

ORDINANCE NO. 163

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR A DEFINITION OF RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDMENT; PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS AND FOR COST OF IMPOUNDMENT; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; REPEALING SECTION 4.37, CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 4.37, City Code of the City of Port St. Joe, is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:

ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE. It shall be unlawful for animals to run at large in the city. An animal shall be deemed running at large if it is found outside an enclosure and is not under the direct control of the owner or keeper thereof. Any animals found running at large shall be impounded, and the owner or keeper thereof may be punished as provided herein.

Section 2. IMPOUNDMENT. Whenever an animal shall be impounded under the provisions of this ordinance, the Chief of Police shall make an effort to locate the owner thereof. If the owner cannot be found the City Clerk shall post a notice for five days at the door of the City Hall, describing the animal and requiring the owner to reclaim the same. In order to reclaim any impounded animal, the owner or keeper thereof shall be required to pay impounding fees as follows:

- A. An impounding fee of \$5.00 for the first impoundment;
- B. An impounding fee of \$10.00 for the second impoundment;
- C. An impounding fee of \$15.00 for the third impoundment and all subsequent impoundments;
- D. In addition to the above impoundment fees there shall be a charge of \$3.00 per day or part of the day that the animal spends at the shelter.

Any animal not reclaimed within five days following the first posting of notice as provided therein shall be sold at public or private sale at such price as the City Clerk may determine. If the animal is not sold, it may be destroyed at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Section 3. PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATION. Any person aiding or abetting violation of this Ordinance or making any misrepresentation in regard to any matter prescribed by this chapter or by resisting, obstructing, or impeding any authorized officer in the enforcement of this chapter shall be punished as provided in Section 1-8, City Code of the City of Port St. Joe.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

INTRODUCED in the regular meeting of the City Commission on the 21st day of January, 1986, and adopted and passed by the City Commission on the 4th day of February, 1986.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

/s/ Frank Pate, Jr.
Frank Pate, Jr.
Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ L. A. Farris
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City Auditor-Clerk