

COUNCIL BILL NO. 98-012

ORDINANCE NO. 98-044

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 18-145, Restrictions on Redemption, of Chapter 18, Animals, to provide for a cash or surety bond for fees imposed pursuant to this chapter, if authorized by court.

WHEREAS, having referred the subject matter of this Council Bill to the Health Board on Wednesday, March 11, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, having received the favorable recommendation from the Health Board to the proposed amendment covering Section 18-145, Restrictions on Redemption, of Chapter 18, Animals, of the Joplin City Code;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI,

as follows:

Section 1. That Section 18-145, Restrictions on Redemption, be amended by the inclusion of a new sub-paragraph therein to authorize the posting of a cash or surety bond to defray the costs of care, to read as follows:

"Sec. 18-145. Restrictions on Redemption.

....

(b) No animal impounded for being a public nuisance or impounded for violating the provisions of sections 18-14, 18-42, and 18-94 of this Code shall be redeemed unless such redemption is authorized by the municipal court, nor shall any wild animal impounded under this article be redeemed unless such redemption is authorized by the municipal court.

(c) To provide for the payment for the care, room and board, of any animal impounded pursuant to this article, the director may make application to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order to require the posting of a bond in favor of the animal pound, to indemnify the pound for the reasonable costs of board for any such animal impounded pursuant to this article. The bond may be in cash, or surety, in an amount set by the court, and may be increased or decreased as determined by the court after hearing. In its order, the court may provide the failure of an owner to place a bond as ordered by a court, shall be deemed an abandonment pursuant to section 18-

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148 of this article."

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 6th day of April
1998.

Earl Carr
Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Chuck Brown, City Attorney