

**ORDINANCE 5.0205**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.0205 REGARDING  
RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER TO PLACE ANIMAL FOR OBSERVATION**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKER, SOUTH  
DAKOTA:**

That Section 5.0205 of the Parker City Ordinances is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

5.0205 Responsibility of Owner to Place Animal for Observation.  
When any person owning or harboring a dog, cat, or other animal has been notified that the animal has bitten or attacked any person or another animal, the owner shall within twenty-four hours place the animal under the care and observation of the animal control officer, or a licensed veterinarian for a period of not less than ten days.

At the end of the ten day observation period, the animal shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian and if cleared by the veterinarian, may be reclaimed by the owner upon paying the expenses incident thereto.

Any animal impounded or placed for observation, showing active signs of rabies, suspected of having rabies, or known to have been exposed to rabies, shall be confined under competent observation for such time as may be deemed necessary to determine a diagnosis.

No person shall knowingly harbor or keep any animal infected with rabies or any animal known to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.

Any person who shall suspect that any animal in the City is infected with rabies shall report the animal to the animal control officer, the City, or other health authority, describing the animal and giving the name and address of the owner if known.

Whenever the animal control officer, a law enforcement officer or other authorized official shall have determined that there is danger of the existence or spread of rabies in the City, such facts shall be made known to the City Council in writing. The City Council,

upon receipt of said facts, may by proclamation, in the interest of public safety and general welfare of the citizenry, order all animals muzzled when off the premises of the owner. Forty-eight hours after the proclamation is issued, all animals found off the premises of the owner unmuzzled shall be seized and impounded or may be immediately destroyed if all reasonable efforts to seize said animals fail. All animals seized and impounded shall be held for observation as hereinbefore provided for, not less than ten days, and if cleared by a licensed veterinarian, may be claimed by the owner upon paying the expenses incidental thereto. Any animal not claimed may be disposed of as hereinbefore provided.

Dated this 13 Day of April, 2020.

Ron Nelson

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ATTEST:

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