

ORDINANCE NO. 2018- 06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, ANIMALS AND FOWL, CHAPTER 6.02, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND GENERAL POLICIES, SECTION 6.02.02 OF THE JOHNSON MUNICIPAL CODE, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the position of Animal Control Officer was previously either assigned to one or more City employees as part of their duties or appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council if it was a fulltime position;

WHEREAS, those duties, most recently, along with general enforcement of City Ordinances dealing with health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors to the City, have been handled by the Building Official/Maintenance Specialist;

WHEREAS, due to the significant increase in building which requires issuance of permits and resultant inspections, there is a current need to have a fulltime position to take those 'extra' duties off the Building Official/Maintenance Specialist; and,

WHEREAS, the new fulltime position will be involved in numerous situations where parties are directed to appear in Court; it seems best to put that position in the Police Department as non-law enforcement personnel.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS, That,

Section 1: Effective with the passage of this Ordinance, Section 6.02.02 of Title 6.02 of Title 6 of the Johnson Municipal Code shall read as follows:

"6.02.02 Animal Control Officer


There is hereby created for the City of Johnson the office of Animal Control Officer. This shall be a fulltime position consisting of animal control and enforcement of Johnson Ordinances generally dealing with health and safety, as well as elimination of unsafe, unsanitary, noxious or nuisances within the City as prohibited by the Johnson Municipal Code. The Animal Control Officer shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police. Compensation of the Animal Control Officer, all training, equipment and supplies shall be provided by line item in the budget within the Police Department budget. The Animal Control Officer shall be hired by the Chief of Police as non-law enforcement personnel. The Animal Control Officer shall have and exercise

the powers and duties delegated to him/her under Chapter 7, Policy 19 of the Johnson Police Department Policy and Standard Operating Procedure Manual and/or the Johnson Municipal Code.”

Section 2: That in all other respects Title 6, of the Johnson Municipal Code is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3: In order to provide City services to the numerous construction projects underway, several of which involve temporary and/or partial road/street interruptions, an emergency is hereby declared to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens as well as the involved construction personnel therefore this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of April, 2018.


CHRIS KEENEY, Mayor

ATTEST:


JENNIFER ALLEN, Recorder-Treasurer