

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-11

BE IT INACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2003-42, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS: Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42, Section 6 (A) reads as follows: Any animal at large or otherwise in violation of the provisions of this ordinance may be impounded in an animal shelter in a humane manner for a period of not less than five (5) days; and, if within such time, an animal so impounded has not been reclaimed by its owner or harborer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, such animal shall become the absolute property of the animal control authority which may convey ownership of such animal to any responsible person on such conditions as the animal control authority may prescribe, or the animal control authority may humanely destroy such animal.

WHEREAS: Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42, Section 10, ENFORCEMENT, reads as follows: The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer and by the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office. They are hereby authorized to issue a citation to any person for violation of any provision of this ordinance.

WHEREAS: Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42, Section 7 subsection (B) reads as follows: An owner or harborer of an impounded animal shelter shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus ten dollars (\$10.00) maintenance for each day the animal has been impounded (small animal, e.g. canine or feline). The fee for large animals impoundment is \$100.00 with a \$20.00 maintenance for each day with the transport charge. For each subsequent impound occurring within twelve (12) months and 5 days written notice the animal will be altered at the owner's expense by a licensed veterinarian chosen by the impounding agency before being returned to the owner or harborer.

WHEREAS: Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No 2003-42, Section 9 subsection (1) reads as follows: Payment of a ten dollar (\$10.00) adoption fee for a feline, a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) adoption fee for a canine or any other small animal, or a fifty (\$50.00) adoption fee for a large animal, and any vaccination, licensing if applicable, or veterinary costs.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

1. That Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42 is hereby amended; and
2. Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42, Section 6 (A) shall read as follows: Any dog or cat at large or otherwise in violation of the provisions of this ordinance may be impounded in an animal shelter in a humane manner for a period of not less than five (5) days; and, if within such time, a dog or cat so impounded has not been reclaimed by its owner or harborer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, such dog or cat shall become the absolute property of the animal control authority which may convey ownership of such dog or cat to any responsible person on such conditions as the animal control authority may prescribe, or the animal control authority may humanely destroy such animal.
3. Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42, Section 10, ENFORCEMENT, shall read as follows: The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer and by the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office. They are hereby authorized to issue a citation to any person for violation of any provision of this ordinance. Enforcement after posted business hours at the Van Buren County Animal Shelter will be limited to a vicious animal attack.
4. Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42, Section 7 subsection (B) shall read as follows: An owner or harborer of an impounded dog or cat shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus ten dollars (\$10.00) maintenance for each day the dog or cat has been impounded. For each subsequent impound occurring within twelve (12) months the initial fee is doubled. After the third (3rd) violation within twelve (12) months and five (5) days written notice and animal will be altered at the owner's expense by a licensed veterinarian chosen by the impounding agency before being returned to the owner or harborer.
5. Van Buren County Emergency Ordinance No. 2003-42, Section 9, Subsection (1) shall read as follows: Payment of a ten dollar (\$10.00) adoption fee for a feline, a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) adoption fee for a canine, and any vaccination, licensing if applicable, or veterinary costs.

Dated: March 17, 2011

APPROVED: Roger W. Hooper
Roger Hooper, County Judge

ATTEST: Ester Bass
Ester Bass, County Clerk