

**94-O-16**  
**AN ORDINANCE**

**Amending City Code Section 9-4-8, "Impoundment Procedures"**

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** City Code Section 9-4-8 of the Evanston City Code of 2012,  
as amended ("City Code"), is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

**9-4-8. - IMPOUNDMENT PROCEDURES.**

- (A) **Disposition Of Unredeemed Animals:** Unrestrained dogs may be taken by police or the animal control officer and impounded in an animal shelter, and confined in a humane manner. Impounded animals must be kept for not less than seven (7) days unless reclaimed, upon a showing of proof of rabies inoculation by their owners. If the owner can be identified by a license tag or other means, the Animal Control Warden must immediately upon impoundment notify the owner by telephone or mail of the impoundment of the animal. Animals not claimed by their owners within seven (7) days become the property of the City of Evanston and any such animal's subsequent disposition will be in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth by the City of Evanston.
- (B) **Redemption Of Impounded Animals:** An owner reclaiming an impounded animal shall pay a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus three dollars (\$3.00) for each day that the animal has been impounded; provided, however, that where such animal is unlicensed the fee shall be increased by the cost of the license, said amount to include the issuance of a license.
- (C) **Option Of Animal Control Warden To Proceed Against Owner For Violation:** In addition to the authority granted in Subsection (A) of this Section, the Animal Control Warden, or a police officer, shall issue to any person violating any provisions of this Chapter a notice of ordinance violation. Such notice shall disclose the penalty provided by ordinance for such violation which may, at the discretion of the violator, be paid to the City Collector within ten (10) days of the issuance of said notice in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. In the event that such penalty is not paid within the ten (10) day period, a complaint may be filed in the circuit court of Cook County and upon conviction thereof the violator shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-4-20 of this Chapter.

**SECTION 2:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage.

**SECTION 4:** If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this ordinance is severable.

Introduced: December 12, 2016

Adopted: January 9, 2017

Approved:

January 11, 2016

Elizabeth B. Tisdahl  
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Rodney Greene  
Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

W. Grant Farrar  
W. Grant Farrar, Corporation Counsel