

Ordinance #130

An ordinance providing for the regulation of pets within the
City of Michigan city, North Dakota

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Michigan City, North Dakota:

Article I – Definitions

1. “Pet” shall be intended to mean either cat or dog, male or female.
2. “Owner” shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a pet.
3. “At large” shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, and not in the immediate presence and under control of the owner or a member of the immediate family either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.

Article II – Violations

1. Any pet running or being at large in any of the streets, public ways, or upon the private premises of any other person than the owner or keeper of such pet within the City of Michigan City, shall be deemed and considered to be a public nuisance and shall be deemed to be an animal ferae naturae or naturally wild. The owner of such pet shall be subject to the penalty hereinafter provided, and for such purpose the head of the household of the premises on which such pet is kept shall be considered to be the owner.

Article III – License

1. A license is required for each pet in the City of Michigan City. The owner is responsible for obtaining such license before June 1 of each year, and paying the fee as set by the City Council.

Article IV – Apprehension Provisions

1. It shall be the duty of each police office to apprehend each and every pet running or being at large. The officer or such other person as he may designate shall notify the owner of such pet within a reasonable period of time if ownership is capable of being established. Thereafter, the owner shall have a period of 24 hours to claim the pet. If the pet is not claimed by the owner within 24 hours, the police shall cause such pet to be destroyed, or, in his discretion, may cause such pet to be delivered to another person for care and keeping.
2. Any owner of a pet running at large that is apprehended by a police office and held by such police officer until returned to the owner thereof, shall pay a keeping and holding fee in the sum of \$10.00 per day, plus \$15.00 transportation.
3. If any pet of fierce, dangerous, or vicious propensities is found running at large and cannot sagely be taken up and held for the owner, then it shall be the duty of the police officer to kill such pet in order to abate a public nuisance.

Article V – Penalty

1. Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$30.00

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its final passage by the Council and approval of the Mayor.

Lonnie Anderson
Mayor

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City Auditor