

AN ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE WITHIN THE CITY OF _____; PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDING SUCH ANIMALS; AND THE REDEMPTION AND SALE THEREOF; FIXING FEES; AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE _____ OF THE CITY OF _____, TEXAS:

hereafter be unlawful

Section 1. It shall ~~not be lawful~~ for the owner or controller of any animal of the cow kind, horse, mule, jack or jennet, hog, sheep or goat, to allow or permit the same to run at large, or be at large within the limits of the City, and the _____ or any police officer shall take up and impound any such animal found by them or by any other person to be running at large and taken up by such person and turned over to such officer, and shall, within three (3) days after such animal has been so impounded, post up two notices, one at the _____ and the other at the City Hall, giving therein a description of such animal so taken up and impounded and stating a day and place of sale of same, and not less than five days from such notice, by posting as aforesaid, the _____ shall sell such animal at public sale to the highest bidder for case. He shall charge one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per head for taking up and impounding each animal, and fifty cents (50¢) cents per day for taking care of each animal, which fees so collected shall be placed to the credit of the fund. After deducting the expenses, he shall return the balance of such sale, if any, to the owner. If no owner shall call for the amount within fifteen days from the day of the sale, then he shall pay the same into the City Treasury. At any time within six months after any sale, the owner may apply to the City _____ and upon satisfactory proof of ownership he shall be entitled to receive the amount deposited on account of such sale after paying such costs as may be necessarily incurred to establish his right thereto. The owner of any animal impounded may reclaim the same from the City pound at any time before sale by paying all fees and expenses of taking up and keeping such animal. The City _____ shall not remit any expenses of taking up and impounding such animals except by two-thirds vote of the full board.

Section 2. The _____ shall keep a book in which shall be given a description of all animals impounded, the date of impounding, the date of sale, the amount realized at sale, the name of the owner and the name of the purchaser.

Section 3. The cost directed to be charged by the _____ shall be turned over by said _____ to the City Treasurer, and a report made thereof each month by the _____ to the _____.

Section 4. Whoever shall without proper authority, break into, open, pull down the enclosure of, or make any opening into any pound or enclosure belonging to or used by the City for the purpose of impounding animals, or shall turn out or release any animal from any pound, or cause same to be done, or aid and abet in doing the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

Passed and approved, this the _____ day of _____ A. D. 19 ____ Y.