

ORDINANCE NO. 1175

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 7.16.010 and 7.16.020 OF THE CAMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RABIES VACCINATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. General Findings. The City Council finds as follows:

A. The City has an agreement with Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) to provide animal control services within the City. Recently, the County of Ventura updated the county code to address rabies reporting requirements within unincorporated county areas. VCAS has requested cities that use VCAS for animal control services, to update their municipal codes so VCAS may enforce rabies reporting requirements within the incorporated city areas.

B. Chapter 7.16 of the Camarillo Municipal Code (CMC) contains the City's regulations concerning rabies control and was last updated in 2008.

C. This ordinance serves to update CMC section 7.16.010 and section 7.16.020 to reflect current legal requirements concerning rabies vaccination and reporting requirements.

SECTION 2. Environmental Review. The City Council exercises its independent judgment and finds that this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, sections: 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment); 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378); 15061(b)(3), because the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and Section 15321 (exempting enforcement actions and law enforcement activities). This ordinance updates the municipal code related to the enforcement of rabies vaccination requirements and there is no possibility that this ordinance may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Accordingly, the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from CEQA.

SECTION 3. Amendment to CMC Section 7.16.010. CMC section 7.16.010 is amended and restated as follows:

"7.16.010 - Rabies vaccination required.

A. Every person that maintains a dog must, within thirty days after such dog attains the age of three months, cause it to be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian with a vaccine for rabies approved by the State Department of Veterinary Public Health for use in Ventura County.

- B. A person owning, harboring, or keeping a dog is not required to vaccinate the dog if the person obtains an exemption, on an annual basis, from the Ventura County health officer in compliance with Health and Safety Code section 121690(b). Any dog that is not vaccinated pursuant to this section must be vaccinated for rabies within 10 days after the disease or disability for which the exemption is based, ends.”

SECTION 4. Amendment to CMC Section 7.16.020. CMC section 7.16.020 is amended and restated as follows:

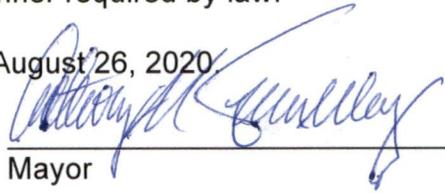
“7.16.020 - Rabies vaccination and reporting.

- A. The poundmaster will provide facilities for the rabies vaccination of dogs or arrange for such vaccination at clinics operated by private veterinary groups or associations. Failure to display a valid vaccination certificate upon reasonable demand by the poundmaster is prima facie evidence of nonvaccination. No charge, in excess of the actual cost, will be made for vaccination at such facilities or clinics. The vaccination required in this chapter may be obtained either at such facilities or clinics or from a licensed veterinarian of the owner's choice.
- B. All licensed veterinarians must report all administered rabies vaccinations to the poundmaster, monthly, in accordance with Ventura County Code section 4451(b), and as amended. This includes providing the poundmaster, on paper or on in an electronic form approved by the poundmaster, the following information:
1. The name, residence address, telephone number and, if known, email address of the animal's owner;
 2. The name, age, sex (including spay/neuter status), species, breed, color and, if known, microchip number of the animal;
 3. The date on which the vaccination was administered and the duration of the protection provided by the vaccination;
 4. The type of vaccination used and its corresponding lot number; and
 5. The name and license number of the veterinarian administering the vaccination and the name of the veterinary clinic/hospital at which the vaccination was administered.”

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. Publication. The City Clerk is directed to certify the adoption of this ordinance and cause it to be published in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED August 26, 2020.



Mayor

Attested to on 8/31/2020
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City Clerk

I, Jeffrie Madland, City Clerk of the City of Camarillo, certify Ordinance No. 1175 was introduced by the City Council at a meeting held July 22, 2020, and subsequently passed and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held August 26, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Craven, Kildee, Mulchay, Santangelo, Mayor Trembley
NOES: Councilmembers: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

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City Clerk

