

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Adoption of the )  
Columbia County Rabies Vaccination ) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-4  
Reporting Ordinance )

The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon ordains as follows:

SECTION 1.            TITLE.

This Ordinance, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, shall be known as Ordinance No. 2013-4 and the "Columbia County Rabies Vaccination Reporting Ordinance."

SECTION 2.            AUTHORITY.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to ORS 203.035, ORS 203.065, ORS 433.375, ORS 609.015, and ORS 609.100.

SECTION 3.            HISTORY.

This Ordinance, formerly numbered Ordinance No. 2012-1, first came before the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing on March 7, 2012. Notice of that hearing was published in the *South County Spotlight*, *St. Helens Chronicle*, *Clatskanie Chief*, *Independent*, and *Longview Daily*. The Board held a second hearing on the matter on April 12, 2012 to encourage public participation and input. The Board then tabled the Ordinance 2012-1 for future consideration. At the request of the Columbia County Sheriff, the Board is now reconsidering Ordinance No. 2012-1, which it has renumbered as Ordinance No. 2013-4. Ordinance No. 2013-4, is virtually identical to Ordinance No. 2012-1.

SECTION 4.            PURPOSE.

By requiring the reporting of rabies vaccinations, which will increase the licensing of dogs in Columbia County, this Ordinance serves multiple purposes, such as: (1) providing identification to reunite lost pets with their owners and avoiding lengthy impoundment and/or euthanasia; (2) assuring vaccination against rabies, a disease that is highly communicable to humans; and (3) providing more complete and centrally located records for response during emergencies.

SECTION 5.            FILING OF RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE.

A.     A Veterinarian performing the vaccination of any dog in Columbia County shall

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file a copy of the vaccination certificate with the Columbia County Clerk within sixty (60) days of performing the vaccination.

- B. The vaccination certificate shall include the following information:
  - 1. Owner's name, address, and phone number;
  - 2. Description of dog (include breed, gender, color, markings, weight, age, and name);
  - 3. A statement of whether the dog is neutered or spayed;
  - 4. Date of vaccination;
  - 5. Date of vaccination expiration;
  - 6. Rabies vaccination tag number (if issued by veterinarian);
  - 7. Vaccination serial lot number; and
  - 8. Administering Veterinarian's signature, address, and license number.
- C. The Veterinarian identified on the certificate shall be responsible for filing the vaccination certificate.
- D. For the purposes of this Ordinance, "Veterinarian" means any person in Columbia County who is authorized under Oregon law to perform rabies vaccination.

SECTION 6.            ENFORCEMENT

- A. Failure to comply with this Ordinance shall be a violation enforceable under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance. Violators of this Ordinance are subject to the penalties provided in the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance.
- B. Pursuant to Section 11 of the Enforcement Ordinance, the Columbia County Animal Control Officer and any other person that the Board specifically approves are authorized to issue citations under this Ordinance.

SECTION 7.            SCOPE.

This Ordinance shall apply throughout the unincorporated areas of Columbia County, and shall also apply within those consenting cities located in Columbia County as allowed by law.

SECTION 8.            SEVERABILITY.

If for any reason any court of competent jurisdiction holds any portion of this Ordinance

to be invalid, and such holding is upheld on any appeal, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion. Any such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 9.            SCRIVENER'S ERRORS.

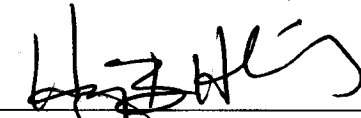
Any scrivener's errors in this Ordinance may be corrected by order of the Board of County Commissioners.

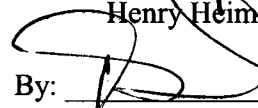
SECTION 10.        ADOPTION.

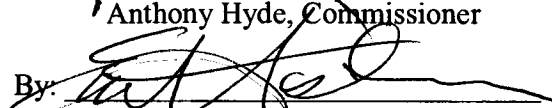
The "Columbia County Rabies Vaccination Reporting Ordinance" is hereby adopted.

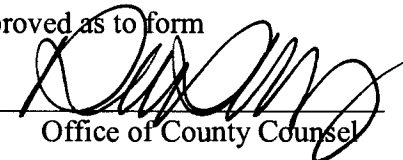
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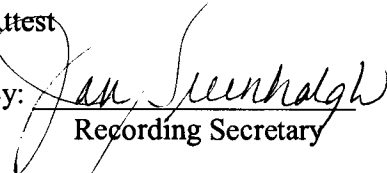
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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First Reading:     10-30-13  
Second Reading:   11-13-13  
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