

ORDINANCE NO. 82

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROOKS, SOUTH DAKOTA, PROVIDING THAT ORDINANCE NO. 77 OF THE CITY OF CROOKS, SOUTH DAKOTA, BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION 10; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF ABUSED ANIMALS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROOKS, SOUTH DAKOTA :

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Crooks, South Dakota, be amended by adding Section 10 thereto, to read as follows:

Section 10. Disposition of Abused Animals.

In cases where an animal or animals have been seized by the animal control officer based upon cruelty, neglect or abandonment, or in violation of any section of a state statute or city ordinance pertaining to the regulation of the keeping of animals, such animal may be adopted to another owner or humanely euthanized thereby extinguishing all property rights of the existing owner following the procedures as hereinafter provided:

- a) Upon seizure of the animal or animals, if the identity of said existing owner is known, the animal control officer shall serve notice by means of certified or registered letter, or by leaving written notice at the residence of the owner in a conspicuous location, informing said existing owner of the animal control officer's intent to have said animal disposed of.
- b) The existing owner shall have three (3) business days to:
 - 1) Declare in writing and deliver to the animal shelter keeping said animal or animals -
 - i) Notice of said existing owner's interest to maintain ownership of the animal or animals and to object to the adoption or euthanasia thereof, and;
 - ii) Notice that said existing owner shall pay when due all impoundment, board and veterinary costs until such time as the animal or animals shall be released to said existing owner or be adopted or euthanized.

- 2) Pay all impoundment, board and veterinary costs, up to the date of the owner's declaration of intent to maintain his ownership of said animal or animals to the animal control shelter.
- c) Upon notification of said existing owner's intent to maintain ownership of the animal or animals and the objection to the adoption or euthanasia thereof said existing owner shall continue said payments to the animal control shelter for impoundment; board and veterinary costs on a weekly basis until such time as the animal or animals shall be released to said existing owner or be adopted or euthanized.
- d) If the existing owner of the animal or animals fails to declare the hereinbefore stated intent or fails to make any payment in a timely manner, or if the identity of said existing owner is unknown or notification to said existing owner cannot be made, ownership of the animal or animals will revert to the animal shelter."


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ATTEST:



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