

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126 OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ANIMALS”.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapters 126-1, 126-5, 126-8, 126-13, 126-16, 126-34, 126-35, 126-45, 126-48, 126-51, 126-53, 126-69, and 126-70 of the Smithfield Code of ordinances entitled “Animals” is hereby amended as follows.

**ARTICLE I
General Provisions**

§ 126-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:

ABANDONMENT — The relinquishment of all right, title, claim, or relinquishment of possession of an animal with the intention of not reclaiming it or resuming its ownership or possession.

ADEQUATE FOOD — The provision at suitable intervals, not to exceed 24 hours, of a quantity of wholesome foodstuff suitable for the species and age, sufficient to maintain a reasonable level of nutrition in each animal. The foodstuff shall be served in a sanitized receptacle, dish, or container.

ADEQUATE SHELTER — Access to a structure that is the proper size for the dog, impervious to moisture, has protection from the direct rays of the sun, and has a wind break at the entrance. This includes but is not limited to a dog house, barn, garage, shed or other structure sufficient to protect the animal from wind, rain, snow, or sun that has adequate bedding to protect against cold and dampness.

ADEQUATE WATER — A constant access to a supply of clean, fresh, potable water provided in a sanitary manner.

ADOPT — When an adopting party voluntarily acquires and assumes responsibility for a dog or a cat from the animal shelter.

ADOPTING PARTY — Any person who enters into a contract acquiring a dog or cat from the animal shelter.

AGGRESSIVE DOG —

- A. Any dog which makes (or poses) a threat of harmful behavior directed at a person or domestic animal. This includes, but is not limited to, such behavior as snarling, growling, snapping, nipping biting, and lunging.
- B. Any dog which is deemed to be a potential threat to public safety, due to aggressive behavior observed by the Animal Control Officer.

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE — The temperature surrounding the animal.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER or ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN — Any person employed, contracted, or appointed by the Town of Smithfield for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this article or any law or ordinance relating to the licensing of dogs, control of dogs, or seizure and impoundment of dogs, and includes any state or municipal peace officer,

Animal Control Officer, or Animal Control Warden whose duties in whole or in part include assignments which involve the seizure or taking into custody of any dog.

ANIMAL SHELTER — Any premises designated by action of the Town Council for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals found running at large in violation of this article.

AT LARGE — Any animal shall be deemed to be at large when off the property of its owner and not under leash control of a competent person.

ATTENDANT — A person 16 years or older who brings a dog to the dog park. Such person is expected to be competent and knowledgeable relative to the behavior of, and have control over, said dog(s) at all times while at or inside the outdoor facility.

ATTRACTANT — Any substance which could reasonably be expected to attract, or does attract, coyotes or other non-domesticated animals, including, but not limited to, garbage, food products, pet food, carcasses, feed, grain.

BREEDER — A person engaged in the propagation of purebred or crossbred dogs and/or cats for the purpose of improving and enhancing a breed recognized and registered by the American Kennel Club, American Field Stud Book, or other breed or kennel club, or a registered cat breed association, or for sale at wholesale or retail, unless otherwise exempted as a hobby breeder as defined below.

DISABILITY — Has the same meaning as set forth in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., as amended.

DISPOSED — To create a final disposition of an animal to include, returned to owner, adoption, transferred to a licensed releasing agency, or humanely euthanized.

DOG PARK — An enclosed-fence facility designated by the Town of Smithfield for the purpose of allowing dogs, under the control of their owner or attendant, to exercise and socialize off-leash.

EXPOSED TO RABIES — An animal has been exposed to rabies within the meaning of this article if it has been bitten by, or been exposed to, any animal known to have been infected with rabies.

FEEDING —

- A. To give food to, or the act of giving sustenance or nourishment to;
- B. The leaving of food of any kind where it is accessible to coyotes or other non-domesticated animals.

FOOD — Any nutritious substance that animals eat or drink in order to maintain life and growth; for the context of Article VI, all substances consumed by humans or animals for nourishment except grass and other vegetation, growing crops, and food that is canned or stored in sealed or closable containers.

HOBBY BREEDER — Those persons whose regular occupation is not the breeding and raising of dogs or cats and whose method of sale is at retail only. A hobby breeder shall not exceed selling 20 dogs or cats, or three litters, whichever is greater, in a single calendar year. Any person who sells at retail a number in excess of these limits or who sells any number of pets commercially shall be considered a breeder.

KENNEL — Any person, group of persons, or corporation engaged in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, or boarding dogs, or other animals commonly referred to as "domesticated pets."

MEMBERSHIP CARD — A membership card is necessary for entry and use of the Smithfield Dog Park. The membership card can be obtained through the Town Clerk's office.

MINIMUM CARE — Care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal and, except for emergency circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner and/or guardian, includes, but is not limited to, the requirements set forth in § 126-18.

MINIMUM VETERINARY CARE — Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect, or disease.

NEUTER — To surgically render a male dog or cat unable to reproduce.

OWNER or KEEPER — Any person, group of persons, agency or corporation keeping, harboring, or having charge or control of or responsibility for control of an animal or any person or agency that permits any dog, cat, ferret, or domestic animal to habitually be fed within that person's yard or premises.

PROVOCATION — The act of provoking. Something that provokes, especially by inciting, instigating, angering, or irritating.

RESTRAINT — A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this article when such dog is restrained and controlled by a leash; and/or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper.

SERVICE DOG — Has the same meaning as set forth in the implementing regulations of Title II and Title III of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.

SEXUAL MATURITY — When a female dog or cat reaches six months of age and when a male dog or cat reaches eight months of age; in all instances, the releasing agency will determine the age of the dog or cat.

SPAY — To surgically render a female dog or cat unable to reproduce.

VACCINATED — To have been inoculated by a vaccine approved by the State Department of Health and shall be certified by a licensed veterinarian.

VISUAL CONTROL — The attendant can see the dog(s) and is within 75 feet of the dog(s) at all times, while at the dog park.

VOICE CONTROL — The attendant is within 75 feet of the dog(s), is able to control and recall the dog(s) at all times, and is not allowing the dog(s) to fight with other dogs. A dog under voice control must immediately come to the attendant, when so commanded, while at the dog park.

§ 126-5. Confinement of certain dogs and other animals.

- A. The owner shall confine within a building or secure enclosure every fierce, dangerous, or vicious dog, and shall not take such dog out of such building or secure enclosure unless such dog is leashed and securely muzzled.
- B. Every female dog or other animal in season shall be kept confined in a building or secure enclosure, or in a veterinary hospital or boarding kennel, in such a manner that such female dog (or other animal) cannot come in contact with another dog or animal, except for intentional breeding purposes.
- C. Any animal described in Subsections A and B above found at large shall be impounded by the Animal Control Warden and may not be reclaimed by its owner, unless such reclamation be

authorized by any court having jurisdiction.

- D. Any dog or other animal, the first time it is impounded for being in violation of this article, may be reclaimed as provided in § 126-28A, but may not be reclaimed when impounded on second or subsequent occasion unless such reclamation is authorized by court having jurisdiction in the matter any past due citations, fines, summons or court judgments have been paid in full.
- E. When in the judgment of the Animal Control Warden, or any police officer in this Town, an animal should be destroyed for humane reasons, such animal may not be reclaimed. Humane reasons, in this case, shall be construed to mean animals severely injured or ill due to accident or mistreatment, or where it has been established by repeated violations of this article that the owner or owners have not properly cared for the animal.
- F. No wild animal may be kept within the Town limits. Any wild animals that are found at large and are a threat to humans or other animals may be destroyed by the Animal Control Warden or any police officer of this Town, or captured and returned to their owner, or to the SPCA.
 - (1) Allowing animals to live in unsanitary conditions.
 - (2) Allowing animals to live in crowded conditions.
 - (3) Failure or refusal to obtain medical treatment for an animal when, in an Animal Control Officer's opinion, such treatment is needed.
 - (4) Using lethal force against an animal, either on or off the owner's property, unless the animal is in the act of attacking and causing severe injury to a human being or any other domestic animal.
 - (5) Actions as prescribed in R.I.G.L. § 4-1-3.
- B. Impoundment. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police, the Animal Control Officer(s), any police officer, or their designees to seize and impound, subject to the provisions of this chapter, all animals that have been subjected to cruel treatment as defined herein, whether such animal shall be in the immediate custody of its owner or otherwise. The Animal Control Officer shall provide for suitable care, including medical care, as he/she deems necessary. Any animal impounded under the provisions of this section may not be reclaimed unless such reclamation is authorized by the Animal Control Officer.
- C. Penalties.
 - (1) An animal or animals owned or harbored by persons found in violation of this section shall be surrendered to the Animal Control Officer; and/or
 - (2) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be cited to appear before the Smithfield Municipal Court and be subject to fines as follows:
 - (a) First offense: a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.
 - (b) Second offense: a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.
 - (c) Third offense: a fine not in excess of \$500, in accordance with § 60-8 of the ordinances of the Town of Smithfield.

- (3) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall reimburse the Town of _____ Smithfield for expenses incurred in providing care required by this section.

§ 126-8. Nuisance abatement. [Amended 6-6-2023 by Ord. No. 2023-5]

- A. The keeping or harboring of any dog, other animal or fowl, whether licensed or not, which by habitual, regular, prolonged and persistent howling, yelping, barking or other noise disturbs or annoys without provocation a surrounding neighbor, upon verification of such nuisance by the Animal Control Warden, is unlawful and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance; and each day shall constitute a separate offense.
- B. It shall be unlawful to allow or permit any animal to trespass on private or public property so as to damage or destroy any property or thing of value. The trespassing of any animal on private or public property is hereby declared to be a nuisance.
- C. Whenever it shall be affirmed in writing by one or more persons having separate residences or who are regularly employed in the neighborhood that any animal is a nuisance by reason of trespassing, howling, barking or other noise, damaging property, being vicious or by its actions potentially vicious, or in any other manner causing undue annoyance, without provocation, the Animal Control Officer, if he/she finds such nuisance to exist, shall serve verbal or written notice upon the owner or custodian that such nuisance must be abated.
- D. If a dog growls, snaps at, or runs after any person on public property, or runs after or chases any bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or any other vehicle being driven, the owner or keeper will be cited, and it will result in a mandatory appearance before the Smithfield Municipal Court and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense, and \$300.00 for the third and subsequent offense in addition to court costs.
- E. If a dog alone, in a pack, or in a park with other pets bites or preys upon game animals, domestic animals, fowl, or human beings, the dog's owner or keeper will be cited, and it will result in a mandatory appearance before the Smithfield Municipal Court and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense, and \$400.00 for the third and subsequent offense in addition to court costs.
- F. It shall be unlawful to allow or permit any animal to deposit feces on private or public property other than the property of the animal owner without immediately removing same. Any person that shall allow or permit any animal to deposit feces, without immediately removing same, on private or public property shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$75 for the first offense; not less than \$75 nor more than \$125 for the second offense; and not less than \$125 nor more than \$250 for the third and subsequent offense.
- (1) Enforcement. Any resident who witnesses a violation of the above subsection on their property or on a public sidewalk adjacent to their property may file a complaint with Town Animal Control, providing all information necessary for a warning or citation to issue to the violator and promising to be available to testify in court should the complaint result in a citation being issued. The violator may receive a warning upon the first complaint. Upon the filing of a second or subsequent complaint against the same violator, a citation shall be issued, service of which shall be deemed sufficient if mailed to the last known address of the violator. For the purposes of penalties, it shall be deemed a first offense when the first citation was issued.

- G. It shall be unlawful to allow or permit any animal upon those public areas designated as sport playing, practice fields, playgrounds, beaches, or venues. Any violations shall be punished by a warning for the first offense; a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the second offense; and a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 for the third and subsequent offense.

§ 126-13. Violations and penalties.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person convicted of violating any provision of this chapter may be punished by payment of the following fine schedules:
 - (1) First offense: \$50.
 - (2) Second offense within a year: \$75.
 - (3) Third offense within a year: \$125; impoundment of animal; mandatory court summons.
 - (4) Fourth offense within a year: \$200; impoundment of animal; mandatory court summons.
- B. Harboring an unlicensed dog.
 - (1) First offense within a year: \$50.
 - (2) Second offense within a year: \$100; impoundment; plus microchip of animal.
 - (3) Third offense within a year: \$200; impoundment; plus microchip at owner's expense.
- C. Harboring an unvaccinated animal.
 - (1) First offense within a year: \$100.
 - (2) Second offense within a year: \$200; impoundment of animal; mandatory vaccination at owner's expense.
 - (3) Third offense within a year: \$300; impoundment of animal; mandatory vaccination at owner's expense.
- D. Any prior action taken by a municipality involving the same animal in question within a period of 3 years prior to the issuance of a violation notice by the Town of Smithfield may be considered a first, second or subsequent offense as applicable. This section shall not apply to any actions taken by the Town of Smithfield with regard to vicious dog violations and/or offenses.
- E. All fines shall be paid by mail within 15 days after the notice of violation to the Clerk of the Municipal Court, or if not paid within a fifteen-day period, a court summons to appear shall be issued.

§ 126-16. Penalties for violations of § 126-14. [Amended 6-6-2023 by Ord. No. 2023-5]

- A. Violations of the provisions of § 126-14 or the written agreement executed pursuant thereto by an adopting party shall be punishable by a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$150 for the second offense and \$400 for the third and subsequent offenses. Each and every incidence of noncompliance by an adopting party which continues un-remedied for 30 days after written notice of a violation hereunder shall constitute a subsequent offense, and the attendant

penalties will apply. Second and subsequent offenses may constitute grounds for seizure and forfeiture of the dog or cat, which seizure will be conducted by the Animal Control Warden or a police officer for the city or town in which the adopting party resides, and the seized animal will be returned to the animal shelter from which it was adopted, which animal shelter will be free to adopt or euthanize the seized dog or cat. The adopting party shall lose all ownership rights in the seized dog or cat, shall forfeit all rights to any fee or deposit paid for the dog or cat, and shall have no claim against the animal shelter or any other person for any expenses incurred by the adopting party for the dog or cat's maintenance. The provisions of this article will be enforced against an adopting party by a dog officer, Animal Control Warden or a police officer for the city or town in which the adopting party resides.

- B. All fines collected under Subsection A of this section will be remitted to the Town Treasurer of Smithfield. Such fines shall be used by the Town only for enforcing animal control laws or ordinances or for programs to reduce the population of unwanted stray dogs and cats in the municipality, including humane education programs or programs for the spaying or neutering of dogs or cats.

ARTICLE III Dogs

§ 126-34. Registration of aggressive dogs required.

- A. Any person having custody, ownership or control of an aggressive dog as defined in this article must register said dog with the Town on a form provided by the Town.
- B. Said form shall require the following information:
 - (1) Name, address and telephone number of the dog's owner;
 - (2) The address where said dog is harbored, if different from the owner's address; and
 - (3) The dog's sex, color, rabies certificate, tag number and other distinguishing characteristics of the dog.
 - (4) The Town shall affix a two (2) letter prefix to the identification number in order to identify the particular dog as being deemed aggressive by the Animal Control Warden.
- C. No such dog shall be licensed for any licensing period unless the owner or keeper of such shall meet the requirements set forth by the Animal Control Officer and the restrictions pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 4-13-1.
- D. Violations of any restrictions of this Section 126-34 will require a mandatory appearance before the Smithfield Municipal Court and shall subject the owner or keeper to a fine of \$200.00 for a first offense, \$300.00 for a second offense, and \$400.00 for any subsequent offense in addition to court costs.

§ 126-35. Care of dogs.

- A. It shall be a violation of this section for an owner or keeper to:
 - (1) Keep any dog on a permanent tether that restricts movement of the tethered dog to an

area less than 113 square feet, or less than a six-foot radius at ground level.

- (2) Tether a dog with a choke-type collar, head collar, or prong-type collar. The weight of any chain or tether shall not exceed 1/8 of the dog's total body weight.
 - (3) Keep any dog tethered for more than 8 hours during a twenty-four-hour period or keep any dog confined in an area or primary enclosure for more than 14 hours during any twenty-four-hour period, and more than 8 hours during a twenty-four-hour period, if the area is not greater than that which is required under the most recently adopted version of the Department of Environmental Management's rules and regulations governing animal care facilities.
 - (4) Tether a dog anytime from the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., except for a maximum of 15 minutes.
 - (5) Keep any dog outside, either tethered or otherwise confined, when the ambient temperature is beyond the industry standard for the weather safety scale as set forth in the most recent adopted version of the Tufts Animal Care and Condition* (TACC) weather safety scale.
 - (6) No person shall allow a dog to be kept outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced, or otherwise confined for more than 30 minutes without access to adequate shelter or adequate water for use by such dog.
- B. It shall be a violation of this section for an owner or keeper to fail to provide a dog with adequate food, adequate water, or minimum veterinary care, as those terms are defined in § 126-1.
- C. Exposing any dog to adverse weather conditions strictly for the purpose of conditioning shall be prohibited.
- D. The provisions of this section, as they relate to the duration and time frame of tethering or confinement, shall not apply:
- (1) If the tethering or confinement is authorized for medical reasons in writing by a veterinarian licensed in Rhode Island, the authorization is renewed annually, and shelter is provided;
 - (2) If tethering or confinement is authorized in writing by an Animal Control Officer, or duly sworn police officer assigned to the Animal Control Division, for the purposes, including, but not limited to, hunting dogs, dogs protecting livestock, and sled dogs. Written authorization must be renewed annually. The written authorization issued by an Animal Control Officer or duly sworn police officer assigned to the Animal Control Division in the political subdivision of the state where the dogs are kept shall be considered valid in every other political subdivision of the state. The written authorization issued by an Animal Control Officer or duly sworn police officer assigned to the animal control division in the political subdivision of the state where the dogs are kept is revocable by that Animal Control Officer or police officer if there are any conditions present that warrant revocation. The conditions include, but are not limited to, changes in the number or type of dogs, changes in the facility structure or safety, and changes in the health of the dog;
 - (3) To any entity licensed by the state pursuant to Chapter 19 of Title 4 of the Rhode Island

General Laws, or any veterinary facility; or

- (4) To an exhibitor holding a Class C license under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2133) that is temporarily in the state, if authorized by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM).
- E. Any person in violation of this section shall be fined in accordance with § 126-13. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.
- F. General agents or special agents of the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RISPCA) are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter in cooperation with Animal Control Officers and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM).

ARTICLE V Animal Shelter

§ 126-45. Cremation fees. [Amended 6-6-2023 by Ord. No. 2023-5]

- A. The following fees will be charged for any cremation performed through Tri-Town Animal Shelter. The fees shall be as follows:
 - (1) Fees charged for communal cremation will be set forth pursuant to the current fees charged to the Tri-Town Animal Shelter by the cremation facility.
- B. Any fees collected will be turned over to the Town of North Providence Finance Department.

ARTICLE VII Spay and Neuter Program for Cats

§ 126-48. Spaying/neutering.

- A. No person shall own or harbor within the Town any cat over the age of six months which has not been spayed or neutered, unless such person holds either a license to keep an unaltered cat or a license and permit for breeding cats issued by the Town Animal Control Officer, or the owner submits to the Animal Control Officer a letter from a licensed veterinarian stating that it would be inappropriate to spay/neuter the cat due to age, health, or illness. The owner of any cat over the age of six months is responsible to provide proof of spay/neuter through records or certificate of examination by a licensed veterinarian to the Animal Control Officer within seven days of a request for said records by the Animal Control Officer.
- B. An "intact" permit shall be issued for an unaltered cat if the owner signs a written statement that such animal will not be allowed to breed unless the owner has first obtained a breeding permit. An "intact" permit may be issued by the Animal Control Warden to an individual who refuses to spay or neuter their cat. The fee for such a permit shall be \$100 per year. All funds from "intact" permits shall be deposited in the Town's spay/neuter account.
- C. Any person, who keeps, has custody, owns, maintains, harbors, provides care or sustenance for, has control or charge of or responsibility for a cat or who permits a cat to habitually be or remain on or be lodged or fed within such person's property or premises shall be deemed evidence of ownership unless ownership of the cat by another party is established pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws

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D. Subsection C above shall not be interpreted to apply to a person caring for a colony of feral cats if such person:

- (1) Registers (at no charge) with the Town as a caretaker for feral cats;
- (2) Regularly feeds or arranges for the feeding of the colony, including on weekends and holidays;
- (3) Traps all feral cats over the age of eight weeks in their care, and has them spayed or neutered or identifies to Animal Control those cats deemed unable to be trapped;
- (4) Has all trapped cats tested for feline aids and leukemia and has those who test positive humanely euthanized or isolated indoors;
- (5) Identifies feral cats that have been spayed or neutered by means of ear notching, ear tipping, or ear tagging;
- (6) Has all trapped cats vaccinated according to state and local laws.

§ 126-51. Penalty for violation.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be subject to a \$100 fine. In the case of an unneutered cat, said person shall have no more than 30 days to have their cat spayed or neutered or provide proof from a licensed veterinarian indicating that arrangements have been made to spay or neuter their cat(s). The Animal Control Warden may inform persons subject to this article about the availability of reduced-cost or free-of-cost spay/neuter programs sponsored by local humane organizations. If an animal is not spayed or neutered within 30 days of notice, they shall be subject to a \$100 fine for each 30 days the subject animal is not spayed or neutered.

ARTICLE VIII
Harboring of Cats

§ 126-53. Number of cats; limitation. [Added 6-6-2023 by Ord. No. 2023-5]

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor more than three cats within or about their dwelling or place of abode. Cats kept on any tract of land devoted to commercial agricultural use or property larger than three acres are exempt from the requirements of this section. A grandfather clause is added for any persons having three or more cats prior to the adoption of the ordinance from which this section is derived. If, for any reason, the Animal Control Warden is called to the premises, all paperwork must be given for each cat, so proof of the ownership shall be known prior to the adoption of the ordinance from which this section is derived.

ARTICLE IX
Smithfield Dog Park

§ 126-69. Dangerous dogs.

Any owner or handler of a dog that has been designated as dangerous, or which he or she has reason to know is dangerous or vicious, shall not bring such a dog into a dog park or off-leash area.

Violation of this provision shall be cause for termination of any privileges associated with the use of the facility and shall be subject to a fine of \$100. This provision shall not negate any other penalties that may apply for harboring a dangerous dog.

§ 126-70. Dog bites.

A dog bite occurring in a dog park or off-leash area shall be reported to the local police or Animal Control Officer by anyone involved or anyone witnessing such event, or by a physician or veterinarian or other health service provider treating the victim of a bite. A set of rules governing the operation of the facility shall be posted at the entrance to the dog park and shall include the phone number of the Smithfield Animal Control Division and Smithfield Police Department. Each dog bite occurring at the facility shall be reported to Smithfield Animal Control, and the owner shall be subject to the following: the dog's owner or keeper will be issued a citation resulting in a mandatory appearance before the Smithfield Municipal Court and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense, and \$400.00 for a third and subsequent offense in addition to court costs. Said fines will be deposited into the Animal Control Fines and Fees Fund. The Smithfield Police Department and Smithfield Animal Control Officers shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.

Section 2. These ordinance amendments shall take effect thirty (30) days after their adoption.

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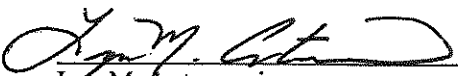


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