

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO ANIMALS; REPEALING BREED-SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS; REVISING LICENSING FEES; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR DOMESTIC FOWL; CLARIFYING NUISANCE STANDARDS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS:

Section 1. Section 2-704 Repealed.

Section 2-704, Restrictions on the ownership of Staffordshire Terriers and mix breeds thereof, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

All dogs, regardless of breed, shall be subject to the same licensing, vaccination, control, and nuisance provisions of this chapter.

Section 2. Section 2-506 Amended – Licensing Fees.

Section 2-506 is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

2-506. Licensing fees.

Upon receipt of an application meeting the requirements of this chapter, the city clerk or designated agent shall issue a yearly permit as follows:

- (a) Dogs – no cost per year.
- (b) Cats – no cost per year.
- (c) Horses – no cost per year.
- (d) Livestock – no cost per year.
- (e) Domestic fowl – ten dollars (\$10.00) per year per premises, covering up to twelve (12) total fowl as permitted by this chapter.

All vaccination, identification, and documentation requirements remain in effect.

Section 3. Section 2-802A Added – Chickens and Roosters.

2-802A. Chickens and Roosters.

- (a) No more than twelve (12) total domestic fowl may be kept on any residential premises.
- (b) Of the twelve (12) allowed fowl, no more than eleven (11) may be hens and one (1) may be a rooster.
- (c) All fowl shall be kept in a fully enclosed coop and run at all times. Free roaming is prohibited.
- (d) Coops and enclosed runs shall:
 - (1) Be located in the rear yard only;
 - (2) Be set back a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any neighboring dwelling;
 - (3) Be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from any property line;
 - (4) Not be located within any required utility or drainage easement;
 - (5) Be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times;

- (6) Prevent escape of fowl;
- (7) Prevent predator access;
- (8) Prevent accumulation of manure or odor detectable from adjacent property.

(e) The animal control officer or designated agent shall conduct quarterly inspections of permitted poultry premises to ensure compliance.

(f) Failure to comply shall result in written notice and reasonable time to correct prior to citation unless conditions pose immediate public health concerns.

Section 4. Section 2-101(s) Amended – Public Nuisance.

Section 2-101(s) is hereby amended to read:

Public nuisance means any animal or fowl which:

- (1) Molests passers-by or passing vehicles;
- (2) Attacks persons or other animals;
- (3) Trespasses on school grounds;
- (4) Is at large three (3) or more times within a twelve (12) month period;
- (5) Damages private or public property;
- (6) Produces barking, crowing, howling, or other vocalizations that:
 - (A) Are continuous for more than ten (10) consecutive minutes; or
 - (B) Occur intermittently for more than thirty (30) minutes within any one-hour period; and
 - (C) Are plainly audible from inside another residence with windows and doors closed; and
 - (D) Occur between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or are unreasonable in duration or intensity at any time of day;
- (7) Produces odors or unsanitary conditions detectable from adjacent property;
- (8) Is unconfined when in heat;
- (9) Deposits waste on property not belonging to the owner without immediate removal.

The standard for determining nuisance shall be that of a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities under similar circumstances.

Section 5. Section 2-802B Added – Complaint Procedure.

2-802B. Complaint Procedure for Animal Noise.

- (a) Enforcement of nuisance noise violations shall require:
 - (1) A written complaint from a resident of a separate property; and
 - (2) Verification by animal control or law enforcement.
- (b) First verified violation within a twelve (12) month period: Written warning.
- (c) Second verified violation within twelve (12) months: Citation.
- (d) Third verified violation within twelve (12) months: Court-ordered corrective action or removal.

Section 6. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.

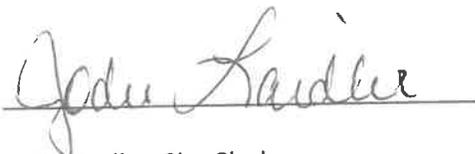
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body of the City, approval by the Mayor and publication once in the official newspaper of the City. The official newspaper of the City is the city website: www.cityofleon.org.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the governing body of the City of Leon, Kansas, on March 2, 2026, and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor on March 2, 2026



Kristina Semisch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jodie Laidler, City Clerk

