

ORDINANCE NO. 1664

AN ORDINANCE ADDING PROVISIONS TO MANCHESTER MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONFINEMENT OF FEMALE DOGS IN ESTRUS (HEAT)

WHEREAS Manchester Municipal Code provides limited and vague restrictions on the confinement of female dogs in estrus (heat); and

WHEREAS the Board of Mayor and Aldermen believes it in the best interest of the City of Manchester that certain regulation be enacted to ensure the protection of female dogs in estrus (heat).

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that there be added a new Section 10-208, as follows:

“10-208 CONFINEMENT OF FEMALE DOGS IN ESTRUS (HEAT)

Every owner of a female dog is required to confine the same during the time she is in estrus (heat). The confinement required by this section shall be such that other dogs may not access the female dog except for planned breeding purposes. It is unlawful for any owner of a female dog not to so confine such dog as required by this section. This ordinance shall be construed similarly to T.C.A. 44-8-416.

Each violation of this section may be punished by a fine up to Fifty Dollars (\$50). After a third violation; the Court may Order the animal(s) seized and impounded in accordance with other provisions of this Code and State law.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that this ordinance shall take effect on and after its publication and passage, the public welfare of the City of Manchester, Tennessee requiring it.

PASSED FIRST READING: _____ Aug. 2 _____, 2022

PASSED SECOND AND FINAL READING: _____ September 6 _____, 2022

Marilyn Howard, Mayor

Bridget Anderson, Finance Director