

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF DOG LICENSES, PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF CERTAIN DOGS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

The City of Moose Lake does ordain:

Section 1. Running at Large Prohibited. No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of the city. This restriction does not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon the streets or public property when the dog is on a leash and is kept under the control of the person charged with its care.

Section 2. Licenses.

Subdivision 1. License Required. No person shall keep any dog within the city without securing an annual license therefor from the clerk, who shall keep a record of all licenses issued and shall issue a metal tag for each license.

Subdivision 2. License Fees; Expiration. The annual license fee shall be \$1.00 for each dog. Every license shall expire on the last day of December next following its issuance.

Subdivision 3. Rabies Vaccination. Every application for a license shall be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog had been vaccinated for rabies within two years prior to the expiration of the license applied for.

Subdivision 4. Affixing Tag. The owner shall permanently affix the tag to the collar of the dog so licensed in such a manner that the tag may be easily seen. The owner shall see that the tag is constantly worn by the dog.

Section 3. Dog Nuisances. The owner or custodian of any dog shall prevent the dog from committing in the city any act which constitutes a nuisance. It is a nuisance for any dog to habitually or frequently bark or cry at night, to frequent school grounds, parks, or public beaches, to chase vehicles, to molest or annoy any person away from the property of his owner or custodian, or to damage, defile, or destroy public or private property. Failure of the owner or custodian of a dog to prevent the dog from committing such a nuisance is a violation of this ordinance.

Section 4. Confinement of Certain Dogs. Every female dog in heat shall be confined in a building or other secure enclosure in such a manner that it cannot come into contact with another dog, except for planned breeding.

Section 5. Quarantine of Certain Dogs. Any dog which bites a person shall be quarantined for such time as may be directed by the city health officer. During quarantine the animal shall be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animal. At the discretion of the health officer, the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner; however, if the health officer requires other confinement, the owner shall surrender the animal for the quarantine period to an animal shelter or shall, at his own expense, place it in a veterinary hospital.

Section 6. Impounding.

Subdivision 1. Police to Impound. Any dog found unlicensed or running at large contrary to the provisions of this ordinance may be impounded by the poundmaster or any police officer, who shall give notice of the impounding to the owner of such dog if known. If the owner is unknown, the officer shall post notice at the pound and at the city hall that if the dog is not claimed within five (5) days of the posting of the notice, it will be disposed of.

Subdivision 2. Redemption. Any dog may be redeemed from the pound by the owner within the time stated in the notice by the payment to the clerk of the license fee for the current year, if unpaid, together with an impounding fee of \$10.00 and a charge of \$2.00 for feeding for each day the dog is impounded.

Subdivision 3. Disposition of Unclaimed Dogs. Any dog which is not redeemed within the time specified in Subdivision 2 may be sold for not less than the amount provided in that subdivision to anyone desiring to purchase the dog if it is not requested by a licensed educational or scientific institution under Minnesota Statutes, Section 35.71. All sums received in addition to the fees fixed by Subdivision 2 shall be paid to the owner if he makes a claim within one year of the sale and furnishes satisfactory proof of ownership. Any dog which is not claimed by the owner or sold shall be painlessly killed and buried by the poundmaster.

Subdivision 4. Poundmaster. The City Council shall appoint a resident of the city or the Chief of Police to serve as poundmaster. He shall maintain the city pound and perform other duties imposed upon him by this part.

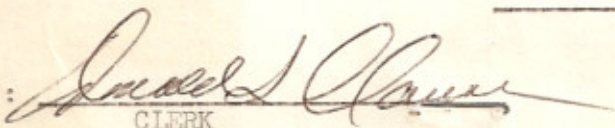
Section 7. Penalty. Any person keeping a dog without a license or allowing a dog under his control to run at large, or violating any other provision under this ordinance, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Section 8. Repeal. Ordinance No. 59 and No. 77, adopted February 3, 1964 and May 7, 1973, respectively, are hereby repealed.

Adopted by the City of Moose Lake, Minnesota, April 10, 1979.

MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK