

LAPORTE COUNTY ORDINANCE 1996- 10

**ORDINANCE MODIFYING LAPORTE COUNTY'S
ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of LaPorte County Animal Shelter has advised the Board of Commissioners that there is a need to modify the County's animal regulations to comply with current procedures and Indiana State Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Ordinance Modifications:

Section 1. The following provisions of the LaPorte County Code shall be amended to read as follows:

A. Section 6-55 (**Policy Procedures for the Shelter**) a. 1. Animals picked up or brought to the Animal Shelter shall be kept for a minimum of seven (7) days from date of impoundment before euthanasia. Any animal may be kept longer only upon the advice of the attending veterinarian.

B. Section 6-55 (**Policy Procedures for the Shelter**).

a. 2. Any animals that have been placed for adoption through the news media by any outside party or agency may be kept longer than the minimum given 7 days, if the party advises the Shelter of which animal is being advertised and the dates of advertising.

C. Section 6-56 (**Charges for Small Animals**).

Effective July _____, 1996, a daily fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be charged to the owner of any animal held at the LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter.

D. **Section 6-61 (Definitions).**

i. **Non-Immunized Dog/Cat** shall mean any dog/cat over three (3) months of age which has not been vaccinated or immunized against rabies, or if a booster shot thereafter has not been administered for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the last vaccination.

E. **Section 6-64 (Impounding of Dogs/Cats).**

k. Is a dog over the age of three (3) months and is not properly vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian on an annual basis.

F. **Section 6-66 (Redemption and Sale of Impounded Dogs/Cats; Euthanasia of Diseased Dogs/Cats).**

a. If the person owning, keeping or harboring a dog/cat which has been impounded notified the Animal Shelter within four (4) days of his claims to such dog/cat, the Animal Control Officer shall permit such person to redeem the dog/cat by paying to the Township Assessor any license fee due for the current year. In addition, any dog or cat will not be released without either proof of current rabies vaccination or presentation by the animal owner of a receipt showing prepayment of a veterinarian's charges for vaccination. A dog or cat not previously vaccinated must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian within forty-eight (48) hours after such release, and the owner shall supply proof of the same to the animal control agency with seventy-two (72) hours after the release. Failure of the animal owner to obtain said vaccination after such release shall constitute a

breach of the release agreement and entitle the animal control agency to regain possession of the animal.


G. Section 6-68 (**Confinement; Reporting**).

d. If the ownership of the biting animal cannot be determined or if the owner does not furnish proof of current rabies inoculation, the animal shall be impounded under the authority of the County Animal Control Agency and confined in either the County's animal control facility or a licensed veterinarian's hospital, at the owner's expense, for the period of observation of not less than ten (10) days.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning the 10TH day of JUNE, 1996, and after its enactment as prescribed by law.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1996.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF LAPORTE, STATE OF INDIANA



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ATTEST:



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