

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-727**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE CITY  
OF GENTRY MUNICIPAL CODE ANIMALS AND FOWL; DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City of Gentry that there is a need to amend portions of Title 6 of the City of Gentry Municipal Code regarding Animals and Fowl as is hereinafter set forth.

NOW, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas:

**Section 1. Section 6.04.05 License.**

A. The owner of each spayed/neutered dog being four (4) months of age or older, shall pay a triennial (3 year) license or privilege tax of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), said amount being due the later of thirty (30) days after the dog enters the City limits; reaches the age of 4 months; or on expiration of the current license; and due every three years thereafter.

B. The owner of each unspayed/unneutered dog being four (4) months of age or older, shall pay a triennial (3 year) license or privilege tax of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), said amount being due the later of thirty (30) days after the dog enters the City limits; reaches the age of 4 months; or on expiration of the current license; and due every three years thereafter.

**Section 2. New Section 6.12.03.01. Cats at Large.**

A. Any cat at large outside of the cat owner's home or yard is subject to being detained by Gentry Animal Control, Police or other City Personnel (collectively the "City"). During the period of such City detention, the detained cat may be subject to universal marking by methods including a "tipped ear"; "tattooed belly"; and/or installation of a micro chip. Such detained cat may also, at the City's discretion, be subjected to such spay or neuter procedures as the City deems appropriate.

Section 3. Emergency. Licensing of dogs and control issues regarding cats are necessary to maintain the health and safety of the residents of the City of Gentry. Accordingly, the immediate effectiveness of the provisions of this Ordinance is necessary and proper for the preservation of the peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Gentry, Arkansas; and, therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED and APPROVED this 1st day of June, 2015.

Attest:

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Kevin Johnston, Mayor

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Tonya Carney, Director of Finance