

ORDINANCE NO. 355

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND PRESCRIBING A PROCEDURE THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS AND PRESCRIBING A PROCEDURE THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR AN IMPOUNDMENT FACILITY, IMPOSING AND LEVYING AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN TAXES, FEES AND OTHER COSTS, CREATING AND DEFINING CERTAIN MISDEMEANORS AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR CONVICTION THEREOF, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES 246 AND 262 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATHENA IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. When used in this Ordinance:

- a. "Person" means an individual, public or private corporation, government, partnership, or unincorporated association.
- b. "Owner" means any person who has, or claims to have, any interest or ownership in any dog located within the City.
- c. "Harborer" means any person who shall permit or allow any dog to be or remain upon or within or be given food or fed upon or within any part of any real estate within the City, either business or residential, which such Person owns, leases, rents or otherwise possesses or controls for a period of more than three (3) consecutive days.
- d. "City" means the City of Wathena, Kansas, the Governing Body thereof, and all real property situate within the corporate limits of said City.
- e. "Enforcing Officer" means the duly appointed, qualified and acting Marshal - Chief of Police of the City of Wathena, Kansas, and all persons appointed and designated by such City Marshal to assist him in administering the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the said Marshal - Chief of Police shall be solely responsible for collecting, accounting for and remitting all taxes, fees, costs and other monies herein levied and provided for.
- f. "Vaccination" and "Vaccinated" each mean inoculation or vaccination of a dog for rabies by a licensed and registered veterinarian with an anti-rabies vaccine which has been approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

- g. "Certificate of Vaccination" means the certificate issued by a registered and licensed veterinarian showing that a dog for whom a license is applied for under this Ordinance has had a vaccination which will remain effective for the entire period of time involved under the license applied for.
- h. "Running at Large" means any dog that: (i) is not confined in or by a building, fence or cage or within a vehicle, or (ii) is not restrained by means of a lead, leash, rope, chain or cord held by the animal's Owner or Harborer or a designee thereof, or (iii) is not securely tied, fastened and restrained by a rope, chain or cord of a type sufficient to retain the animal within the Owner's or Harborer's premises.
- i. "Kennel Dog" means any dog which is bred, trained, boarded or kept at any business or establishment within the City which breeds, trains, boards, keeps or otherwise cares for the dogs of other Persons as a business and for a charge or fee, provided, however, that the owner or operator of the kennel at which any such dog is kept shall have been duly registered and approved by the City as a kennel under this definition as a condition precedent to harboring any "Kennel Dogs".
- j. "Visiting Dog" means any dog temporarily in the City accompanied by its Owner or Harborer who is a non-resident of the City, provided, however, that a dog visiting in the City for more than Ten (10) days shall be subject to registration and licensing as herein required.
- k. "In Heat Dog" means any female dog during its regularly recurrent period of ovulation and sexual excitement technically known as estrus.
- l. "Vicious Dog" means any dog which possesses fierce, dangerous, mean, ill tempered or vicious propensities.
- m. "Nuisance Dog" means any dog which annoys or causes trouble or vexation or that works harm, inconvenience or damage or which interferes with the personal or property rights of persons and the enjoyment thereof and such term includes, but is not limited to, dogs which engage in any one of the following: (i) excessive, continuous or untimely barking, (ii) molesting or interfering with passersby, (iii) chasing vehicles, (iv) attacking other domestic

animals, (v) trespassing upon private or public property in such manner as to damage such property.

- n. "Restricted Dog" means any "Kennel Dog", "Visiting Dog", "In Heat Dog", "Nuisance Dog" or "Vicious Dog", as such terms are herein defined.
- o. "Unlicensed Dog" means any dog which is required to be registered and licensed under the provisions of this Ordinance and which is not currently so registered and licensed. The presumption shall exist that any dog not displaying and carrying a metallic tag as required by Section 6 of this Ordinance is an "Unlicensed Dog" as herein defined, provided, however, that such presumption may be overcome by the Owner or Harboring of such dog upon timely presentation to the Enforcing Officer of proper evidence of such ownership and current registration and licensing.

SECTION 2. HARBORING AN UNLICENSED DOG. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, no Owner or Harboring shall own or harbor any dog over three (3) months of age within the City without first having said dog registered and licensed as required under this Ordinance.

(b) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a Kennel Dog or a Visiting Dog.

(c) Owning or harboring an unlicensed dog in violation of (a) above is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. ANNUAL TAX IMPOSED, REGISTRATION AND LICENSE REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS THEREFROM. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) below, the Owner or Harboring of any dog within the City shall annually register such dog with the Enforcing Officer, secure a dog license therefor and pay an annual tax upon each such dog which tax is hereby imposed as follows:

(i) Four Dollars (\$4.00) for each male dog or spayed female dog.

(ii) Six Dollars (\$6.00) for each unspayed female dog.

(b) The provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Section shall not apply to any Visiting Dog or to any Kennel Dog or to any dog under the age of three (3) months.

SECTION 4. LICENSING PERIOD; DUE DATE; INCREASED TAX, WHEN. (a) The annual registration, tax and licensing period provided for hereunder shall commence on May first of each year and shall end on April 30th of the following year.

(b) The Owner or Harboring of each and every dog within the City which is subject to registration, licensing and payment of tax under the provisions of Section 3 above shall register and license such dog and pay such tax at the following times:

(i) Between May first and 15th of each year in the case of all dogs located within the City on the May first date for registering.

(ii) Within ten days after a dog becomes subject to registration, licensing and tax in all cases where:

1. The dog attains the age of three months after the May first commencement date of the licensing period, or,
2. A visiting Dog becomes subject to tax and licensing, or,
3. A dog is brought into the City after the May first commencement date of the licensing period.

(c) In the event the tax imposed and required to be paid by Section 3 above is not paid within the time required under subsection (b) of this Section, such tax shall be and the same is hereby increased Fifty Cents (50¢) per month for each calendar month or part thereof that such tax remains unpaid.

(d) The full amount of the tax imposed under this Ordinance shall be due and payable notwithstanding the fact the dog for which the tax is owed may not have been within the City or subject to registration and tax for the full twelve month licensing period involved and there shall be no proration of any tax imposed hereunder.

SECTION 5. PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND PAYMENT OF TAX.

(a) At the time provided in Section 4 above the Owner or Harboring of each and every dog within the City required to be registered and licensed under the provisions of this Ordinance shall make application to the Enforcing Officer for such registration and licensing. Such application shall be made on a form provided by the City and the application shall contain the name and address of

the Owner or Harboring, the name, breed, color, sex, age, height and weight of the dog being licensed and registered, and such other information as the Enforcing Officer may require.

(b) Concurrent with the filing of the application provided for in subsection (a) above, the Owner or Harboring making such application shall deliver to the Enforcing Officer a Certificate of Vaccination for the dog described in the application and shall pay to the Enforcing Officer the annual dog tax for such dog as provided for in this Ordinance. In no event shall the application be approved and a license issued unless a Certificate of Vaccination shall have been issued for the dog sought to be licensed in the application and the tax paid on such dog.

(c) Upon receipt of the foregoing application, Certificate of Vaccination, and tax, the Enforcing Officer shall issue to the Owner or Harboring applying for the license a certificate of license and a metallic tag for the dog so licensed. Such metallic tag shall have stamped thereon the year of issue, the words "Wathena Dog Tax" and a number corresponding to the number on the application provided for in subparagraph (a) above and the same shall be affixed at all times to the licensed dog and carried by such dog in the manner provided in Section six below.

SECTION 6. DOG COLLAR; DISPLAY OF TAG; DUPLICATE.

(a) The Owner or Harboring of every dog registered and licensed pursuant to this Ordinance shall provide such licensed dog with a neck collar to which the metallic dog tag issued for such dog pursuant to Section 5 (c) hereof shall be securely affixed and such Owner or Harboring shall be responsible for insuring that such tag is carried and displayed by and on the licensed dog at all times and places.

(b) In the event that the metallic tag described in this Section shall be lost, then the Owner or Harboring of the dog for whom such tag was issued shall immediately make application to the Enforcing Officer for a duplicate tag and, on presentation of a certificate of license showing that the said dog is currently registered and licensed as herein required and payment of the sum of \$1.00, the Enforcing Officer shall issue a duplicate metallic tag for such dog.

SECTION 7. IMPOUNDMENT OF UNLICENSED DOGS. The Enforcing Officer shall capture and impound every Unlicensed Dog found at any place within the City in the pound or other place of confinement provided by the City and such impounded dog shall be disposed of as provided in Section 9 below.

SECTION 8. IMPOUNDMENT OF RESTRICTED DOGS. The Enforcing Officer shall capture and impound all Restricted Dogs found Running at Large within the City in the pound or

other place of confinement provided by the City and such impounded dogs shall be disposed of as provided in Section 9 below.

SECTION 9. DISPOSITION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS; PROCEDURE FOR.

(a) Immediately upon capture and impoundment of any dog pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 hereof, the Enforcing Officer shall serve the notice of such impoundment described in subsection (c) below upon the Owner or Harboring of such dog if the identity of such Person is known to the Enforcing Officer and if such Person resides within the City. Such notice shall be served personally or by residence service.

(b) In the event that the Enforcing Officer cannot serve notice of impoundment in the manner provided in subsection (a) above, then the Enforcing Officer shall post notice of such impoundment as described in subsection (c) below in a conspicuous place in the Wathena City Hall.

(c) The notice of impoundment required under subsections (a) and (b) above shall include the following information:

- (i) The name and address of the Owner or Harboring of the impounded dog, if known,
- (ii) The date that such dog was captured and impounded,
- (iii) The breed, sex, color and approximate height, weight and age of the dog,
- (iv) Any other identifying data for the dog,
- (v) Notice that the dog will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of after a specified date which shall be not less than three (3) full days after the date of service or posting of the notice, unless reclaimed or redeemed by the Owner or Harboring thereof or, in the case of a dog having no known Owner or Harboring, by any other person, and,
- (vi) Notice that all impoundment, licensing and other fees chargeable by reason of the impoundment must be paid precedent to redeeming the dog.

(d) In the event that the impounded dog shall not be reclaimed or redeemed by any Person within the time specified in the notice of impoundment, then the Enforcing Officer, upon the expiration of the time for redemption provided for in the notice of impoundment served or posted as provided in (a) or (b) above, shall proceed to destroy or make other suitable and proper arrangements for disposition of the impounded dog.

SECTION 10. IMPOUNDMENT AND REDEMPTION COSTS. (a) As a condition precedent to the redemption of any impounded dog, the Owner, Harboring or other Person redeeming such impounded dog shall pay to the Enforcing Officer impoundment fees and other charges as follows:

- (i) An impoundment fee of \$10.00 for each Restricted Dog impounded.
- (ii) An impoundment Fee of \$5.00 for each Unlicensed Dog impounded, provided, however, that this impoundment fee shall be chargeable notwithstanding the fact that it can be shown that such Unlicensed Dog was, in fact, licensed, but was not carrying the metallic tag evidencing such licensing at the time of capture.
- (iii) A boarding fee of \$1.00 for each day or part thereof that the impounded dog is held in confinement.
- (iv) For all unlicensed dogs (i.e. dogs which do not, in fact, have a current license), the annual license tax imposed under Sections 3 and 4 above together with such other costs as may be incurred in the registration and licensing of the unlicensed dog.

(b) The impoundment and redemption costs and fees provided for in (a) above may be increased, decreased or otherwise changed or amended from time to time by resolution of the City.

(c) The impoundment and redemption costs provided for in (a) above shall be in addition to any fines which may be imposed pursuant to Section 15 below.

SECTION 11. ANIMAL BITES AND NOTICE THEREOF; QUARANTINE: FEES. (a) Whenever any animal has bitten a person, the person bitten shall immediately notify the Enforcing Officer of such fact and the Enforcing Officer shall thereupon immediately notify the County Health Officer thereof.

(b) Upon receipt of any notice pursuant to subsection (a) above, the Enforcing Officer may impound the biting animal in a veterinary hospital or other animal care facility for a period of not more than thirty (30) days within which time the County Health Officer shall determine whether or not such animal is suffering from a disease and, if not, the County Health Officer shall authorize the release of the impounded animal upon payment by the Owner or Harboring thereof of the actual cost of the boarding fees therefor, provided, however, that the County Health Officer may authorize the impoundment of any such animal on the Owner's premises if the Owner produces a rabies Vaccination Certificate showing that the biting animal has been vaccinated for rabies

within twelve (12) months prior to date of impoundment (K.S.A. Supp. 47-125).

(c) In the event that the biting animal impounded pursuant to subsection (b) above shall be found to be free from disease and in the event that the Owner or Harboring thereof shall fail and refuse to pay the boarding fee incurred during the impoundment, then the Enforcing Officer shall proceed to make disposition of the biting animal in the manner provided in Section 9 hereof.

(d) In the event that the biting animal impounded pursuant to subsection (b) above shall be found to be suffering from a disease, then such animal shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of, as directed by the County Health Officer.

SECTION 12. IMPOUNDMENT FACILITY. The City may furnish and provide an impoundment facility within the City for the impoundment, care and disposition of all dogs and other animals impounded pursuant to this Ordinance or the City may contract with any veterinary hospital or animal care facility, shelter or pound, within or without the State of Kansas, either public or private, for the impoundment, care and disposition of animals impounded pursuant to this Ordinance as the City shall, by resolution and contract, from time to time determine and provide.

SECTION 13. PERMITTING A RESTRICTED DOG TO RUN AT LARGE.

(a) No Owner or Harboring shall permit any Restricted Dog to Run at Large within the City.

(b) Permitting a Restricted Dog to Run at Large in violation of (a) above is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 14. REMITTANCE OF TAXES, FEES AND OTHER COSTS.

The Enforcing Officer shall fully account and remit to the City Clerk of the City of Wathena for all taxes, fees and other costs collected by the Enforcing Officer pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance.

Repealed section by ordinance #361

SECTION 15. PENALTIES FOR MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS. (a)

Every Person convicted of a violation of Section 2 or 13 hereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(b) In addition to (a) above, any Person convicted a second time of permitting a Vicious Dog or a Nuisance Dog to Run at Large in violation of Section 13 above shall, if ordered by

the Court, be subject to the further penalty of having such Vicious Dog or Nuisance Dog ordered destroyed.

SECTION 16. REPEALER. Ordinance Numbers 246 and 262 of the City of Wathena and all other Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

15th PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor on the day of April, 1980.



Mayor

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)



City Clerk