

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TEHAMA  
AMENDING CHAPTER 7.08 OF THE TEHAMA COUNTY CODE**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TEHAMA ORDAINS AS  
FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 7.08.010 of the Tehama County Code is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** Section 7.08.010 is hereby added to the Tehama County Code to read:

**7.08.010 - Dog Licensing and Vaccination**

- A. No person shall own or keep any dog over four months of age within the unincorporated area of the county, for a period longer than thirty (30) days unless such dog is licensed pursuant to this chapter.
- B. No person shall own or keep any dog over four months of age within the unincorporated area of the county, for a period longer than thirty (30) days, which has not been vaccinated against rabies. Every person in the unincorporated area of the county who owns, harbors, or keeps any dog over four (4) months of age for a period longer than thirty (30) days shall have such dog vaccinated against rabies as provided herein, by a veterinarian and such vaccination shall be renewed in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of California.
- C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.08.010, a license shall not be required in the following circumstances:
  - 1. A license shall not be required for any dog found within the unincorporated area of the county when its owner resides in any city within the county and such dog is wearing or has attached to it a valid license tag issued by such city.
  - 2. A license shall not be required for any dog owned by a person who is a nonresident of the county and is traveling through the unincorporated area of the county or temporarily visiting therein for a period not exceeding thirty days, provided that such dog has been vaccinated consistent with the requirements of this title and its owner presents proof of such vaccination upon demand and further provided that such dog is confined on the premises of the person in charge of it while temporarily in the county.
  - 3. A license shall not be required for any dog brought into the unincorporated area of the county and kept therein for a period not exceeding thirty days for the exclusive purpose of entering the same in any show, exhibition, field trial, or other competition or for breeding purposes, provided that such dog has been vaccinated consistent with the requirements of this chapter and its owner presents proof of such vaccination upon demand and further provided that such dog is confined on the premises of the person in charge of it while in the county except when being groomed, trained, bred, shown, exhibited or in competition.
  - 4. A license shall not be required for any dog having a valid license issued by a city within the county when its owner has within the preceding year moved his or her principal place of residence from such city to the unincorporated area of the

county, provided that such city similarly exempts from license requirements any dog having a valid county license and owned by a person who has moved his or her principal place of residence from the unincorporated area of the county to such city within the same time period.

**SECTION 3.** Section 7.08.030 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** Section 7.08.030 is hereby added to the Tehama County Code to read:

**7.08.030 - Vaccination required for license.**

- A. The director shall not issue any dog license under this chapter without presentation of a certificate of vaccination signed by a veterinarian showing one of the following for the dog to be licensed:
  - 1. That such dog has been vaccinated with an approved rabies vaccine and the period of time from the date of vaccination to the date of expiration of the license being issued does not exceed the time interval prescribed by the State Department of Health;
  - 2. An exemption form approved by the local health officer at the request of a licensed veterinarian for which the veterinarian determines that the vaccination would endanger the dog's life because of disease or other consideration. Such form shall signed statement by the dog owner affirming that the owner understands the consequences and accepts all liability associated with owning a dog that has not received the canine antirabies vaccine.
- B. Where an exemption is approved by the local health officer, the exempted dog may be issued a license but is considered unvaccinated. Licensure of an exempted dog may not extend beyond one year; at or before the end of the one-year license period, the dog must be vaccinated for rabies or a new request for vaccination exemption must be submitted by the veterinarian to and approved by the local health officer. The owner of the dog shall keep such dog confined to the premises indicated on the forms, or else on a six-foot (6') leash and under the direct physical control of an adult. Additionally, the exempted pet cannot have contact with any animal that is not current with rabies vaccination.
- C. Every veterinarian who vaccinates, or causes or directs to be vaccinated, any dog with anti-rabies vaccine within the County of Tehama, is required to issue a certificate or such other form approved by the county health officer. A copy of such certificate or approved form shall be submitted to the Tehama County Division of Animal Services by the fifteenth of each month for all vaccinations administered during the preceding month. Certificates shall contain all necessary information including the mailing address and physical location of the animal owner's residence, if different from mailing address.

**SECTION 5.** Section 7.08.035 of the Tehama County Code is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** Section 7.08.035 is hereby added to the Tehama County Code to read:

**7.08.035 - Application for license.**

- A. Application for a dog license shall be made to the director by the owner of the dog to be licensed no later than thirty days after acquisition of the dog. Such application shall be accompanied by a license fee, the amount of which shall be established pursuant to Section 7.08.105. Such license fee shall be waived for assistance dogs owned and used by totally or partially blind persons, deaf or hearing impaired persons, or handicapped persons, and for dogs owned and used by police departments or law enforcement officers exclusively for police work if all other requirements for licensing under this chapter are met. The director shall require such proof of qualification as the director deems necessary prior to waiving or reducing the license fee for any dog. This provision does not remove the owner's responsibility to vaccinate said dogs against rabies.
- B. A one-year, two-year or three-year dog license may be issued provided that the rabies vaccination will be effective for the entire period for which the license is issued. A prorated license may be issued to expire with the expiration of the vaccination certificate.
- C. The owner of any dog who fails to obtain the required license within thirty days after acquisition of the dog shall be liable for an administrative penalty in the amount of fifty dollars, which may be waived by the director of animal services if such failure is voluntarily disclosed by the owner to the division of animal services prior to any complaint being made to, or any investigation or enforcement action being commenced by, any officer or employee of the County of Tehama or the State of California.

**SECTION 7.** Section 7.08.130 of the Tehama County Code is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8.** Section 7.08.130 is hereby added to the Tehama County Code to read:

**7.08.130 - Dog ownership.**

No person shall own or keep more than five dogs over the age of four months on any lot or premises as a private dog owner. Person(s) keeping or owning more than five dogs over four months of age on any lot or premises shall have such lot or premises designated and licensed as a kennel, as defined in Chapter 7.20 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 9.** This ordinance shall take effect January 16, 2025, and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the adoption thereof shall be published at least one time in the *Red Bluff Daily News*, a newspaper of general circulation in Tehama County.

The foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tehama, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF TEHAMA    )

I, SEAN HOUGHTBY, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tehama, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

DATED: This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

SEAN HOUGHTBY, County Clerk and ex-officio  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County  
of Tehama, State of California.

By\_\_\_\_\_