

**TOWN OF CATHLAMET
ORDINANCE NO. 636-20**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN OF CATHLAMET ORDINANCE
NO. 261 AND CHAPTER 6.05 OF THE CATHLAMET MUNICIPAL
CODE RELATING TO THE KEEPING AND CONTROL OF DOGS WITHIN THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET**

WHEREAS, the Town Council recently repealed the Pit Bull Dog ordinance which has made it a necessity that the Town maintains adequate regulation of pets in town-limits for public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town's existing pet license ordinance has gone unchanged since 1972;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. CMC.6.05.010 and section 1 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.010 License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep a dog or cat within the corporate limits of the Town of Cathlamet without procuring a current license therefor as provided in this chapter.

Section 2. CMC 6.05.020 and section 2 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.020 Fee.

(1) All licenses granted under this chapter shall be valid for one year, the licensing year commencing on January 1 and running through December 31. As a condition to issuance or reissuance of a license, the license applicant shall provide proof that the pet animal for whom the license is intended has a current rabies vaccination certification. A late fee of \$10.00 shall be assessed for licenses purchased on or after January 31 and prior to March 1. Failure to license a pet animal on or after March 1 is a Class 3 civil infraction.

(2) Annual license fees are as follows:

Dogs, spayed or neutered.....	\$15.00	Cats, spayed or neutered.....	\$7.50
Dogs, unaltered.....	\$30.00	Cats, unaltered.....	\$15.00

PROVIDED, for pets newly licensed after July 1 of any year, the fee shall be equal to one half of the annual license fee for that pet.

Section 3. CMC 6.05.030 and section 3 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.030 Application.

Application for dog and cat licenses shall be made on forms provided for such purpose, and shall contain the name and address of the owner, the name, breed, color and sex of each dog and cat owned or kept by him.

Section 4. CMC 6.05.040 and section 4 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.040 Tag.

Upon payment of the license fee, the clerk shall issue a receipt and a metallic tag for each dog or cat licensed. The tag shall have stamped on it the year for which issued and a number corresponding to the number shown on the receipt. Each owner will be required to provide each dog or cat with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed, and shall be responsible for seeing that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In case of loss, a duplicate tag will be issued upon payment of a \$0.50 fee for such duplicate.

Section 5. CMC 6.05.050 and section 5 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.050 Tag nontransferable.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any license tag for any dog or cat other than the one for which it was issued. Such tags shall not be transferable and if there is a change in the ownership of a licensed dog or cat, the new owner shall promptly notify the clerk thereof, and proper notation of such change in ownership shall be made on the application for which the current tag was issued.

Section 6. CMC 6.09.020 and section 9 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.090 Poundmaster.

(1) When authorized by the town council the mayor shall appoint a poundmaster, whose duty it shall be to make diligent inquiry from house to house within the corporate limits and in any other lawful manner, as the number of dogs and cats owned and whether such dogs and cats are licensed.

(2) Upon finding any dogs or cats unlicensed, after the first day of March of any year, the poundmaster shall forthwith give notice in writing to the owner or keeper of such unlicensed dog(s) or cat(s) that a license must be secured immediately at the regular license fee, plus \$3.00 for each such unlicensed dog or cat as a penalty for the owner's or keeper's neglect in failing to secure said license, or that said dog(s) or cat(s) must be disposed of by the owner or keeper thereof in accordance with the terms and conditions of said notice.

Section 7. CMC 6.05.100 and section 10 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.100 Impounding dogs and cats – When.

(1) Any unlicensed dog or cat, and any dog or cat declared to be a nuisance shall be seized and impounded by the poundmaster or some other person or agency duly authorized by the mayor and council.

(2) If the name of the owner of the impounded dog or cat can be ascertained through the license tag, if any, or otherwise, the poundmaster shall notify the owner by certified mail return receipt requested, that such dog or cat will be offered for sale at the end of 72 hours from the time such dog or cat was impounded unless the dog or cat is redeemed prior to such time in the manner herein provided. No such notice shall be required if the dog or cat has no license tag.

(3) Any impounded dog or cat shall be kept in custody not less than 72 hours, and if the owner of any dog or cat so impounded shall not redeem such dog or cat by paying the charges as herein provided, then it shall be the duty of the poundmaster, or other authorized person or agency, to offer such dog or cat for sale in consideration of the payment for such redemption charges.

(4) If any dog or cat so sold is not to be kept within the corporate limits of the town of Cathlamet, the purchaser of such dog or cat shall not be required to pay the license fee therefore as herein required.

(5) In case of failure to obtain a purchaser, it shall be the duty of the poundmaster to immediately destroy or otherwise dispose of the dog or cat by humane methods.

Section 8. CMC 6.05.110 and section 11 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.110 Redemption of impounded dog or cat.

(1) The owner of any dog or cat impounded may redeem the same within 72 hours by paying the poundmaster, or the clerk, the following redemption charges:

- (a) The license fee herein provided, unless such dog or cat then has a valid license issued by the town; and
- (b) An impounding fee of \$2.00 per dog or cat shall be charged for each day of impoundment; and
- (c) A service charge of \$10.00.

(2) The owner or purchaser of any vicious dog, as herein defined, shall not be permitted to keep such dog within the corporate limits. If any such vicious dog is again impounded the poundmaster shall forthwith destroy such dog by humane method

Section 9. CMC 6.05.130 and section 13 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.130 Cruel Treatment.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the town of Cathlamet to keep, treat, or maintain any dog, cat, or other animal in a cruel, inhumane or unsanitary manner.

Section 10. CMC 6.05.150 and section 15 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.150 Inapplicability.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to nonresidents not keeping their dog or cat in town longer than 30 days during all of which time it shall be kept under restraint; to "seeing-eye" dogs properly trained to assist blind persons when such dogs are actually used by such blind persons for the purpose of going from place to place; nor to dogs kept in commercial kennels and not permitted to run at large; nor to dogs or cats brought into the town for the purpose of participating in dog or cat shows and not permitted to run at large.

Section 11. CMC 6.05.160 and section 16 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.160 Disposition of fees.

All license fees, impounding fees, and any other monies collected under this chapter by any person authorized to do so shall be turned over to the town treasurer.

Section 12. CMC 6.05.180 and section 18 of Ordinance No. 261 are each amended to read as follows:

6.05.180 Violation – Penalty.

Except for violations of CMC 6.05.020, violations of this chapter shall constitute a Class 2 civil infraction.

Section 13. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

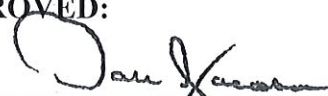
Passed first reading: November 2, 2020 Passed second reading: November 16, 2020
Passed third and final reading: December 7, 2020.

Passed by the Town Council of the Town of Cathlamet, at a regular meeting thereof this 7th day of December 2020.

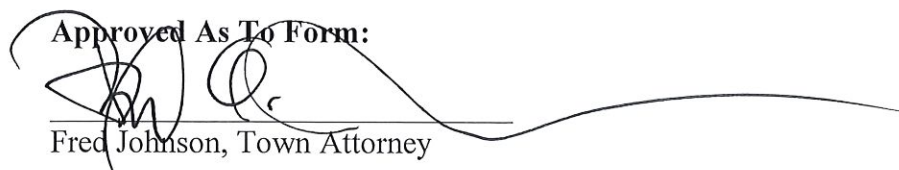
ATTEST:


Sarah Clark, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:


Dale Jacobson, Mayor

Approved As To Form:


Fred Johnson, Town Attorney