



## ORDINANCE NO. 641

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL AND REGULATION, PROVIDING THE DEFINITION OF "SURRENDER" TO 2-101 AND; AMENDING 2-118(b & c) (b) CLAIM ANIMALS THROUGH PAYMENTS & WHEN THOSE PAYMENTS ARE DUE; (c) TO ADDRESS TIME LIMITS FOR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS, AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURE TO DEEM ANIMALS ABANDONED, INCLUDING ISSUING SURRENDER DOCUMENTATION; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES THAT MIGHT BE IN CONFLICT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, KANSAS:

**Section 1. AMENDMENT.** Amendment to add to Chapter 2, Section 2-101, Definitions; "Surrender - to surrender an animal means to voluntarily give up ownership of a pet to an animal shelter or rescue organization." All proper adjustments to maintain the alphabetical aspect of this section be applied.

**Section 2. AMENDMENT.** Chapter 2, Section 2-118(b) shall read as follows: "The city may charge an impoundment fee based on the actual costs incurred for feeding, housing, and caring for the animal during impoundment. A fee schedule will be publicly available. To reclaim an impounded animal, the owner must pay all impoundment fees, any outstanding license fees, and provide veterinary documentation, including proof of current rabies vaccination and, if applicable, spay/neuter certification."

**Section 3. AMENDMENT.** Chapter 2, Section 2-118(c) shall read as follows: "If the owner of an impounded animal or fowl cannot be identified, the animal control officer or police officer shall, upon taking the animal into custody, record its description, the date and place of custody, and the impoundment location. The officer shall promptly post a public notice on the city's official website and other public platforms, describing the same with the date and place of taking, has been taken up, and that unless the charges of impounding the same, together with any license fees due and unpaid, the animal remains unclaimed following a designated time set by the animal control officer, the city will officially surrender the animal to a designated veterinarian."

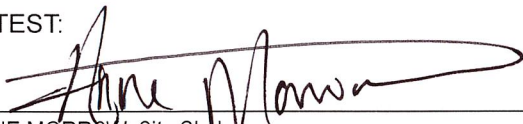
**Section 4. REPEAL.** Any ordinance or parts of ordinances of the City of Whitewater, Kansas in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its publication in the Butler County Times-Gazette, the official newspaper of the City of Whitewater. In addition to publication in the Butler County Times-Gazette, this ordinance shall be posted on the official website of Whitewater at whitewaterks.gov within days of adoption.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Whitewater, and approved by the Mayor on the 25th of August, 2025.

  
BRADY GRAGG, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
ANNE MORROW, City Clerk