



City of Freeborn

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To: All Freeborn City Residents

RE: Freeborn City's Dog Ordinance

Dear Resident:

There have been several complaints by City residents regarding dogs wandering the City and being aggressive towards people. The City is taking this opportunity to remind residents that City Ordinance No. 58 Regulates the Keeping of Dogs, Cats and Other Animals, Providing for Impoundment, and Providing a Penalty for Violation. You can obtain a full copy of this ordinance by requesting it at City Hall.

The Ordinance sets out the responsibility of dog and cat owners or caretakers and the penalties for failing to comply with these responsibilities. For convenience some the responsibilities set forth in the Ordinance include:

- Licensing of all dogs and cats over three months old
- Keep dogs restrained at all times
- Prevent any animal to bark or cry frequently at night
- Prevent pets from annoying or molesting any person
- Prevent molesting, defiling, or destroying any property
- Confine fierce, dangerous or vicious dogs or cats unless muzzled

Penalties for violating this ordinance may include, but is not limited to:

- Impoundment of the animal – requiring payments of a \$25 fee plus a daily boarding fee for before the animal may be reclaimed
- Sell or destroy any animal not claimed within 5 days
- Destroying of an animal that presents a clear and immediate danger
- Receiving a citation for a misdemeanor violation

The City appreciates your cooperation to ensure the safety of all our residents. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Edward Mosser
Mayor