

CITY OF VON ORMY, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO: 2011-88

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF ANIMALS; ESTABLISHING A FEE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Von Ormy finds it necessary for the public safety and general welfare of the city to allow residents to voluntarily surrender animals to an Animal Control Officer of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VON ORMY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the removal of dangerous animals from the city and to reduce the incidents of animal neglect within the city, thereby promoting public safety and public health.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF DOGS

The City Marshal, a Deputy City Marshal or an Animal Control Officer of the City is hereby authorized to take possession of a dog voluntarily surrendered by the owner.

SECTION 3. EFFECT OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

The ownership of an animal voluntarily surrendered to an authorized city official is immediately transferred to the City of Von Ormy. The City may immediately take action to board, transfer, adopt or take any other lawful action.

SECTION 4. NO DUTY TO ACCEPT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

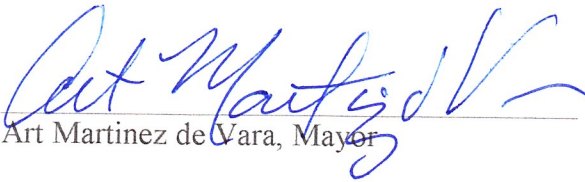
The City of Von Ormy shall have no duty to accept an animal presented for voluntary surrender. City officials may consider cost, availability of kennel space or any other consideration when determining whether to accept an animal.

SECTION 5. FEE

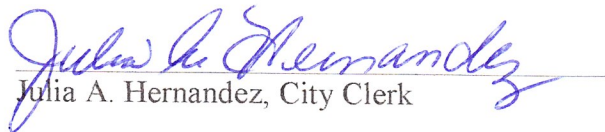
- A. The City Council of Von Ormy may establish and alter a Voluntary Surrender Fee, which shall be included in the Master Fee Schedule of the City.

- B. The Voluntary Surrender Fee should reasonably cover the costs the City incurs when it accepts an animal by voluntary surrender.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2011


Art Martinez de Vara, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julia A. Hernandez, City Clerk