

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0318 A

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE WARREN COUNTY, INDIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the Warren County Commissioners previously passed Ordinance 1997-7, regulating animals running at large and the disposition of such animals on Warren County, Indiana, which was codified in Chapter 54 of the Warren County, Indiana Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Warren County Commissioners now deem it necessary to amend those provisions to address the disposition of animals to an animal rescue or shelter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Warren County Commissioners that Section 54.01(B) of Chapter 54 of the Warren County, Indiana Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

§ 54.01 ANIMAL CONTROL

(B) Whenever any police officer or other person designated by the Board shall find any dog running at large as defined in this ordinance, he shall, if possible, pick up and impound such animal in such place as the Board may direct.


Whenever any impounded dog shall bear an identification mark such as a collar or license tag, the owner may be notified. Any dog impounded that is wearing a collar with owner identification or license shall be held for a period of seven days. There shall be no required holding period if the owner produces proof of required vaccinations unless such dog is suspected of having a disease such as rabies, in which case the impounded dog shall be held for a period of seven days. At the end of seven days the impounded dog wearing a collar with owner identification or license shall be disposed of unless the owner thereof shall reclaim such dog. Disposition shall include the relocation of such animal to an animal rescue or shelter at the County's discretion.

Dogs not wearing a collar with owner identification or license may be destroyed or dispatched to an animal shelter or rescue without a waiting period. The destruction of any impounded dog by any police officer or any person designated by the Board under the provisions of this ordinance shall be by means of a humane manner.

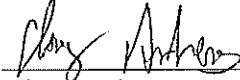
This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage according to law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED this 18th day of March, 2024.

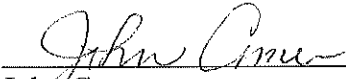
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