; to make unlawful acts of animals that interfere with the enjoyment of property or the peace and safety of the community, and to carry out any other lawful duties authorized by state laws and applicable ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, domestic animals may have an increased impact on the peace and tranquility, safety, and sanitary conditions of residential neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ansonville Town Council to maintain a community where the rights and privileges of both animal owners and neighbors are always mutually enjoyed.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ansonville as follows: That the Code of Ordinances, Town of Ansonville, North Carolina, be amended to include Chapter 1 "Animals", which shall hereby read as follows:

Chapter 1: Animals

Sec. 1 Animals At-Large Prohibited

The owner of an animal shall keep the animal on his property or under restraint at all times. Any animal that has been previously deemed by the sheriff as being at large, based upon probable cause, or has previously caused injury to a person or animal, or has displayed vicious tendency, or has been a public nuisance, must be restrained by leash, chain, fence or enclosure by the owner even when on the owner's property

Sec. 2 Vaccinations are Required

The owner of every dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies per state law, by a licensed veterinarian or by a certified rabies vaccinator with a rabies vaccine approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the state commission for health services for use in this state.

The owner of every dog or cat over six (6) months of age shall provide the above information to Ansonville Town Hall to be recorded in the Pet Register within sixty (60) days of taking possession or ownership of such animal, or within sixty (60) days of such animal reaching the age of six (6) months.

Sec. 7 Penalties

(A) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be punished as set forth in division (B) below.

(B) Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall forfeit and pay a civil penalty for the first offense of \$25, a penalty of \$50 for the second and third offense, and for a fourth or subsequent offense, a penalty of \$100, impoundment of the animal, or both.