

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 56 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINFIELD, IOWA (DOG LICENSE REQUIRED)**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined it is necessary to amend Chapter 56 (Dog License Required) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winfield, Iowa ("City Code").

**SECTION 1. CHAPTER MODIFIED.** Chapter 56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winfield, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**CHAPTER 56  
DOG/CAT LICENSE REQUIRED**

**56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.** The owner of any dog or cat six (6) months of age or older shall, on or before December 31 or each year, apply to the Clerk for a license for such dog or cat. Such application for license may be made after December 31 and at any time for a dog or cat which has come into the possession or ownership of the person or which has reached the age of six months after said date. All licenses shall expire on December 31 of the year following the date of issuance.

**56.02 APPLICATION.** Such application shall be in writing on forms provided by the Clerk and shall state the breed, sex, age, color and name, if any, of the dog or cat, and the address of the owner.

**56.03 FEE.** The annual license fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid at the time the application is completed and is due annually on January 1. On February 1 the fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). If an unlicensed dog or cat is picked up by the City, the license fee shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) and must be paid before returned to the owner.

**56.04 LICENSE TAGS.** The Clerk shall deliver to the applicant, at the time of the receipt of a completed application with fee paid in full, a metal tag with a serial number, which shall be recorded in a record book maintained by the Clerk solely for the purpose of keeping a record of ownership and the date of license issue or renewal. The metal tag shall be attached by the owner to a substantial collar and during the term of the license shall be at all times kept on the dog or cat for which the license is issued. The license tag for one dog or cat shall not be transferable to another dog or cat. Upon the filing of an affidavit that the license tag has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag on the payment of the actual cost of the tag to the Clerk. The Clerk shall amend the record book to reflect the new tag number.

**56.05 IMMUNIZATION.** Before a license is issued, the owner shall furnish a veterinarian's certificate showing that the dog or cat for which the license is sought has been vaccinated against rabies, and that the vaccination does not expire within six months from the effective date of the dog or cat license, as well as the breed and sex of the dog or cat. A tag showing evidence of proper vaccination shall at all times be attached to the collar of the dog or cat, or the owner may have the thigh or ear tattooed to evidence such vaccination in lieu of the tag.

**SECTION 2. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication as required by law.

Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Brandy Smith	X	_____	_____	_____
Randy Redlinger	X	_____	_____	_____
Jennifer Lemke	X	_____	_____	_____
Matt Hernandez	X	_____	_____	_____
David Pieart	X	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Willie Bender, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angie Oepping, City Clerk

First Reading: March 13, 2025  
Second Reading: April 9, 2025  
Third Reading: May 14, 2025

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 362 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Angie Oepping, City Clerk