

**#06-2022**  
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL  
IN HAMILTON COUNTY ILLINOIS

This Ordinance shall be known as and referred to as the HAMILTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, The County Board of Hamilton County has determined that it is in the best interest of Hamilton County that an Ordinance be established providing for animal control in concurrence with the State of Illinois Animal Control Act; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Compiled statutes, chapter 55, para., 5/5-1071 gives the County the power to regulate and prohibit the running at-large of dogs in certain areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Compiled statutes, Chapter 510, Para. 5-1 seq. required the County to effectuate a program for stray animal control and rabies prevention; and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Hamilton County has enjoined with the City of McLeansboro, Illinois through Inter-Governmental Agreement for the provision of Animal Control Services within Hamilton County, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANINED by the County Board of Hamilton County as follows:

1. The provisions of the Animal Control Act set forth in Chapter 510, Section 5-1 et seq. of the 1992 Illinois Compiled Statutes as now exists or as may be amended from time-to-time hereafter are hereby adopted by the County Board of Hamilton County and incorporated herein by reference thereto.
2. OPERATIONS. Hamilton County shall partner with the City of McLeansboro, Illinois for the provision of Animal Control Services throughout Hamilton County including the incorporated areas of McLeansboro, Illinois.
  - a. The City of McLeansboro, Illinois shall:
    - i. Properly administer the day-to-day operations of the Animal Control function including proper staffing and facilities in accordance with Illinois statutes and regulations.
    - ii. Collect fees for canine registration, collection of strays and other such services as may be provided by the McLeansboro Animal Control Department. Revenue for such fees shall be dedicated to deferring the expense of the Animal Control Department.
    - iii. Provide licensed veterinarians with rabies inoculation certificates which shall be signed by the veterinarian administering the rabies inoculation vaccine. The original of said certificate shall be issued to the owner of the dog or other animal which has been inoculated and a copy of the certificate shall be returned to the McLeansboro Animal Control Department or his designated representative.

- b. Hamilton County shall:
    - i. Establish, by ordinance, the appropriate fees for canine registration within Hamilton County.
    - ii. Purchase and provide to the McLeansboro Animal Control Department canine vaccination tags for each year.
3. DOG BITES. When the McLeansboro Animal Control Department receives information that any person has been bitten by a dog or other animal, the McLeansboro Animal Control Department, or his authorized representative, shall have such dog or other animal confined under the management of a licensed veterinarian for a period of 10 days.
  - a. The owner of the involved canine shall redeem to the City of McLeansboro all expenses related to the confinement and observation plus any other applicable fees.
4. INOCULATION REQUIREMENT. Every owner of a dog four months or more of age shall cause such dog to be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian annually or every three years depending on the type of vaccine used and a valid certificate shall be issued.
  - a. A Rabies inoculation tag shall be attached to a collar or harness and worn by the dog with the tag was issued. (Consideration by McLeansboro Animal Control Department or appointed representative shall be given to farm or hunting dogs or other unusual cases)
5. REGISTRATION. Every owner of a dog four months or more of age shall register such dog with the Hamilton County Animal Control McLeansboro Animal Control Department. Such registration be completed at the time of rabies inoculation shall be a part thereof. The following fees apply at time of registration:
  - 1 Year Registration of an Altered Animal: \$15.00
  - 1 Year Registration of an Un-altered Animal: \$25.00
  - 3 Year Registration of an Altered Animal: \$30.00
  - 3 Year Registration of an Un-Altered Animal: \$50.00
6. IMPOUNDMENT. The Animal Control Officer shall, and any peace officer may apprehend and impound the following dogs:
  - a. Dogs which have bitten a person;
  - b. Dogs four months or more of age which have not been inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian;
  - c. Dogs four months or more of age not on the premises of their owners and which do not have a current, valid rabies inoculation tag attached to their collar or harness; except unusual circumstances in No. 8 above.

- d. Dogs wearing a current valid rabies inoculation tag which are not on the premises occupied by the owner and are not accompanied or supervised by the owner and are not on a leash when the Animal Control Officer have received a complaint.
7. REDEPTION. Owners of impounded canines shall redeem the animal and remit payment to the City of McLeansboro, Illinois as follows:
- a. First Offense shall pay:
    - i. \$50.00 Impound Fee
    - ii. \$17.50 Vaccination Fee (waived if proof of vaccination is provided)
    - iii. \$55.00 Microchip Fee (waived if proof of microchip is provided)
  - b. Second Offense shall pay:
    - i. \$75.00 Impound Fee
    - ii. \$17.50 Vaccination Fee (waived if proof of vaccination is provided)
    - iii. Animal must be spayed or neutered upon redemption
  - c. Third Offense shall pay:
    - i. \$150.00 Impound Fee
    - ii. The animal is surrendered to the City of McLeansboro

At the time of release, the owner shall present a current registration and rabies inoculation certificate. If no current rabies inoculation certificate is available, a receipt from a licensed veterinarian showing fee for rabies inoculation has been paid must be presented prior to release.

8. PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF RABIES. Whenever a case of rabies has occurred in a locality, or when the proper officials of a government unit are apprehensive of the spread of rabies, the McLeansboro Animal Control Department may order:
- a. That all dogs or other animals in the locality be:
    - i. Kept confined with an enclosure, or
    - ii. Kept muzzled and restrained by leash.
  - b. That all owners or keepers of dogs or other animal take prophylactic measures as it deems necessary to prevent the spread of rabies.
  - c. Other measures as may be necessary to control the spread of rabies. The McLeansboro Animal Control Department may determine the are of the locality in which, and the period during which, such orders shall be effective.
9. APPREHENSION AND INVESTIGATION. To conduct the provisions of their Ordinance, the McLeansboro Animal Control Department or his authorized representative or any peace officer may enter onto private property to apprehend a dog or other animal thought to be infected with rabies, to apprehend a straying dog or other animal; or, to apprehend a dog or other animal who has bitten any person. At the request of the owner or occupier of private property, the McLeansboro Animal Control Department or his authorized representative may enter onto such property to apprehend any dog whether said dog is searing a rabies inoculation tag or an identification tag.

10. DUMPING OF ANIMALS. No person shall cause any animal to be dumped or abandoned in any area of Hamilton County. Any person who is convicted of such an offense shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall be fined not less than \$100.00 or not more than \$500.00.
11. SEVERAGILITY. The invalidity of the provision or parts of provisions of this Ordinance or any rule or regulation pursuant thereto shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.
12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective then (10) days after publication after passage by the Hamilton County Board.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Hamilton County Board during their **SPECIAL** meeting held the **5<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2022**.

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John Chapman  
Hamilton County Board

ATTEST:

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Mary Anne Hopfinger  
Hamilton County Clerk