

## **ORDINANCE NO. 4460**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.16.010 OF THE GREAT BEND CODE RELATING TO RABIES CONTROL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GREAT BEND,  
KANSAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 6.16.010 of the Great Bend Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 6.16.010. - Rabies control.**

- (a) When the owner, harborer or person having custody or possession of any animal of which the owner, harborer or person having custody shall observe or learn to be rabid, or when such animal has acted in a manner that would indicate the symptoms of rabies, the owner, harborer or person having custody or control of such animal shall immediately notify the animal control authority or a licensed veterinarian, and shall allow the animal control authority or licensed veterinarian to make an inspection or examination of such animal and to quarantine or isolate such animal until it shall be established that such animal has or does not have rabies. The owner or person having custody of such animal shall be liable for all fees incurred during the period the animal is held in confinement with the animal control authority or with a licensed veterinarian.
- (b) Except as provided in subsections (g) and (h) of this Section 6.16.010, when it is shown that any animal has bitten any person, the owner, harborer or person having custody or possession thereof shall, upon order of a police officer or of the animal control authority, deliver such animal to the animal control authority or a licensed veterinarian for impounding and quarantine for a period of not less than 10 days. The animal control authority or licensed veterinarian shall make an examination of such animal to determine if it is suffering from rabies.
- (c) When any animal is bitten by another animal having rabies, the owner, harborer or person having custody or possession of the animal so bitten shall, upon being informed thereof, place the animal so bitten with the animal control authority or a licensed veterinarian to be quarantined for the purpose of determining whether such animal is infected with rabies. Thereafter, the animal shall be confined until a licensed veterinarian issues a written order authorizing the release or destruction of the animal.
- (d) It is unlawful for any owner, harborer or person having custody or possession of any animal, that has or exhibits symptoms of rabies or which has bitten any person, or whose animal has been bitten by another animal known to have rabies, to fail or neglect to notify

and deliver custody of their animal to the animal control authority or a licensed veterinarian as provided by subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this Section 6.16.010.

- (e) The head of any animal which dies while being confined for rabies observation shall be removed by the animal control authority or a licensed veterinarian and forwarded to the Diagnostic Laboratory, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, for analysis; all expenses incurred shall be paid by the owner or harborer of the animal.
- (f) Fees incurred for the confinement of any unlicensed animal which requires confinement for rabies observation because of human exposure and does not have an apparent owner or harborer shall be paid by the city.
- (g) Any animal which is currently vaccinated, registered and licensed as provided for in this Code, and subject to the approval and supervision of the animal control authority or a licensed veterinarian, may be confined inside the residence or an approved compound of its owner or harborer. Prior to such confinement, the owner or harborer shall first acknowledge in writing that the owner or harborer accepts full responsibility for the proper and safe keeping of the animal on the premises and further agrees to indemnify and hold all others harmless from claims, damages, losses, judgments and costs attributable thereto.
- (h) Any currently vaccinated canine belonging to the Great Bend Police Department or the Barton County Sheriff's Department or other police canine assisting from another law enforcement agency that bites any person while under proper law enforcement supervision or routine veterinary care, is exempt from the requirements of subsection (b) of this Section 6.16.010 and may continue on active duty unless it is acting in a manner that would indicate symptoms of rabies."

**SECTION 2.** The existing Section 6.16.010 of the Great Bend Code is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance in the official city newspaper.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on the day of publication.

**ADOPTED AND PASSED** by the Governing Body of the City of Great Bend, Kansas, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.



  
Cody Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Shawna Schafer, City Clerk