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**CITY OF AUSTWELL**

**Animal Ordinance#2011-12-14-0004**

THIS ORDINANCE IS TO PROVIDE CONTROL OF ANIMALS, WILD OR DOMESTIC, IN THE CITY OF AUSTWELL, PROVIDING FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF RABIES SHOTS AND THE REGISTRATION THEREOF. REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES DEALING WITH ANIMALS (PETS OR OTHERWISE), AND PROVIDING A DATE FOR ISSUANCE.

Whereas: the City is small in area and has (2) public water wells within its limits, be it unlawful to have or keep any kind of farm animal, 2 legged, 4 legged, or fowl within the City limits of Austwell.

Whereas; pets cannot receive rabies shots until they are (4) four months old, they must be registered with the City and upon reaching the age of (4) months must receive their shots and be recorded. The City will issue pet tags upon registration.

Whereas some dogs can get very noisy and create problems, no household shall be allowed more than (2) two dogs and (2) two cats. These dogs & cats must have current rabies shots and be registered with the City and wear current tags.

Therefore; any cat or dog untagged shall be in violation of this ordinance.

Therefore; any dog with or without tags outside of owner's property, not on a leash is in violation of this ordinance.

Therefore; if ownership is determinable and animal has registration with owners ID, and the owner can be located, the animal shall be returned to owner and shall be cited for violation of this order. If owner cannot be located the animal shall be kept for no more than 72 hours. If ownership is in question or if the animal is a stray, the animal shall be impounded for 48 hours. An owner may claim the animal within this time period after paying all incurred costs and impoundment fees.

Penalty for Violation; any person who violates a provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00. After the first violation the fine will increase in \$10.00 increments for everyday in violation.

Therefore; it shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, molest, hinder, or prevent the animal control officer from the official discharge of the duties as here in prescribed.

SO BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTWELL AFTER BEING  
POSTED IN THREE PLACES.

This ordinance becomes effective this 14th day of December 2011.

SIGNED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR DAVID CANN

ATTEST; \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY SECRETARY