

Resolution 9-1

WHEREAS, Chapter 6.04 of the Sangamon County Code concerns Animal Control matters; and

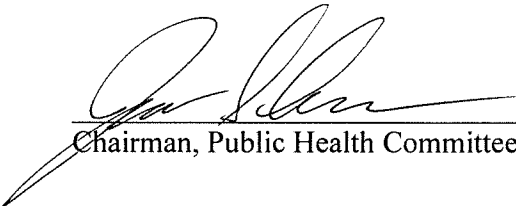
WHEREAS, current Section 6.04.072 (Ex. A hereto) is entitled “Impoundment and Redemption of Straying Animals;” and

WHEREAS, current Section 6.04.110 (Ex. B hereto) is entitled “Impoundment Notification Procedures;” and

WHEREAS, because current Section 6.04.072 does not include provisions required by the Animal Control Act, and because current Section 6.04.072 can be improved by including policies followed by the Sangamon County Department of Public Health but not included in current Section 6.04.072, Public Health requests that current Section 6.04.072 be stricken from Chapter 6.04 and that a replacement Section 6.04.072 (Ex. C. hereto), which corrects the deficiencies noted, be adopted; and

WHEREAS, because current Section 6.04.110 directs the use of a stray animal notification process that is not as effective as modern notification processes, and because the requested replacement Section 6.04.072 (Ex. C. hereto) requires the use of modern notification processes, Public Health requests that Section 6.04.110 be stricken from Chapter 6.04 and that no replacement Section 6.04.110 be adopted in its stead.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Sangamon County Board, in session this 14th Day of May, 2024, that granting the Sangamon County Department of Public Health’s requests is in the best interest of Sangamon County and, therefore: (a) current Section 6.04.072 is stricken from Chapter 6.04 of the Sangamon County Code and replacement Section 6.04.072 (Ex. C hereto) is adopted in its stead; and (b) current Section 6.04.110 is stricken from Chapter 6.04 of the Sangamon County Code and no replacement language is adopted in its stead.


Chairman, Public Health Committee

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

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Exhibit A

6.04.072 Impoundment And Redemption Of Straying Animals

- A. Any dog found to be running at large contrary to provisions of this chapter may be apprehended and impounded at the animal control facility. The dog's owner shall pay a twenty-five dollars public safety fine, twenty dollars of which shall be deposited into the pet population control fund and five dollars of which shall be retained by Sangamon County. A dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this chapter a second or subsequent time must be spayed or neutered within thirty days after being reclaimed unless already spayed or neutered; failure to comply shall result in impoundment.

When dog or cats are apprehended and impounded by the administrator, they must be scanned for the presence of a microchip. The administrator shall make every reasonable attempt to contact the owner as soon as possible. The administrator shall give notice of not less than seven business days to the owner prior to disposal of the animal. Such notice shall be mailed to the last known address of the owner. Testimony of the administrator, or his or her authorized agent, who mails such notice shall be evidence of the receipt of such notice to the owner of the animal.

Dogs used in law enforcement, search and rescue or any other official government business are exempt from this provision while on duty and working or if they become lost while on duty and working.

A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog. A dog that is in a dog-friendly area or dog park is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person.

- B. In case the owner of any impounded dog or cat desires to make redemption thereof, they may do so on the following conditions:
1. Present proof of current rabies inoculation, and registration, if applicable; and
 2. Pay for the rabies inoculation of the dog or cat and registration, if applicable; and
 3. Pay the animal control center for the rate of twenty dollars per day for the period it was impounded;
 4. If the animal being redeemed has been impounded by the Sangamon County Animal Control, and impoundment fee shall be charged as stipulated in Section 6.04.120 of this chapter.

5. Pay a twenty-five dollars public safety fine to be deposited into the pet population control fund; the fine shall be refunded if it is the dog's or cat's first impoundment and the owner has the animal spayed or neutered within fourteen days;
6. Pay for microchipping and registration if not already done.

The payments required for redemption under this section shall be in addition to any other penalties invoked under this ordinance and the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act.

(Res. No. 9, 8-9-2011; Res. No. 12, § I, Exh. A, 7-11-2017)

Exhibit B**6.04.110 Impoundment Notification Procedures**

The board has authorized the board of health to work with the management of the State Journal-Register, the primary newspaper of general distribution throughout Sangamon County, to develop a method of notifying the public of the type and description of stray animal impounded for redemption by owners or adoption by the public.

(Res. No. 9, 8-9-2011)

Exhibit C

6.04.072 Impoundment of Dogs and Cats Running at Large

A. Impoundment/Identification/Notification.

Any dog or cat found to be running at large contrary to provisions of this chapter may be apprehended and impounded at the animal control facility. When dogs or cats are apprehended and impounded, they must be scanned for the presence of a microchip and examined using other currently acceptable methods of identification, including, but not limited to, identification tags, tattoos, and rabies license tags. The examination for identification shall be done within 24 hours after the intake of each dog or cat.

Within 24 hours after the intake of each dog or cat, a photograph and information regarding the size, coloring, and breed of the animal impounded, as well as information regarding when and how the animal came to be impounded shall be posted on Public Health's website, Public Health's social media sites, and internet sites or similar venues the Administrator determines the public is likely to visit when attempting to locate dogs and cats held at the animal control facility. The Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to inform county residents that such missing animal information is available on the internet.

When identification efforts are unsuccessful, the Administrator shall hold the animal for three business days prior to disposal of the animal through adoption, transfer, or euthanization.

When identification efforts are successful, the Administrator shall make every reasonable attempt to contact the identified owner, agent, or caretaker as soon as possible. The Administrator shall give notice of not less than 7 business days to the owner, agent, or caretaker prior to disposal of the animal. Such notice shall be mailed to the last known address of the owner, agent, or caretaker. Testimony of the Administrator or his or her authorized agent who mails such notice shall be evidence of the receipt of such notice by the owner, agent, or caretaker of the animal. A mailed notice shall remain the primary means of owner, agent, or caretaker contact; however, the Administrator shall also attempt to contact the owner, agent, or caretaker by any other contact information, such as by telephone or email address provided by the microchip or other method of identification found on the dog or cat. If the dog or cat has been microchipped and the primary contact listed by the chip manufacturer cannot be located or refuses to redeem the dog or cat, an attempt shall be made to contact any secondary contacts listed by the chip manufacturer prior to adoption, transfer, or euthanization.

Prior to any adoption, transfer, or euthanization, the dog or cat shall be scanned again for the presence of a microchip and examined for other means of identification. If a second scan provides the same identifying information as the initial intake scan and the owner, agent, or caretaker has not been located or refuses to redeem the dog or cat, the animal control facility may proceed with the adoption, transfer, or euthanization.

B. Redemption

In case the owner, agent, or caretaker of any impounded dog or cat desires to make redemption thereof, he or she may do so by doing the following:

1. Presenting proof of current rabies inoculation and registration, if applicable;
2. Paying for the rabies inoculation of the dog or cat and registration, if applicable;
3. Paying the animal control center all applicable Section 6.04.120 fees;
4. Paying into the animal control center an additional impoundment fee as prescribed by Section 6.04.120;
5. Paying a \$25 public safety fine, \$20 of which shall be deposited into the county pet population control fund and \$5 of which shall be deposited into the county animal control fund; the \$25 fine shall be waived if it is the dog's or cat's first impoundment and the owner, agent, or caretaker has the animal spayed or neutered within 14 day; and
6. Paying for microchipping and registration if not already done.

The payments required for redemption under this Section shall be in addition to any other penalties invoked under this Act.

A dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this chapter a second or subsequent time must be spayed or neutered within thirty days after being redeemed unless already spayed or neutered; failure to comply shall result in impoundment.

C. Exempt Dogs

Dogs used in law enforcement, search and rescue, or any other official government business are exempt from this provision while on duty and working or if they become lost while on duty and working.

A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land which the person handling the dog has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

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