

ORDINANCE NO. 241

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING AND LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE TOWN OF HAYTI, SOUTH DAKOTA

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hayti, South Dakota:

Section I. License Tag Required

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep any dog(s) or cat(s) within the limits of Hayti, South Dakota without paying an annual fee or (\$2.00) two dollars for each animal in his or her possession as hereby provided. The fee shall be paid on or before the first day of July or each year to the finance officer of the Town of Hayti. A numbered tag shall be furnished by the Town of Hayti upon the payment of the required fee and a current rabies vaccination certificate. The numbered tag shall be attached to the collar about the animal's neck and a permanent record of such dog or cat shall be maintained by the Town of Hayti.

Section II. Proof of Vaccination Required

Each dog or cat shall have a proof of vaccination for rabies and present the certificate to the finance officer upon application for a license. The town will arrange for a veterinarian to be present to give vaccinations at a designated time prior to July 1st of each year.

Section III. Nuisance

It shall be unlawful to keep within the limits of the Town of Hayti any animal which causes a disturbance by making noises to the annoyance of the public.

Section IV. Running at Large

No person owning, keeping, or having charge of any dog(s) or cat(s) shall permit the same to run at large within the limits of the Town of Hayti. All dogs and cats shall be securely tied or otherwise limited to the premises of their owner, keeper, or the person having charge thereof, or shall be under the immediate control of such person.

Section V. Vicious or Dangerous Animals

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the limits of the Town of Hayti any dog(s) or cat(s) of a ferocious, vicious, or dangerous habit or disposition.

Section VI. Number of Animals Limited

It shall be unlawful for any person or residence to have within the limits of the Town of Hayti more than two (2) adult animals at any time.

Section VII. Method of Complaint and Notification

A formal written complaint must be made on a form supplied by the finance officer. It must contain the complaining person's name and signature, the violator, and the date. A notice will be delivered to the violator.

Section VIII. Penalty and Fine

Any violator of this ordinance shall be subject to a warning for the first offense and a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) plus any costs for each subsequent offense. If the fine is not paid and the animal continues to violate this ordinance, the animal shall be impounded in a suitable place. The owner of the animal so impounded may reclaim such animal upon payment of the fine and costs and charges incurred by impoundment.

Section IX. Separability

Any section of this ordinance found to be, or declared unconstitutional, applies to that section only.

Section X. Conflict

Any ordinance or part of an ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

Greg Biederstedt, Board Chairman

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