## CITY OF AUSTIN

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-2004

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDED FOR AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 102, REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS, REQUIRING CERTIFICATE BY LICENSED VETERINARIAN AS TO RABIES VACCINATION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR UNLEASHED AND ROAMING DOGS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, LONOKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

Section 1. That hereafter there shall not be a license fee for pets by the City of Austin,

Section 2. That every person, firm, or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog of the age of three (3) months or older is hereby required to obtain from a licensed veterinarian a certificate that such animal has been vaccinated for the preventions of rabies annually, that such certificate much be presented upon request by enforcement, that said certificate shall be obtained on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July of each year.

Section 3. Any dog found off the property of the owner of said dog and not on a leash or with out current rabies vaccination the owner shall be warned once, thereafter, shall be fined \$50.00 plus any related court cost. The fine shall be increased by \$25.00 for each following offense.

Section 4. Emergency. It is found that dogs not protected from rabies, and not confined to property belonging to owner of the dog, are a danger to the public health and safety, that the immediate passage of this amendment to the existing Ordinance is necessary for the protection of public peace, health and safety, an emergency is therefore declared and the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage adoption and publication.

Passed:

Approved:

Attest:

City Clerk