

Ordinance 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE, ARIZONA, AMENDING TITLE 6, "ANIMALS" CHAPTER 6.08 IMPOUND OF ANIMALS, 6.08.010 NOTICE TO OWNERS OF IMPOUNDMENT, 6.08040 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS, CHAPTER 6.04 RULES AND REGULATIONS, 6.04.100 NUMBER OF ANIMALS ALLOWED OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE TOWN CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Springerville has the ability to regulate animals within its boundaries under its inherent police powers as a municipality in the State of Arizona;

WHEREAS, the Town Council has recently entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Eagar to have joint enforcement of the regulation of animals by an Animal Control department/officers;

WHEREAS, The Town is authorized by Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 9, Chapter 2, Article 3 to adopt amendments to the Springerville Town Code or any ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, as follows:

SECTION 1

Replace Section 6.08.010 Notice to owners of impoundment.

6.08.010 - Notice to owners of impoundment.

A. If the owner of any impounded animal shall be known to the animal control officer the officer shall notify the owner of such animal personally or by letter through the post office or by notice placed at the residence of the owner within forty-eight hours after such animal has been taken up and impounded. Verification of owner notice shall be required. The notice shall contain a description of the animal and shall state that unless reclaimed, such animal shall be adopted or destroyed at the time and place specified in the notice, but not less than five business days. If the owner is not readily known, the animal will be checked for an electronic chip.

B. An animal impounded pursuant to this chapter may be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Copies of the notice shall be posted at the place of impoundment at Town Hall and on the Town's website. 7

Replace Section 6.08.040 Redemption of impounded animals with the following text:

6.08.040 - Redemption of impounded animals.

If the owner of any animal shall within the time specified in the notice of impound above in 6.08.040, but not less than five business days after such animal has been impounded, apply to the animal control officer and pay the fees and charges provided by this chapter, the owner shall pick up the animal from the pound or impound location unless that animal has been impounded pursuant to Section 6.08.060.

And remove Section 6.04.100 – Number of animals allowed

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~~A. Household Pets. Except as otherwise permitted by the applicable town zoning code, a maximum of four (4) household pets, such as dogs, cats, pot-bellied pigs and similar domestic pets (but not including birds, fish or other pets which do not create odor or sound detectible on adjoining lots) per lot. Household pets in excess of four (4) may be allowed by conditional use permit in all zoning districts. This section shall not apply to kennels or animal shelters as otherwise permitted by the applicable town zoning code.~~

~~B. Animals. Animals other than household pets such as livestock, poultry, and ratite shall be prohibited in all zoning districts except those in which they are specifically allowed by the applicable town zoning code. Animals such as livestock and poultry shall not be kept within one hundred (100) feet of an occupied dwelling except where the owner or person in control of said animals lives in such dwelling.~~

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after final approval by the Town Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Springerville, this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Town of Springerville


Shelly Reidhead, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mangum', is written over a horizontal line.

Mangum Wall Stoops & Warden, PLLC
Town Attorney