

ORDINANCE NO. 71

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CITY OF JEFFERS TO ASSESS FOR ALL UNPAID FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES THE CITY OF JEFFERS INCURS TO ENFORCE ANY OF ITS ANIMAL-RELATED ORDINANCES

The City Council of Jeffers, Minnesota, ordains that:

Section 1 Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to allow the City to assess all of the unpaid fees, costs, and expenses the City incurs to enforce or administer any of its animal-related ordinances.

Section 2 Costs/Assessments.

Section 2.1 All fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the City to enforce, or administer, any animal-related ordinances shall be the joint and several responsibility of both the owner(s) of the animal(s) and the owner(s) of the real estate where the animal(s) resides or resided. The City shall prepare an invoice, which itemizes all fees, costs, and expenses related to the enforcement and/or administration of any animal-related ordinance and mail the invoice to both the owner(s) of the animal(s) and the owner(s) of the real estate where the animal(s) resides or resided.

For the purpose of giving mailed notice under this Section 2.1, the owner(s) of the real estate where the animal(s) resides or resided shall be the owner(s) listed on the records of the Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, but the City, in the City's sole and exclusive discretion, may use other appropriate records to ascertain the mailing address of the owner(s) of the real estate.

Section 2.2. If the invoice is not paid in full within 30 calendar days after the invoice is mailed, the City Council shall have the right to assess all said unpaid fees, costs, and expenses against the real estate where the animal(s) resides or resided. However, before the City Council can adopt the assessment, the City Council shall comply with all the notice and hearing requirements specified at Minnesota Statute Section 429.061 (2017) as amended. If the City Council adopts the assessment, the City Clerk shall transmit the total amount of the assessment to the Cottonwood County Auditor to be extended as an assessment against the real estate where the animal(s) resides or resided. Any assessment levied shall be payable in a single installment, or up to ten (10) equal annual installments as the City Council may provide.

Section 3 Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of Jeffers, Minnesota, this 24th day of January, 2018.

Brad Prins
Brad Prins, Mayor

Attested:

Sharen Goeman
Sharen Goeman, City Clerk