

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.02, SECTIONS 5.0211, 5.0212, 5.0212A and 5.0213

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend and/or repeal certain portions of the existing Municipal Ordinances of the City of Alcester related to the licensing .

Section 2. The Municipal Ordinances of the City of Alcester Title 5, Chapter 5.02, Sections 5.0211, 5.0212, 5.0212A and 5.0213.0202 are hereby amended to read:

5.0211 Licensing of Dogs and Cats Required. Each owner or keeper of a dog or cat of the age of six months or over shall within thirty days after the acquisition of such animal or within thirty days after the time such animal becomes six months old, cause such animal to be licensed by the City.

5.0212 Application for License. Every owner or keeper of a dog or cat within the City must submit an application for an animal license for each such animal owned six months old or older on or before the first day of January in each year. The application shall be furnished by the Finance Officer. All applications for license certificates must be accompanied by a rabies immunization certificate and the appropriate fee, as shown in Section 5.0213.

No license shall be issued to any owner of any dog or cat who does not present to the City Finance Officer of the City of Alcester, at the time of making application for such license, a certificate of vaccination for "rabies" issued by a veterinarian, duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine, which certificate must show the date of such vaccination and must state the period of time for which the dog or cat is effectively immunized, which period of immunization must be at least one (1) year from the date of the issuance of the license. In the event that the immunization period is less than one (1) year, the owner of said dog or cat must immediately provide a certificate of vaccination for rabies to the City Finance Officer of the City of Alcester within fifteen (15) days from the expiration date of immunization. A waiver of vaccination may be issued by the Finance Officer of the City of Alcester provided the dog or cat is too young for a vaccination to be administered. Failure to provide said certification or waiver as herein set forth shall constitute a violation of the dog/cat license ordinance and subject the owner to the penalties as hereinabove provided.

A certificate and tag shall be issued upon receipt of a proper application for license. The certificate at all times must be in the possession of the owner. The owner shall contact the Finance Officer to report change of ownership, loss or death of a licensed animal. If a tag or certificate is lost, either may be replaced for a fee of one dollar. The tag must be worn by all dogs and cats. It is the duty of the owner of any licensed dog or cat to assure proper tagging of said animal. The failure to do so shall be a violation of this Ordinance.

5.0212.A Penalties. The penalty for failing to obtain a dog or cat license or to properly display the metallic dog/cat tag as hereinabove set forth, shall result in a minimum fine for the first violation of \$25.00. It is deemed a separate violation of the dog/cat licensing ordinance for each 30 day period of noncompliance. The fine for all subsequent offenses shall not exceed the maximum fine as authorized for violation of the City ordinances of the City of Alcester.


5.0213 License Fee Schedule. The fee for licenses shall be as follows:

Dog/cat license (spayed or neutered)	\$10.00
Dog/cat license (not spayed or neutered)	\$25.00

The current fee schedule specifically addresses dog and cat licenses. The City Council may revise any or all license fees by resolution. The City Council may in special instances, after a hearing, exempt the license fee in individual cases.

Dated this 3 day of February, 2020.

CITY OF ALCESTER


Thomas Glas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer

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