

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO VICIOUS DOGS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT AND DESTRUCTION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person within the City Limits of The City of Wathena to keep, own or harbor any dog that is vicious or has been known to attack, chase or bite any person or persons, unless such person shall keep such dog securely fastened and tied so that he cannot reach any person off the premises of the person so keeping or harboring said dog or shall keep said dog in an enclosure securely fenced so that said dog cannot escape therefrom.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the City Marshall, Deputy Marshall or other peace officer employed by said City of Wathena to take up and impound and provide food and water for any vicious dog which has reportedly bitten, attacked or chased any person or persons.

SECTION 3. Any dog so impounded as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be kept impounded for a period of five (5) days or until claimed by its owner or harborer, whichever time is lesser; provided, however, if any dog so impounded is not claimed within five (5) days after being impounded, such dog shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the police officers of the City of Wathena and, provided further, if any dog so taken up under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be displaying a dog license for the current year, then the owner of such dog, as shown by the records of the City Clerk, shall be notified, in writing, by the City Marshall at least twenty-four (24) hours before such dog is destroyed. Before possession of any such impounded dog shall be relinquished by the City, the owner or harborer of such dog shall pay to said City of Wathena, as a charge for keeping said dog, a fee of \$1.50 per day for each day or part of a day that said dog is impounded.

SECTION 4. Any person violating Section 1 of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in THE WATHENA TIMES, the official city paper.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 3rd day of September, 1968.

Laurence Ramsel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Raymond Kirschbaum, City Clerk