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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Lauga, it was moved to **adopt** the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE SBPC #1547-09-14

Summary No. 3116

Introduced by: Administration on 8/5/14
EFC tabled on 8/14/14
Public hearing held on 8/19/14
EFC recommended **Approval** on 8/27/14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS AND FOWL; ARTICLE II, ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 4-21, 4-22, 4-25, 4-30, 4-39, 4-130, 4-131, 4-141(d)(6); ARTICLE III, VETERINARY ADVISORY BOARD, SECTIONS 4-151, AND 4-152 OF THE ST. BERNARD CODE OF ORDINANCES.

ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

WHEREAS, The St. Bernard Parish Council believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of St. Bernard Parish and St. Bernard Parish Government amend chapter four of the St. Bernard Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 1. The Parish Council hereby amends chapter four of the Saint Bernard Parish Code of Ordinances in accordance with attachment "A."

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon authorizing signature by the Parish President. In the event of a presidential veto, this Ordinance shall become effective upon a two-thirds favorable vote of the total membership of the Council pursuant to Sections 2-11 and 2-13 of the St. Bernard Parish Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, clause, paragraph, provision or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, paragraph, provision or portion of this Ordinance, the St. Bernard Parish Council hereby expresses and declares that it would have adopted the remaining portion this Ordinance with the invalid portions omitted.



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Extract #14 continued
September 2, 2014

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Lauga, Gorbaty, Lewis, Hunnicutt, Montelongo, Cavnagac

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman, Mr. McInnis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 2nd day of September, 2014.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

GUY MCINNIS
COUNCIL CHAIR

Delivered to the Parish President

9/4/2014 10:15AM
Date and Time

Approved

Vetoed

Parish President

David E. Peralta

Returned to Clerk of the Council

9/4/2014 4:05PM
Date and Time

Received by

ORDINANCE SBPC #1547-09-14
ATTACHMENT "A"

4-21- Definitions

Privately Owned Animal: Any animal lawfully owned or possessed by a private citizen.

Publicly Owned Animal: Any animal lawfully owned or possessed by St. Bernard Parish Government, its agents, offices, or departments.

4-22- St. Bernard Parish animal control; general powers and duties

The agency responsible for the collecting, impounding, care and disposal of animals in St. Bernard Parish shall be known as St. Bernard Parish animal control, a division of the community development department. There shall be an advisory board consisting of veterinarians in practice in the parish that serve in an advisory capacity to parish animal control on the health and welfare-of animals that are publicly owned.

Sec 4-25 – Shelter role in privately owned animals

The St. Bernard Parish Animal Services as a department of St. Bernard Parish Government shall not offer services to privately owned animals. The SBPAS shall only provide medical services too publicly owned animals. This includes all services of veterinary medicine including, but not limited to, diagnostics, treatment, medicine and surgery. This ordinance shall not apply in cases of medical emergency. The ordinance is to prevent the Parish Government through SBPAS from competing for business with the privately owned/employed licensed veterinaries in St. Bernard Parish. A low cost option shall be made available under the guidelines of a program established in conjunction with the Veterinary Advisory Board and the Administration and such program shall be approved by an official vote of the Veterinary AdvisoryBoard.

4-30 Dog licensing, registration and vaccination

(b) The annual fee for registration and issuance of tags is three dollars (\$3.00) for a spayed or neutered dog less than six (6) months of age.

4-39- Bi-annual rabies campaign

Title change: The parish government shall sponsor a bi-annual rabies campaign to inoculate cats and dogs which are three (3) months or older with an anti-rabies vaccine and issue a parish license and tag. The cost of the vaccination and license shall be borne by the owner of the animal. All license proceeds collected during the rabies campaign are to be used in the operation of St. Bernard Parish animal control. The prices shall be set by the director of animal services.

4-130 Impoundment and boarding fees; licenses

Fee

- (1) Animal control boarding fee, per day-\$10.00
- (2) Animal control impound fee:
 - a. Small animals at large:

1. First impoundment, wearing current tags\$ 20.00
 2. First impoundment, not wearing tag, but current on rabies vaccination \$25.00
 3. First impoundment, not current on rabies vaccination \$30.00
 - b. Small animals other than "at large" \$20.00
- (3) *Licenses:*
- a. Neutered or spayed dogs/cats and ferrets \$3.00
Licenses to be sold by practicing veterinarians in St. Bernard Parish. The veterinarians shall be reimbursed 10% of the proceeds for labor costs.
Fee may be reduced by the council for rabies vaccination day only.
- (4) Rabies vaccination: To be set by the director of animal services
- (8) All fees charged by Animal Services shall be used to augment the Animal Services budget. The fee budget shall be used to provide animal healthcare (for publicly owned animals), provide for capital improvements, or any other necessary expense.

4-131 Adoption and redemption

(a)(3) A deposit fee may be required to insure compliance with mandatory neuter or spaying—Amount of deposit to be set by the director of animal services.

4-141(d)(6) Granting or denying a permit

Upon approval of his/her application, the applicant must pay the initial ten dollar (\$10.00) permit application fee. At-large dogs permit application fee is an initial one hundred fifty dollar (\$150.00) fee. Proration will be quarterly based. The annual renewal fee will be fifty dollars (\$50.00), due and payable by January 1st of each year.

4-151 Special fund established

REPEALED

4-152 Duties of board

The veterinarian advisory board will have the following duties:

- (1) To give the St. Bernard Animal Control Shelter advice on matters involving health and animal welfare;
- (2) Advise animal control in the mistreatment and handling of animals coming to or residing in the Parish of St. Bernard;
- (3) Advise animal services on healthcare for publicly owned animals.