

**ORDINANCE NO. 2242**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE LICENSING/REGISTRATION OF DOGS  
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BELOIT, KANSAS BY AMENDING  
AND RESTATING ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER II OF THE BELOIT CITY CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELOIT,  
KANSAS:

Section 1: Article 6, Chapter II of the Beloit City Code is hereby amended and restated as follows:

**ARTICLE 6. LICENSING OF DOGS**

**2-601. Dogs temporarily in the city.**

The provisions of this article with respect to licensing shall not apply to any dog owned or kept by any person temporarily remaining within the City of Beloit less than thirty (30) days, or any dog brought into the City of Beloit for less than thirty (30) days. The owner/custodian shall keep such dogs or pups under restraint.

**2-602. Licensing Procedure.**

- (a) Every owner of any dog over six months of age shall register with the city clerk his or her name and address with the name, sex and description of each dog owned and kept within the city limits. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any newly acquired dog, or any dog brought into the city to fail to register such animal within 30 days from a dog reaching the age of required licensing, within 30 day of acquisition, or within 30 days of bringing the dog into the city.
- (b) Upon registration, the owner shall present a current, completed certificate of immunization against rabies. No registration shall follow without evidence of this document, and it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog over six months of age to fail to maintain effective rabies immunization of such dog.
- (c) The owner or harborer of any dog shall, at the time of registering such dog, present to the clerk certificate from an accredited veterinarian showing that a male dog has been neutered or a female dog has been spayed, if the dog has been neutered or spayed.
- (d) The city clerk shall issue a lifetime registration for each registered dog. A lifetime tag shall be issued free of charge for each registered dog. A replacement tag shall be issued for a replacement fee of \$5.00 for each replacement tag.
- (e) The owner shall be responsible for providing the city with current rabies immunization of such dog at the time of registration and subsequent thereto as long as the dog remains and is kept within the city.

(e) Upon change of owner/custodianship, any person acquiring a dog currently licensed with the city shall apply to the City Clerk to transfer such license to his/her name and no fee shall be charged.

**2-603. Exemptions.**

(a) Any other section of this chapter notwithstanding, the license provision of this chapter, shall not apply to any nonresident owner/custodian or any dog while such person is passing through the city, provided such dog shall remain on a leash or otherwise effectively restrained while within the city.

(b) No license fee shall be charged to any owner/custodian of a dog trained and being used as an assist or support animal.

(c) Dogs which have been declared dangerous pursuant to Beloit City Code shall be registered pursuant to Section 2-107, requiring an annual registration and payment of a license fee and other registration requirements.

**2-604. Tags.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the city clerk or designated agent, upon a showing of current rabies immunization and other information required by Section 2-602, to keep in a book suitable for the registration of dog, the time of the registration, the name of the owner or keeper, the number of the registration, and shall deliver to the owner or keeper of the dog a certificate in writing, stating that the person has registered the dog and the number by which the dog is registered, and shall also deliver to the owner or keeper of the dog a lifetime tag with the registration number which shall be, by the owner or keeper, attached to the collar to be used on the dog so registered.

(b) A lifetime tag shall be issued free of charge for each registered dog. A replacement tag shall be issued for a replacement fee of \$5.00 for each replacement tag.

(c) It shall be unlawful It shall be unlawful for any person to take off or remove the city registration tag from any dog belonging to another, or remove the strap or collar on which the same is fastened.

**2-605. Licensed in name of household head.**

All dogs maintained in any household shall be licensed in the name of the household head.

**2-606. Hobby breeder's license required.**

All hobby breeders shall obtain an annual city license and pay the fee established by resolution of the City Council. No license shall be issued until the applicant shall have furnished satisfactory proof that he meets all the requirements of a hobby breeder as specified in section 2-101 and a written consent to the issuance of the license, signed by the adjacent property owners is filed with

the City Clerk. For the purpose of this section, adjacent property owner/custodian shall mean the owner/custodian of land of which any part thereof lies within fifty (50) feet of any portion of the hobby breeder's property, and provided that the fifty (50) feet shall exclude public streets and alleys. Any license issued hereunder may be revoked at any time for just cause at the discretion of the City Manager.


**2-607. Denial, revocation and reinstatement.**

- (a) Withholding or falsifying information on a license application shall be grounds for denial or revocation of such license.
- (b) Any person having been denied a license may not reapply for a period of thirty (30) days.
- (c) No person who has been convicted of cruelty to animals shall be issued a license or permitted to own/keep any animal within the city.
- (d) It shall be a condition of the issuance of any license that the Animal Control Officer shall be permitted to inspect all animals and all premises where animals are kept at any reasonable time. If permission for such inspection is refused, the Animal Control Officer shall revoke the license.
- (e) Any license issued shall be subject to revocation in the event such license shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of such license, or if the activity licensed becomes a nuisance, health hazard, or detriment to the safety and welfare to residents of the city.
- (f) Any person whose license is revoked shall, within ten (10) days thereafter remove the animals owned or kept from the limits of this city, or surrender any animal owned or kept to the Animal Control Officer, who shall determine its disposition.
- (g) Any person aggrieved by the denial or revocation of a license may appeal to the City Council, who may issue, reinstate, or affirm the denial of such license or licensing.

**Section 2:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and one publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
Amanda J. Lomax, City Clerk

  
Tom Naasz, Mayor