

CITY OF BELLEVUE, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-06-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE SECTION 90.16 BY MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR AN OWNER OR KEEPER OF ANY CAT TO ALLOW THE CAT TO BE AT LARGE AND UNATTENDED AND AMENDING ORDINANCE SECTION 90.99 TO CREATE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING SECTION 90.16 AND TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS AND CATS TO SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR DOGS AND CATS.

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Officer of the City of Bellevue has recommended that the City of Bellevue enact an ordinance making it unlawful for owners and keepers of cats to allow them to run at large; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Officer of the City of Bellevue has recommended that the City of Bellevue provide an incentive for owners and keepers of dogs and cats to have their pets spayed and neutered to decrease the at large dog and cat populations and decrease the number of dogs and cats that have to be destroyed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, KENTUCKY, THAT § 90.16 OF THE BELLEVUE CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

§ 90.16 DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog, or cat regardless of the age of the dog or cat, to allow the dog or cat to be at large and unattended or to run in any street, park, lawn, garden, schoolyard, playground, or on any other public or private property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT A NEW SECTION OF THE BELLEVUE CODE OF ORDINANCES, § 90.99 (F), SHALL BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

(F) Any person who violates § 90.16 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. If it is determined that a dog or cat running at large has not been spayed or neutered, an additional fine of \$50.00 shall be imposed. Such additional fine shall be reimbursed to the owner of the dog or cat running at large if owner submits written documentation to the city or its designated agent within thirty (30) days of the date of the citation confirming that the dog or cat has been spayed if female or neutered if male. The city may designate an Animal Control Officer as its agent. Such written documentation shall be in the form of a letter from the veterinarian performing the spay or neuter procedure. Such written confirmation shall give descriptive detail of the dog or cat which has been spayed or neutered in such a manner that will allow it to be identified.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its date of passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed this 11th day of June, 2003.

John D. Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk

1st Reading: _____

2nd Reading _____

Publication: _____