

ORDINANCE NO. 452

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS OWNED OR HARBORED WITHIN THE
CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALMENA,
KANSAS:**

Section One. That Sections 2-201, 2-202 and 2-204 of the Code of the City of Almaena, Kansas, are hereby amended in their entirety to read as follows:

“2-201 REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION REQUIRED; FEES.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any dog over six months of age within the City of Almaena, Kansas, unless such dog is vaccinated and licensed as provided herein.
- (1) **Separate offenses.** Keeping or harboring a dog over six months of age without a license shall be a separate offense from keeping or harboring a dog over six months of age without an anti-rabies vaccination still in effect.
 - (2) **Exceptions.** The provisions of this section do not apply to dogs owned by a licensed animal shelter nor to animals owned by nonresidents of the city which are maintained within the city for less than 60 consecutive days. The requirements for vaccination of a dog under this section shall not apply to any dog that should not, in the written opinion of an accredited examining veterinarian, be vaccinated against rabies due to such dog’s physical health or age, and such written opinion is furnished to the City Clerk.
 - (3) **Violations.** Those found to be in violation of this section shall pay a minimum fine of \$25.00 for a first offense, \$50.00 for a second offense, and \$100.00 for a third or subsequent offense.
- B. Any person who keeps or harbors any dog within the city shall apply to the City Clerk, or the Clerk’s designee, for a license for each such dog. Such applications shall be submitted to the City Clerk, or the Clerk’s designee, on a form approved by the City Clerk. Such applications shall be submitted to the City Clerk, or the City Clerk’s designee, within 30 days after the person commences to keep or harbor the dog or within 30 days after the dog reaches six months in age, whichever is later. At the time such application is submitted, the applicant shall also provide the City with the following:

- (1) Proof that the dog has been vaccinated or inoculated with an anti-rabies vaccine showing the month and year when such vaccine will cease to be effective.
- (2) The owner's name and address, and the name, sex and description of each dog owned or kept within the city.
- (3) The appropriate fee as established herein.

Fees as set forth below shall be imposed for the registration and issuance of each license issued under the provisions of this section. No license shall be issued hereunder for a period of time beyond the effectiveness of the anti-rabies vaccine that has been administered to the dog being licensed.

<u>License period</u>	<u>Unneutered Unspayed</u>	<u>Neutered Spayed</u>
Up to 1 year (0-12 months)	\$12.00	\$6.00
Between 1 and 2 years (13-24 mos.)	\$24.00	\$12.00
Between 2 and 3 years (25-36 mos.)	\$36.00	\$18.00

Veterinarians as City Clerk designees. Local veterinarians may, but are not required to, distribute and process application forms for licenses to applicants. If a veterinarian elects to receive and process application forms for licenses, the veterinarian may charge up to a \$5.00 administrative fee in addition to the license fee, retain the administrative fee, and remit the license fee to the City on or before the tenth of each month for all application forms for licenses received and processed during the preceding one-month period. The City Clerk shall provide the application form for the licenses. Upon request, the City Clerk shall provide veterinarians in the vicinity of the city a supply of such application forms to be used for the licensing process.

2-202 DOG TAGS.

- A. Upon receipt of a properly completed application with all appropriate attachments, the City Clerk shall issue a license to the applicant. The license shall be recorded under the same number stamped on the proof of rabies vaccination tag issued by the veterinarian. The proof of rabies vaccination tag shall also serve as the dog's proof of City license.
- B. The keeper or harbinger of any dog licensed hereunder shall ensure the proof of vaccination tag is attached to a suitable collar and kept on the dog for which it was issued at all times. Such tags are not transferable to other dogs.

2-204 EVIDENCE OF VACCINATION.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or harbored of any dog kept within the city to fail to display a current certificate of immunization against rabies issued by an accredited veterinarian evidencing the vaccination of such dog when requested by an official or employee of the City or any law enforcement officer.”


Section Two. Notwithstanding the provisions in Section One, any dog kept or harbored in the city on the date this ordinance becomes effective must be registered with the City Clerk no later than March 2, 2022.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be published in the official City newspaper and take effect on January 1, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of December, 2021.

CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS

(SEAL)



Tracy Stutsman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy Rivera, Almema City Clerk