

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 1431

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to cities and towns; requiring an
8 animal control office to respond in-person to certain
9 complaints; defining terms; and providing an
10 effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 22-115, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 22-115. A. The municipal governing body may regulate
15 or prohibit animals from running at large. Animals which are
16 running at large may be impounded and sold to discharge any costs
17 and penalties established by the governing body and the expense of
18 impounding, keeping or sale of such animals. The governing body may
19 also provide for the erection of pens, pounds, and buildings for the
20 use of the municipality, within or without the municipal limits, and
21 appoint and compensate keepers thereof, and establish and enforce
22 rules governing the pens, pounds or buildings. The governing body
23 may also regulate and provide for taxing the owners and harborers of
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1 dogs, and authorize the killing of dogs which are found at large in
2 violation of any ordinance regulating the same.

3 B. Upon any complaint received by an animal control office that
4 an animal is running at large within the incorporated city limits,
5 the animal control office shall cause an in-person response to the
6 complaint by an animal control officer or local law enforcement
7 officer. For purposes of this subsection:

8 1. "Animal control office" means any municipal animal control
9 office or municipal entity acting alone or in concert with other
10 local governmental units for enforcement of the animal control laws
11 of the city, county and state and the shelter and welfare of animals
12 in a city or town with a population of more than three hundred
13 thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census;
14 and

15 2. "Animal control officer" means any individual employed,
16 contracted with, or appointed by the animal control office for the
17 purpose of aiding the enforcement of any law or ordinance relating
18 to the licensure of animals, control of animals or seizure and
19 impoundment of animals.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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