

**Village of Point Venture**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF POINT VENTURE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE VILLAGE OF POINT VENTURE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION OF DOGS; AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF POINT VENTURE FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, SAVINGS, PUBLICATION AND CODIFICATION; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture (“Village Council”) seeks to provide for the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 51.001 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Village of Point Venture may adopt and amend ordinances for the good government, peace and order of the Village, as necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 826.031 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the governing body of a municipality may adopt an ordinance requiring the registration of each dog within the jurisdiction of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 826.015 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the governing body of a municipality may adopt an ordinance establishing a local rabies control program in the municipality and may set local standards regarding same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council has previously adopted regulations governing animals, as codified in Chapter 3 of the Village of Point Venture Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Point Venture has previously adopted certain fees associated with the registration of dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture desires to revise such fees to ensure the cost to the Village for providing the service associated with the fees bear a reasonable relationship to the established fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture finds that the fees, as

amended, bear a reasonable relation to the cost involved in the registration obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council finds the amendment of dog registration and vaccination regulations is necessary for the good government, peace and order of the Village.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF POINT VENTURE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. Findings of Fact.** All of the above recitals and premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture, Texas and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2. Ordinance Amendment.** The Code of Ordinances of the Village of Point Venture, Texas is hereby amended by deleting Section 3.01.005 of Chapter 3 thereof and substituting therefor a new Section 3.01.005 of Chapter 3 as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

**SECTION 3. Fee Schedule Amendment.** Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Point Venture, Texas is hereby amended by deleting sections A2.001 thereof and substituting therefor new section A2.001 as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto.

**SECTION 4. Repeal.** All provisions of the ordinances of the Village of Point Venture in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the Village of Point Venture not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. Severability.** Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of any remaining provision of the Code of Ordinances or the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

**SECTION 6. Savings.** All rights and remedies of the Village of Point Venture are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**SECTION 7. Publication and Codification.** The Village Secretary of the Village of Point Venture is hereby directed to publish the Caption, Penalty and Effective Date of this Ordinance as required by Section 52.011 of the Texas Local Government Code. The Village Secretary is further directed to have this Ordinance codified at the next available codification update.

**SECTION 8. Open Meeting.** The Village Council of the Village of Point Venture hereby finds and determines that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

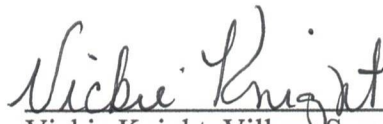
**SECTION 9. Penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this Ordinance, and any person violating or failing to comply with any provision hereof shall be fined, upon conviction, in an amount not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), in accordance with the enforcement and penalty provisions, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed each day or part of a day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. Further, if the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture determines that a violation of this Ordinance creates a threat to the public safety, the Village may bring suit in the District Court to enjoin such violation and may exercise all available remedies as allowed by law.


**SECTION 10. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.



**ATTEST:**

  
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Vickie Knight, Village Secretary

  
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Justin Hamilton, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Caroline Kelley, Village Attorney

**Exhibit A**

**VILLAGE OF POINT VENTURE, TEXAS  
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

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**CHAPTER 3 ANIMAL CONTROL**

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**ARTICLE 3.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**3.01.005 Registration And Vaccination Of Dogs**

(a) Registration of dogs.

(1) Registration requirement. The owner of a dog or a person caring for or harboring a dog over the age of four (4) months which resides in the village for a period of thirty (30) days or more shall register such dog with the village.

(2) Registration process and certificate.

(A) Any person registering a dog shall submit an application, a photograph of such dog, and proof of current rabies vaccination and shall pay the registration fee as determined by the council.

(B) Upon submission of a complete application, the village shall issue a registration certificate to applicant. Such certificate shall be valid for the life of the dog, subject to the change of ownership requirements provided for in this chapter.

(C) Each registration certificate shall state the following:

(i) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner or care provider of the dog;

(ii) The name, address, and telephone number of an alternate person responsible for the dog (if requested by the applicant);

(iii) A description of the dog for which the registration is issued;

(iv) The name of the dog for which the registration is issued; and

(v) The number of the tag issued for the dog.

(D) The registrant shall be required to submit to the village an updated photograph if there is a significant change in the dog's appearance.

(E) The registrant shall be required to submit to the village updated proof of current rabies vaccination within thirty (30) days of expiration of prior rabies vaccination.

(3) Registration tag.

(A) The village shall provide a registration tag to the applicant for each dog the village registers.

(B) The applicant shall ensure the dog has its registration tag affixed to the dog's collar at all times the dog is not located inside a dwelling.

(C) If the registration tag is lost or destroyed, the owner of, or the person caring for or harboring, the registered dog shall apply to the village for a new tag by presenting the dog's registration certificate and paying the fee as determined by the council.

(4) Change of ownership of dog. Within thirty (30) days of any change in ownership of a registered dog under this section, the new owner shall transfer the dog's registration certificate to the new owner's name by submitting a registration application and paying the fee as determined by council.

(5) Control of visitors' dogs. Nonresident workers, service personnel or visitors entering the village shall obtain permission from the owner or person in control of property before permitting a dog to enter upon such property. Such workers, personnel, or visitors shall ensure that their dogs have up-to-date rabies vaccinations and current rabies tags and shall keep their dogs physically restrained to the premises or under direct physical control when working, performing a service or visiting.

(b) Rabies vaccination requirements.

(1) The owner of a dog or a person caring for or harboring a dog within the village limits shall have such dog vaccinated against rabies before the dog is four (4) months of age and revaccinated once every year for a one-year vaccine and once every three years for a three-year vaccine.

(2) The owner of, or person caring for or harboring, a dog of four (4) months of age or older within the village limits shall maintain a vaccination certificate issued by a veterinarian evidencing the status of the dog's rabies vaccination.

(3) The owner of, or person caring for or harboring, a dog of four (4) months of age or older residing within the village for a period of thirty (30) days or more shall ensure the dog has its vaccination tag affixed to the dog's collar at all times the dog is not located inside a dwelling.

**Exhibit B**

**VILLAGE OF POINT VENTURE, TEXAS  
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**APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE**

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**ARTICLE A2.000 ANIMALS**

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**A2.001 Registration Fee**

(a) Lifetime registration fee:	\$5.00
(b) Registration tag replacement fee:	\$5.00
(c) Change in ownership fee:	\$5.00