

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 47**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS FOR RABIES &  
IDENTIFICATION TAGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council recognizes the need to provide modifications, from time to time, for rules and regulations contained within the Searcy Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council through feedback from the citizens of the City of Searcy, Arkansas requesting that dog licensing no longer be required; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council finds that in light of the need to provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas to wit:

Section 1. Chapter 6 Article II, being Section 6-15 Searcy Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Section 6-15 Rabies Vaccination, and Identification Tags.

- (a) All dogs four (4) month old or older must wear a secure collar or harness and have firmly affixed a rabies tag, and an identification tag stating the owner's name, address, and phone number.
- (b) Dogs that are picked up by animal control and taken to the Searcy Animal Shelter, that do not have a rabies tag and/or an identification tag will be subject to a twenty dollar (\$20) fine.
- (c) All dogs four (4) months old or older are required to have a rabies vaccine administered by a licensed veterinarian. The owner will receive a Rabies Certificate and tag from the veterinary clinic. The Rabies Certificate should be kept by the owner of the dog and the tag should be affixed to the dogs 'collar or harness. If no tag is affixed to the collar the rabies certificate will serve as proof a current vaccination or confirmation by a veterinary clinic will be required. Should the rabies vaccine not be current, the owner will be required to purchase a twenty-five dollar (\$25) rabies vaccine voucher from the Searcy Animal Shelter when the dog is re-claimed. The voucher is redeemable at any Searcy veterinary clinic for a rabies vaccine.
- (d) Should a dog bite a person, the Searcy Animal Shelter will contact the veterinary clinic to confirm the rabies vaccination is current. If the dog does not have proof

of a current rabies vaccination, the dog will be held for a ten (10) day observation period and the owner will be responsible for a daily holding fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) per day.

(e) Rabies tags are non-transferable.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**

/s/ Mat Faulkner  
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
City Clerk