



CITY OF GROVES

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Changes to Animal Control Ordinance

City Council voted in changes to the Animal Control Ordinance of the City of Groves. Below is some of the changes which will go into effect April 8, 2019. These changes will reflect new fees and changes to existing fees in the ordinance. If you have any questions regarding changes to the Animal Control Ordinance, please call 962-4471 and select option 3. Some of the changes are noted below;

- 1) Fines for violation of the Animal Control Ordinance upon conviction can be up to \$500.
- 2) A \$10.00 fee will be charged for disposal of household pets in the city crematorium.
- 3) A surrender fee of \$10.00 for cats and \$20.00 for dogs will be charged for citizens who surrender their pet to the shelter.
- 4) It is against City Ordinance for anyone to possess more than (5) roosters, gamecocks or gamefowl on any property within the City. Roosters must be no less than (300') from any residence or building used for human habitation, any business, church, school or hospital
- 5) Impoundment fee for first offense are now \$40 instead of \$60. The \$10.00 per day feeding fee is still the same. The impoundment fee doubles for the second offense, and triples for the third offense.
- 6) Anyone adopting an animal from the shelter will be required to post a bond of \$20.00 to have the animal vaccinated for rabies. The bond will be refunded if the person adopting the animal brings a vaccination certificate to show proof the animal was vaccinated within 14 days of the adoption. If the person adopting the animal does not provide proof that the animal was vaccinated within the (14) day period, the bond will be forfeited to the city.
- 7) Anyone coming to the shelter to redeem an animal which was impounded, must present proof the animal is current on rabies vaccination. If no proof can be provided, the owner must post a \$20.00 bond as indicated in (6) above.