

CITY OF REDDING
REPORT TO ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS BOARD

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2019 ITEM NO. Item #1	FROM: Janelle Galbraith, Management Assistant to the City Manager
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SUBJECT: Item # 1--Unlicensed Canine, Respondent: Jennina Johansen	

Recommendation

Deny the appeal and uphold Administrative Citation A-3550, affirming the fine amount of \$50 as established by City Council resolution.

Appellant:

**Jennina Johansen
3665 Echo Road
Redding, CA 96002**

Citation:

#A-3550

Location of Violation:

3665 Echo Road

Violations Alleged:

- 1. Redding Municipal Code 7.12.030 (B) (License)**
 - B. Any person owning or having custody or control of one or more dogs shall pay an administrative fee for the licensing of each dog over the age of four months in accordance with the fee schedule established by resolution of the city council.

Background and History

On August 14, 2019, Officer Heather Hughett of the City of Redding Animal Care and Regulations Department was given a list of delinquent dog licenses for residents in the City. The dog license obtained by Jennina Johansen expired on March 18, 2019. The dog in question is an 8-year old white Maltese mix named Patokey. The license expired and was not renewed within the 30-day grace period; therefore, Officer Hughett issued Citation No. A-3550 for one count of violation of RMC 7.12.030 Unlicensed Canine to Ms. Johansen for the expired dog license.

Ms. Johansen paid for the license on November 2, 2018, when Patokey was impounded as a stray. When Ms. Johansen retrieved her dog, she paid the impounding and boarding fees along with the cost associated for a temporary dog license. She was notified at that time by Haven Humane personnel that the license would need to be renewed in March 2019, even though her rabies vaccine expired in March 2020.

On September 4, 2019, Jennina Johansen submitted a Request for Hearing to appeal Administrative Citation No. A-3550 and paid the citation in full. Ms. Johansen claims Haven Humane unfairly voided her license early because she did not purchase her rabies vaccine from them. The attached receipt clearly states that the license she paid for expired March 18, 2019.

The City of Redding Animal Care and Regulation Citation Narrative prepared by Officer Hughett is attached, and pursuant to RMC §1.13.160 (B), “The administrative citation and any additional report submitted by the enforcement officer shall constitute prima facie evidence of the respective facts contained in those documents.”

Conclusion

Jennina Johansen is the owner of the animal in question and is the responsible party in this instance. By law, dog owners are required to purchase a license. As such, staff recommends that the citation for violation of RMC § 7.12.030 Unlicensed (one count) be upheld.

c: Captain Catie Huff, Animal Regulation

Attachments

Citation, Hearing Request, and Deposit Receipt
Notice of Hearing and Declaration of Service
Haven Humane Supporting Evidence