

**CITY OF FLORENCE
ORDINANCE NO. 18, SERIES 2016**

**An Ordinance Amending Dog Licensing Requirements within the City and
Amending Title 6, Chapter 6 of the Florence City Code**

RECITALS:

1. Section 6-6-020 of the Florence City Code currently requires, with limited exceptions, dogs to be licensed with the City.
2. The costs to the City to run the dog licensing program significantly outpace the revenue generated by issuing licenses. Moreover, for several years, the City has not been vigilant in enforcing the dog licensing requirement.
3. For purposes of law enforcement, code enforcement, and public health protection, there does not appear to be significant benefits to the City in requiring dogs to be licensed.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY OF FLORENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Florence City Code Chapter 6 of Title 6: Animal Control, is amended as shown in Exhibit A to repeal and remove Section 6-6-020 from Florence City Code.
2. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after adoption
3. The City Recorder is authorized to administratively correct any reference errors contained herein or in other provisions of the Florence City Code to the provisions added, amended, or repealed herein.

ADOPTION:

First Reading on the 19th day of December, 2015.

Second Reading on the 19th day of December, 2015.

This Ordinance is passed and adopted on the 5th day of January, 2015.

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| AYES | 4 | Councilors, Preisler, Lyddon, Lacer, and Mayor Henry |
| NAYS | 0 | |
| ABSTAIN | 0 | |
| ABSENT | 1 | Councilor Greene |



Joe Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelli Weese, City Recorder

Exhibit A
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Additions are shown in double underline and deletions are shown as strike-out.
[Change Directions are shown in Bold within Brackets]

TITLE 6
CHAPTER 6

ANIMAL CONTROL

[Delete Code Section 6-6-020: Dog Licensing as shown and renumber all subsequent code sections]

~~6-6-020: DOG LICENSING:~~

- A. ~~Except as provided in subsections (B) and (C) of this section, every dog within the city that has a set of permanent canine teeth shall be licensed by the City. The license tag provided by the City shall be attached to a collar worn by the dog. The Owner and/or Keeper of the dog is in violation of this Chapter if the dog is not wearing its collar and tag at any time. The fee for dog licenses shall be established by Resolution of the City Council and is due and payable upon the issuance of the license.~~
- B. ~~An Owner or Keeper of a dog within the city shall obtain a license for the dog by the later of:~~
1. ~~30 days after becoming the Owner or Keeper of the dog or establishing a residence within the City~~
 2. ~~The expiration of a valid license previously issued to the dog in another jurisdiction in the state.~~
- C. ~~Licenses shall not be required for dogs owned by dealers, breeders or exhibitors while such dogs are being transported by dealers, breeders, or exhibitors to and from a dog show or fair. Licenses are not required for dog that are used as service animals for persons with disabilities. A companion or therapy animal is not a service animal unless the animal has been individually trained to perform one or more tasks for a person with disabilities and has been trained to behave in public. A license is not required for the period in which a dog is validly licensed in another jurisdiction in the state. A license is not required for the period that a dog is temporarily kept or boarded in a Small Animal Clinic or Animal Daycare and Overnight Boarding Facility located within the City. The City Manager, or designee, may waive the requirements that the license tag be attached to the collar worn by the dog if good cause is shown by the dog's owner for such a waiver and the owner provides an alternative method of displaying the tag, or the information on the tag, which is satisfactory, in the sole judgement of the City Manager, for identifying the dog and its owner.~~