BILL NO. 3-26 ORDINANCE NO. 692

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 527 AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING A LICENSE TAX FOR DOGS KEPT IN THE CITY OF NORBORNE, MISSOURI, AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CARE AND CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN SAID CITY, PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH REGULATIONS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SUCH ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAIND BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF NORBORNE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 527 of the city of Norborne, Missouri, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. No owner or family shall keep or harbor outside of the residence of such owner or family more than three (3) dogs and/or cats over three (3) months of age unless such person or persons has/have been granted a kennel license as otherwise provided within this ordinance.

SECTION 3. It shall hereafter be the duty of every person owning or in control of any dog, being and remaining in the corporate limits of the City of Norborne, Missouri to pay a tax for such dog, as provided in this ordinance; and it shall be unlawful for the owner or person in control of such dog to suffer or permit the same to be and remain within the corporate limits of the city without having paid the dog tax imposed by this ordinance, and having caused such dog to be duly registered and to wear the metallic plate hereinafter provided; any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of any infraction.

SECTION 4. The Collector of the City of Norborne, Missouri shall annually procure, at the expense of the city, such number as may be required of metallic plates of convenient size and shape to be changed every year, having cast thereon, or stamped therein, the letters D.T.P., meaning "dog tax paid", together with a serial number and the figures representing the year for which dog tax has been paid, and the collector shall also keep on hand suitable blank receipts and stubs thereto bound in book form.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or cause to be kept within the corporate limits of the City of Norborne, Missouri, any dog or cat over (3) months of age without having said animal treated for rabies and distemper and procuring a certificate of a licensed veterinarian that such animal has received the necessary vaccine to protect such animal from contracting either of such diseases. It is hereby declared a prerequisite to purchasing a license for any and all dogs under this ordinance, that the certificate of the veterinarian that such dog sought to be licensed has been so vaccinated must be presented to the City Collector or Deputy Collector before such license for such dog shall be issued.

SECTION 6. The Collector of the city of Norborne, Missouri shall deliver to each person paying the required tax on a dog one of the aforesaid metallic plates, together with one of the said receipts, properly filled out and signed by said Collector, showing the number of the license so delivered and also showing the year for which the dog tax is paid, the name and residence of the owner of the dog, and the sex color, and description of the dog on which the tax is paid, and the amount of tax paid and date of payment.

The tax imposed upon dogs with the city under this ordinance shall be ten dollars ($10.00) for every fixed male or spayed female, and fifteen dollars ($15.00) for every unfixed male or unspayed female dog, payable to the Collector for the use of the city. The said amounts shall be due without notice or formality whatsoever, other than this ordinance, and no other or further levy of any such dog tax shall at any time or in any way be necessary other than as is imposed and levied and provided for by this ordinance. Dog tax, when paid, shall cover a period to May 1st following date of Payment

SECTION 7. At the time of issuing to any person paying the dog tax the receipt hereinbefore mentioned, the collector shall record upon the stub of such receipt a complete memorandum and copy of all items, dates, amounts and particulars mentioned contained in such receipts. The said stub book shall be preserved by the Collector and he/she shall account for all moneys therein noted or reported.

SECTION 8. Any dog or cat that unreasonably annoys humans, endangers the life or health of other animals or persons, or substantially interferes with the rights or health of other animals or persons, or substantially interferes with the rights of citizens, other than such animal's owner(s), to enjoy life or property are declared to be public nuisance animal. The term "public nuisance animal" shall mean and include, but is not limited to, any such dog or cat that:

a. Damages the person or property of anyone other than its owner;
b. Molests or intimidates pedestrians or passersby;
c. Chases vehicles, whether motorized or unmotorized;
d. Excessively makes disturbing noises, including but not limited to, continued howling, barking, whining or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance or discomfort to neighbors or other in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored;
e. Causes fouling of the air by odor and thereby creates unreasonable annoyance or discomfort to neighbors and other in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored;
f. Causes unsanitary conditions in enclosures or surroundings where the animal is kept or harbored;
g. Is offensive or potentially dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare by virtue of the number and/or types of animals maintained; or
h. Attacks other domestic animals

Any person who owns or keeps at anytime within the limits of the City any dog or cat hereby declared to be a public nuisance shall fail, neglect or refuse to abate such nuisance within five (5) days after notice thereof shall be deemed guilty of maintaining a public nuisance.

Any animal found to be a public nuisance may be impounded and disposed of as otherwise provided in this ordinance, but any such animal impounded for being a public nuisance may not be redeemed unless such redemption is authorized by any court having jurisdiction of such matter and upon payment of any imposed fine and the costs of such impoundment.

SECTION 9. No person owning or having a dog or cat in their possession shall allow or permit such animal to damage any lawn, garden, or other property of another, or to open damage or otherwise disturb any trash can, sack or container containing garbage or other refuse, and any violation hereof shall be deemed an infraction.

SECTION 10. The collector of the City of Norborne, Missouri, shall settle for and pay over moneys collected by said Collector under this ordinance in the same manner and in the same time that said collector accounts for other city moneys received by him/her.

SECTION 11. For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this ordinance and to enforce its provisions, any officer or agent of the City is empowered to enter upon the premises upon which a dog or cat is kept or harbored and to demand the appearance of the owner of such animal and the presentation of the license for any such dog.

SECTION 12. No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any officer or agent of the City in the performance of any duty of such officer or agent or seek the release of any animal in the custody of such officer or agent except as in this ordinance otherwise provided.

SECTION 13. Any person found guilty of any infraction for violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Dollars ($5.00) no more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) and costs.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and approval.

Read three (3) time sand duly ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Norborne, Missouri this 10 day of March, 2026.

Jacob DeMint, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Carol Stevens, City Clerk

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APPROVED by the Mayor this 10 day of March, 2026.

Jacob DeMint, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Carol Stevens, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Carol Stevens, being the duly elected, acting and constituted City Clerk of the City of Norborne, Missouri, a municipal corporation of the fourth class of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 682, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of such city, duly called, convened and held on March 10, 2026, at which time 4 of the 4 members of the Board of Aldermen were present and voting.

I do hereby further certify that said Ordinance is still in full force and effect and has not been rescinded, altered or amended as of this date.

Dated at Norborne, Missouri, this 10 day of March, 2026.

[SEAL]

Carol Stevens, City Clerk