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ORDINANCE NO. 415

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, REGISTRATION, CARE OF AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 377

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

1. **ANIMALS AT LARGE PROHIBITED; FEES AND FINES.** All animal owners, harborers, and keepers are required: to keep their animals restrained to their premises and such other private property that the animal is permitted upon by the owner or tenant thereof, within their vehicles, or on a leash when not on their premises. It shall be unlawful for any owner, harborer, or keeper to permit an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Haviland. Animals found, by any duly appointed official of the City of Haviland, to be at large may be impounded or a notice may be issued to the owner or keeper that the animal is in violation of this Ordinance or both. Violations of this section shall be punishable with a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) on a first offense, one hundred dollars (\$100) on a second offense, and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and incarceration of not to exceed thirty (30) days on a third or subsequent offense along with all other assessed fees and court costs.

2. **LICENSE REQUIRED AND FEES.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any animal as pet for over six (6) months of age within the corporate limits of the City of Haviland without registering such animal and paying a yearly license fee thereon. Animals, which are to be kept within the City limits for less than thirty (30) days, are excluded from the license requirements. Owners or keepers shall be required to register and pay the license fee for their animals within thirty (30) days after the animal has reached the age of six (6) months. Upon registration and payment of the license fee, a tag will be issued. The owner or keeper must affix the tag to the registered animal. Before an animal may be registered, a certificate must be procured from a licensed veterinarian, which will attest to the fact that the animal has been vaccinated and inoculated with a recognized anti-rabies vaccine. The certificate must include notification of any limits of said vaccination. The tag shall be non-transferable. Animals must be re-registered by April 30 of each new year. The annual license fees are as follows:
 - a. One dollar (\$1.00) for each neutered male or spayed female animal; providing that the person registering and paying the license fee for a neutered or spayed animal present a certificate from a licensed veterinarian to the City Clerk showing that such animal has been spayed.
 - b. Three dollars (\$3.00) for each non-neutered or unspayed animal.

- c. The owners of “service dogs” shall not be subject to the license fee but registration is still necessary.
 - d. Lost tags: The Clerk will issue a duplicate tag upon payment of fifty cents (50¢).
3. **IMPOUNDING.** A duly appointed City official may capture, take up and impound animals found at large in the City or without tags. The City official shall attempt to notify the owner or keeper of any animal impounded, if such owner or keeper is known or reasonably ascertainable. If the owner or keeper is unknown or notice is unable to be provided to the owner or keeper, notices will be posted in public places. There will be a minimum holding period of three full business days before the animal will be removed unless requiring veterinarian care. If the animal is not released to the owner within three working days, the animal may be taken to and disposed of by a humane society or other animal shelter in accordance with the animal shelter or humane society’s practice, or taken to the veterinarian center working with the City (unless the vet authorizes the animal to be euthanized by the Animal Control Officer). The animal may be released to the owner or keeper when all fines, including prior unpaid fines for violations of City of Haviland Ordinances relating to animals, have been paid in full, the animal has been registered with the City (if it has not been registered), written proof given to the City that the animal has had their rabies vaccination and payment has been made for the impoundment fee of a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) for each animal per day.
4. **ABANDONMENT OF ANIMAL.** It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon an animal within the City limits. An animal shall be deemed abandoned if it is left unattended without adequate arrangements made for the animal’s continued care, shelter or sustenance. Violations of this section shall be punishable with a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and incarceration of not to exceed thirty (30) days.
5. **KENNEL REGULATIONS.** No person shall be permitted to maintain an animal kennel within the corporate limits of the City.
6. **DANGEROUS ANIMAL.** It shall be unlawful for any person within the City to keep or own any vicious animal, unless the animal is kept in compliance with Ordinance No. 378. For the first offense, a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) shall be imposed; For the second offense, a fine of not less than Five hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment shall be imposed. In addition, the Court shall order the registration of the subject dangerous animal or animal having poisonous bites be revoked, and the animal removed from the City. Should the owner, keeper or harbinger refuse to remove the animal from the City, the Municipal Court Judge shall find the owner, keeper or

harborer in contempt and order the immediate confiscation and impoundment of the animal. Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who violates this ordinance shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, handling, veterinary care and treatment necessitated by the enforcement of this ordinance.

7. **NOISY ANIMALS.** The keeping of any animal, which by loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling, yelping or other loud noise disturbs the peace, is hereby prohibited. It shall be the duty of any person keeping such loud animal to abate such.
8. **ANIMAL BITES: QUARANTINE.** Whenever any animal has bitten a person, the owner or keeper of such animal shall immediately notify the City Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer may order the animal quarantined or impounded at the owner or keeper's expense for a period of at least ten (10) days or until such time as the Code Enforcement Officer finds that such animal shows no evidence of having rabies. If it is determined that such animal is suffering from rabies it shall be forthwith destroyed; otherwise, it shall be released from quarantine upon payment of any impounding charges as provided in Section 3 of this ordinance. Any and all testing, veterinary costs, destruction or disposal costs shall be the responsibility of the owner or keeper of the animal.
9. **MUZZLING ANIMALS; MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION.** The Mayor is hereby authorized, whenever in his or her opinion the danger to the public safety from rabid animals, or animals with hydrophobia, is made imminent, to issue a proclamation ordering all persons owning and/or keeping any animal to muzzle the same with a good and sufficient muzzle, completely enclosing the head of said animal or confine the same in a good and sufficient enclosure from which said animal cannot escape, or fasten such animal by means of chains on the premises where the owner and/or keeper may reside. Upon the owner or keeper's failure to so muzzle, the animal may be impounded and disposed of pursuant to Section 3 of this ordinance.
10. **VIOLATOR.** In the event the owner or keeper is charged in the Haviland Municipal Court with a violation of any provisions of this Ordinance for which a fine is not specified the violator shall be punishable with a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) on a first offense; a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) on a second offence; and a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) and incarceration of not to exceed thirty (30) days on a third or subsequent offense.

11. **OFFICER AUTHORITY.** when deemed necessary by the the Animal Control Officer for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Haviland, such officers may:

- a. place a humane trap on public or a requesting resident's property for this purpose of capturing any animal defined in the Ordinance as creating a nuisance to the City;
- b. use any tranquilizer guns, humane traps, or other suitable devices to subdue and capture any animal that is deemed by the Animal Control Officer, in his or her discretion, to be of a danger to itself or to the public's health and safety;
- c. have the right of entry upon any private unenclosed lots or lands for the purpose of collecting any animal whose presence thereupon is a violation of this Ordinance.

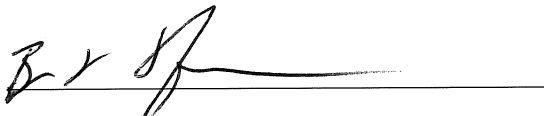
It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the Animal Control Officer in the exercise of his or her duties including the tampering with or moving City traps.


12. **SURRENDERED ANIMALS.** Any person who surrenders an animal to the City of Haviland shall be required to reimburse the City for any costs incurred by the City for any necessary veterinary care for said animal or the euthanasia of said animal.

13. **REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES:** Ordinance 377 and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances enacted prior to this ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

14. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force, from and after its publication in the official City newspaper.

Passed and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Haviland this 13th day of January, 2026.


Brad Lingafelter, Mayor


Attest: Michelle Adams, City Clerk

