

ORDINANCE #830

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL, ARTICLE 2.01, GENERAL PROVISIONS, AND CHAPTER 6, HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE 6.02, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE CITY OF SLATON CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MATTERS AND PROVIDE THAT THE CITY'S CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MAY ISSUE CITATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Slaton, Texas, is authorized to adopt and implement necessary and reasonable ordinances in the best interests of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission previously adopted provisions regulating animal control, which have been codified in Chapter 2 of the City's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission previously adopted provisions regulating weeds, rubbish, and unwholesome situations, which have been codified in Article 6.02 of the City's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to provide for an administrative fee for property maintenance matters to offset the City's associated costs and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to provide that the City's Animal Control Officer and Code Enforcement Officer have authority to issue citations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds the following amendment to be reasonable and beneficial and in the best interest of and best serves the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Slaton, Texas that the Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

SECTION I

Section 2.01.006, Enforcement, is hereby added and shall hereafter read as follows:

The Animal Control Officer of the City shall have the power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Chapter as may be required by governing law, including the authority to issue citations.

Section 6.02.002, Enforcement, is hereby added and shall hereafter read as follows:

The Code Enforcement Officer of the City shall have the power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Article as may be required by governing law, including the authority to issue citations.

Section 6.02.003, Administrative Fee, is hereby added and shall hereafter read as follows:

In addition to collecting the costs and expenses incurred by correcting the violations under this Article, upon abatement by the city, the city shall charge the sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per occurrence, which sum is hereby found to be the cost to the city of administering the terms of this Article. The administrative fee will be charged per lot, tract, parcel of land, or across the adjacent sidewalk, parkway, or alley, which is hereby found to be the cost to the city of administering the terms of this Article.

SECTION II

Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of the ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance, but they shall remain in full force and effect; it being the legislative intent that this ordinance shall remain in effect notwithstanding the validity of any part.

SECTION III

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission and publication as may be required by governing law.

SECTION IV

Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the *Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Gov't. Code.*

SECTION V

Provisions Cumulative; Repealed. All other terms and provisions of the Slaton Code of Ordinances not in conflict herewith and not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect. The passage of this Ordinance shall repeal any wording of any existing ordinance that conflicts with the wording of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, and APPROVED on its first reading this 8th day of April 2024.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on its second and final reading this 13th day of May 2024.

CITY OF SLATON, TEXAS

By: _____

Clifton Shaw
Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela King
Pamela King, City Secretary

