
THE CITY OF ASSUMPTION
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 834

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ANIMAL CONTROL, OF TITLE 5,
POLICE REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO DOGS AND CATS
AND ANIMAL SHELTERS**

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WHEREAS, the City of Assumption, Christian County, State of Illinois (“City”), is a duly organized and existing City created and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code and laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Animal Control Act, 510 ILCS 5/24, authorizes the City to regulate and control dogs, cats or other animals within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, Title 5 of the City’s Code of Ordinances (the “City Code”) sets forth the City’s Police Regulations, and Chapter 4 of that Title, entitled “Animal Control,” regulates the keeping and treatment of dogs and cats, along with other matters relating to animals within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4, Section 16 of Title 5 of the City Code limits to no more than 5 the number of dogs that an Owner can lawfully keep within the City, and restricts the location of kennels, but has no limitations upon the number of cats that can be kept by an Owner within the City; and

WHEREAS, aside from the location limitation for kennels, the City Code also does not make provision for animal shelters, animal kennels, or other facilities dedicated to keeping, caring for, or otherwise dealing in animals authorized and regulated by the Animal Welfare Act, 225 ILCS 605/1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor believe it to be in the best interest of the City to amend its City Code as set forth below in order to regulate the number of cats an Owner may keep to assure that cats do not become a nuisance within the City, and to regulate the

operation of animal care facilities, including animal shelters and kennels, and to assure that animal care facilities are operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Amending the City Code. The Assumption City Code is hereby amended by amending Title 5, Police Regulations, Chapter 4, Animal Control, Section 16, as follows (added; ~~deleted~~):

Title 5 – POLICE REGULATIONS

Chapter 4 – Animal Control

Section 16: ~~KEEPING OF NUMEROUS DOGS~~ NUMBER OF PET DOGS AND CATS AND ANIMAL CARE FACILITIES

- A. Nuisance: The keeping of an unlimited number of dogs or cats in the city for a considerable period of time detracts from and in many instances is detrimental to the healthful and comfortable life for which such areas were created. The keeping of an unlimited number of dogs or cats is, therefore, declared to be a public nuisance.
- B. Total Number Of Dogs and Cats Limited:
1. It shall be unlawful for any residence to keep more than a total of five (5) dogs and/or cats within the city, with the exception that a litter of pups or kittens or a portion of a litter may be kept for a period of time not exceeding five (5) months from birth. By way of examples, a residence with five dogs may not lawfully keep any cats, and a residence with two dogs may have no more than three cats.
 2. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any establishment wherein dogs or cats are kept for breeding, sale, sporting purposes or boarding.
- C. Kennels and Animal Shelters:
1. In the areas where kennels are permitted, no kennel shall be located closer than one hundred feet (100') to the boundary of the nearest adjacent residential lot.

2. Any Animal Shelter or Kennel located within the City must be constructed, managed, maintained and operated in full compliance with the Animal Welfare Act, 225 ILCS 605/1 et seq., and all applicable Department of Agriculture regulations relating to such facilities, and any violation of that statute or those regulations shall constitute a violation of this Chapter.

Section 3. Severability. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds this Ordinance or any provision hereof to be invalid or unenforceable as applied, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and the application thereof to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Section 4. Repeal and Savings Clause. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein shall affect any rights or causes of action which shall have accrued to the City prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED this 2 day of April, 2025 at the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
HUNTER	✓			
NELSEN	✓			
PORTER		✓		
REED		✓		
SULLIVAN	✓			
WALDEN	✓			
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DEREK PAGE, Mayor

Attest:



JANET WALLER, City Clerk