

Ordinance No. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 10
OF THE NEW TAZEWELL CODE
BOOK REGARDING THE REGULATION OF CATS AND DOGS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the New Tazewell code book sets forth regulations regarding animals in general; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-2-201 (22) authorizes the board of mayor and aldermen to define, prohibit, abate, suppress, prevent and regulate all acts, practices, conduct, businesses, occupations, callings, trades, uses of property and all other things whatsoever detrimental, or liable to be detrimental, to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience or welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality, and exercise general police powers; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-2-201 (30) authorizes the board of mayor and aldermen to Regulate, tax, license or suppress the keeping or going at large of animals within the municipality, impound them, and in default of redemption, sell or kill them; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of large numbers of animals on residential property may be detrimental to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience, or welfare of the town inhabitants or to the animals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF NEW TAZEWELL, TENNESSEE that:

SECTION 1. Section 10-107 titled “Inspections of premises” is renumbered to 10-108

SECTION 2. The new section 10-107 reads as follows:

Maximum number of animals per household. No person shall keep, lodge or maintain in excess of four dogs and/or cats over the age of six months. For the purpose of this chapter the head of the household is responsible for meeting the requirements of the maximum number of animals allowed.

Exception: If at the time this ordinance is adopted a household exceeds the maximum number of animals, the household would be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance providing: In the opinion of a health officer or police officer the number of animals are being cared for and the animals are vaccinated against rabies within sixty days of adoption of this ordinance. Further, if at any time the number of animals falls within the number of animals allowed under this ordinance then the household will be bound by this ordinance without exception.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective after final reading and publication of the caption of this ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

Signed:

Mayor

Attest:

Recorder

Passed on first reading: _____

Passed on second reading: _____