

ORDINANCE NO. _____
Date Passed: May 9, 2016

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 14-39 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS KEPT AT RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 (Animals), Article II (Dogs and Cats) of the Rochelle Municipal Code regulates the ownership of dogs and cats within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the owning of multiple dogs and cats can be injurious to the public health of the residents and can lead to the disturbing of the peace; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interests of the City to limit the number of dogs or cats owned and kept at any one residential dwelling unit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that **Section 14-39** of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle be added to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-39. Maximum Number of Dogs and Cats.

(a) *Maximum Number of Dogs or Cats.* It is declared a nuisance and it is unlawful for any person or persons to keep or harbor more than three (3) dogs or cats or any combination thereof totaling three (3) animals, in any single lot or dwelling unit located in an area zoned residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5); provided, however, that the above limitation shall not apply for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of birth of the offspring of dogs or cats lawfully kept in a dwelling unit.

(b) *Exception.* The number limitation shall not apply to animal hospitals, clinics, and other facilities operated by a licensed veterinarian for the care and treatment of animals, or operated as a kennel.

(c) *Licensing.* Owners keeping more than three (3) such animals as of the date of passage of this Section shall be allowed to license and keep those animals for the remainder of the animals’ natural lives.”

This ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law and shall modify any inconsistent provisions in the municipal code prior to this date.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of May, 2016.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Mayor

Attested: _____
City Clerk