

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2010 - 172

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, PART II, CHAPTER 14 "ANIMALS", ARTICLE IV "VACCINATION AND LICENSING", BY REPEALING SECTION 14-81 "REQUIRED GENERALLY" AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 14-81 "RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED", AND REPEALING SECTION 14-82 "RABIES VACCINATION" AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 14-82 "RABIES VACCINATION", AND REPEALING SECTION 14-88 "CERTIFICATES OF INOCULATION"; TAGS AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 14-88 "CERTIFICATES OF INOCULATION", AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 14-89 "RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR RECLAIM OF AN ANIMAL"; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:

Section 1. The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, Part II, Chapter 14 "Animals", Article IV "Vaccination and Licensing", by deleting Section 14-81 "Required generally" and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 14-81 "Rabies vaccination required" which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 14-81. Rabies Vaccination Required.

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog or cat within the county unless such dog or cat is vaccinated against rabies."

Section 2. The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, Part II, Chapter 14 "Animals", Article IV "Vaccination and Licensing", by deleting Section 14-82 "Rabies vaccination" and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 14-82 "Rabies vaccination" which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 14-82. Rabies vaccination

- (a) All dogs and cats over four months of age within the county shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian, who will issue to the owner a durable metal tag and a certificate of vaccination approved by the county's animal control unit.
- (b) A rabies vaccination tag approved by the county's animal control unit must be attached to the collar or harness of all dogs and cats harbored within the county and be worn at all times. Tags are not transferable from one dog or cat to another dog or cat. For the purpose of this ordinance, a dog or cat is harbored in the county if it is fed and or sheltered for three or more consecutive days within the county.
- (c) A dog or cat less than four months of age shall not be required to be vaccinated as is otherwise required by subsection (a) of this section, but such dog or cat must be confined to its owner's premises until it has been vaccinated.
- (d) It shall be the duty of all persons owning or having charge of any dog or cat brought into the county from outside the county to have the dog or cat vaccinated and to obtain a vaccination certificate and metal tag within 14 days from the date of entry; however, when the owner or person having charge of such a dog or cat produces evidence satisfactory to the county's dog control officer that the dog has been vaccinated by a person duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine, the dog or cat shall not be required to be vaccinated again until the most recent vaccination expires.
- (e) All animals required to be vaccinated under this section shall be vaccinated only by a licensed veterinarian using rabies vaccine approved by the applicable state agencies. An owner or person having charge of such dog or cat may request a three year vaccination be administered. In the judgment of the veterinarian, the animal may be vaccinated with a one year or three year vaccine. The rabies vaccination certificate issued by the veterinarian must state the expiration of the vaccination period. The rabies tag issued or approved by the Animal Control unit will reflect the expiration year certified by the veterinarian but in no case shall this be more than three years from the date of

vaccination.

- (f) The animal control unit may adopt such other rabies control regulations as it deems necessary for the protection of the public health and safety.”

Section 3. The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, Part II, Chapter 14 “Animals”, Article IV “Vaccination and Licensing”, by deleting Section 14-88 “Certificates of inoculation; tags” and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 14-88 “Certificates of inoculation; tags” which shall read as follows:

“Sec. 14-88. Certificates of inoculation; tags.

The county animal control unit shall prepare and distribute to all county veterinarians and any other requesting veterinarians outside the county, at cost, forms to be used to certify vaccination of all dogs and cats. The county animal control unit shall secure and distribute to all county veterinarians and any other requesting veterinarians outside the county, at cost, tags to be attached to the collar or harness of all dogs and cats. All tags distributed shall be sequentially numbered and shall contain the name of the county.”

Section 4. The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, Part II, Chapter 14 “Animals”, Article IV “Vaccination and Licensing”, by adding a new Section 14-89 “Rabies vaccination required for reclaim of an animal” which shall read as follows:

“Sec. 14-89 Rabies vaccination required for reclaim of an animal.

An owner reclaiming an animal four (4) months of age or older from the animal control shelter shall present proof of a current rabies vaccination at time of reclaim. If proof is unavailable, a summons shall be issued for violation of this section. If the defendant at arraignment or trial produces the required proof of rabies vaccination the court in its discretion may dismiss the case, otherwise a violation of this section shall be punished as a misdemeanor pursuant to Code Section 1-12.”

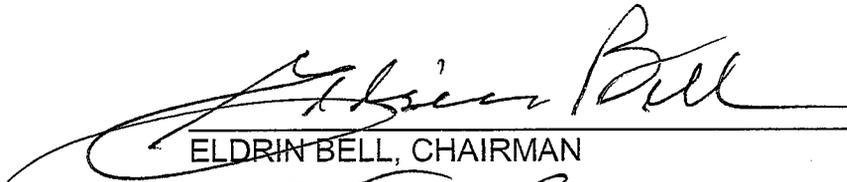
Section 5. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6. If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of this enactment, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO ORDAINED, this the 17th day of August, 2010.

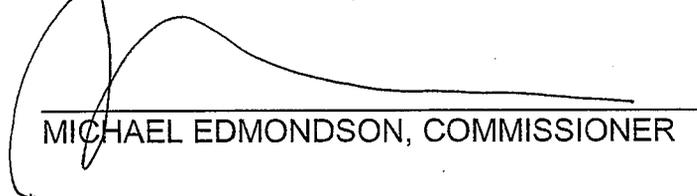
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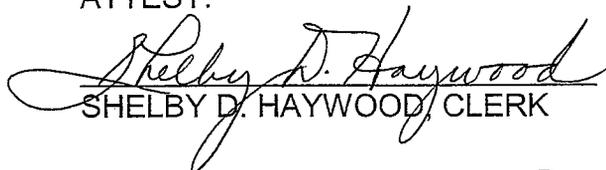

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