



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas:

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1: CRUELTY. No person shall cruelly treat any animal within the City of Jonesboro in any way; any person who inhumanely beats, underfeeds, overloads, or abandons any animal shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section and shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2: DANGEROUS ANIMALS. It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous animal or vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the city; exhibitions or parades of animals which are of feared nature in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from Chief of Police.

SECTION 3: NOISES. It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animals which disturb the peace and quiet by loud, unusual or obnoxious noises at any time of the day or night.

SECTION 4: STRAYS. It shall be unlawful to permit any cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry, or any other animals of like kind, to run at large in the city. It shall further be unlawful to picket or tie any such animal in any of the streets or street right-of-ways of the City of Jonesboro for the purpose of grazing or feeding same. The owner of any such animal running at large or so picketed or tied shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section and subject to fine as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 5: KILLING DANGEROUS ANIMALS. The members of the Police Department or any other person in the City of Jonesboro are authorized to kill any dangerous animal of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property.

SECTION 6: DISEASED ANIMALS. No domestic animal afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease shall be allowed to run at large, or to be exposed in any public place whenever the health of man or beast may be effected; or shall such diseased animal be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner thereof, except under the supervision of the Chief of Police, Health Officer, or City Health Inspector.

It is hereby made the duty of the Health Officer to secure such disposition of any diseased animal and such treatment of affected premises as to prevent the communication and spread of the contagion or infection, except in cases where the State or City Veterinarian is empowered to act.

SECTION 7: HOUSING. No person shall cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean, or unwholesome, and it shall be unlawful to keep any live swine or pigs within the corporate limits of the City of Jonesboro.

ARTICLE II - DOGS

SECTION 1: LICENSE REQUIRED. No dog shall be permitted to be or remain in the City of Jonesboro without first being licensed as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2: LICENSE FEES. All dogs immediately upon becoming three months of age shall be registered with the City Collector as to sex, breed, name and address of the owner and name of dog. All older dogs kept in the City of Jonesboro shall be registered with the City Collector each year from January 1st through February 16th. At the time of such registration such owner shall obtain a license for such dog and shall pay to the City Collector a fee of \$2.00 for each dog. At the time of such registration such owner shall present satisfactory evidence by exhibiting to the City Collector a valid certificate and metal tax showing that such dog has been duly vaccinated for rabies for the year for which such license is to be issued. The license for such dog shall be good from January 1st to the 31st day of December for the years in which same shall be issued. It shall be the duty of said owner to cause such license tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times during the license period.

SECTION 3: VACCINATION REQUIRED. All dogs from two months of age kept in the City of Jonesboro shall be vaccinated at least once a year against rabies, and it is made the duty of all owners of dogs, or persons having the possession or control of dogs within the city to have such animals vaccinated with vaccine against rabies in an amount, quantity and quality to be approved by the State Veterinarian. It shall be the duty of said owner or person having the control of said dog to cause such metal vaccination tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times.

SECTION 4: DANGEROUS DOGS. No vicious, dangerous, ferocious or dog sick with or liable to communicate rabies or other contagious or infectious diseases shall be permitted to run at large in the city.

SECTION 5: RUNNING AT LARGE. No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Jonesboro between the first day of April and the first day of May of each year, and further between the first day of September and the first day of October of each year, and no vicious, dangerous or ferocious dog or female dog in season (in heat) shall be permitted to run at large at any time.

SECTION 6: DISTURBING THE PEACE. No person owning any dog or person having control of any dog shall suffer or permit such dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by barking, making other loud or unusual noises, or by running through or across cultivated gardens.

SECTION 7: NUISANCES. Any dog found in the city either without a license or without being vaccinated or running at large under conditions set forth above is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be impounded as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 8: DUTIES OF POUNDKEEPER. The pound-keeper is hereby charged with the duty of impounding all dogs running at large in violation of the provisions of this article, or without a license or being vaccinated as herein provided.

SECTION 9: FEES FOR IMPOUNDING AND KEEPING. The fees and charges for the taking up, pounding, and keeping and disposing of impounded animals are hereby fixed as follows: \$1.00 for the picking up and impounding of said animal; and in addition thereto a fee or charge of \$1.00 for each day, or portion of a day, that said animal is impounded. The fees or charges herein fixed shall be in addition to any fine or bond forfeiture in lieu of fine which may be assessed against the owner of such animal for violation of any provision or provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 10: DOGS IMPOUNDED - HOW REDEEMED. The owner of any dogs impounded hereunder may redeem the same by paying all of the costs, charges and penalties assessed, if any, that have accrued up to the time of making the redemption, and shall pay the license fee and have such dog vaccinated as herein required, if said dog has not already been licensed and vaccinated, and when the same are paid to said pound-keeper it shall be his duty, and he shall release the dog from said pound and deliver him to the owner thereof.

SECTION 11: PUBLIC NOTICE. Immediately after impounding any dog hereunder, it shall be the duty of the pound-keeper to enter upon the records of the pound in a book, to be kept by him for such purpose, the date of impounding, a description of the dog impounded, and a record as to whether or not such dog has been licensed and tagged as required by the ordinances of said city. Said pound book shall be open to the public of the inspection of any interested party.

SECTION 12: DOGS DESTROYED IF NOT REDEEMED. Any dog which is impounded and not redeemed by the owner thereof within 72 hours after impounding of such dog shall be and he is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The pound-keeper shall immediately there after kill or destroy such dog.

SECTION 13: LICENSED DOGS IMPOUNDED. It shall be the duty of the pound-keeper to mail a postcard or letter in the regular mail giving notice to the registered owner of any licensed dog impounded under the provisions of this article. Any licensed dog shall not be killed or destroyed as provided hereinabove until 4 days after the mailing of such notice to the registered owner at the address given at the time such dog was registered.

SECTION 14: DOG BITES. Whatever any dog bites a person, such person and the owner of said dog shall immediately notify the Chief of Police who shall order the dog held on the owner's premises or shall have it impounded for a period of two weeks at the expense of the owner. The dog shall be examined immediately after it has bitten anyone and again at the end of the two week period. It shall be the duty of said owner to cause a licensed veterinarian to examine said dog at the time of the bite and again at the end of the two week period, and if at the end of said two weeks such veterinarian is convinced that the dog is then free from rabies the dog shall be released from quarantine or from the pound as the case may be. If the dog dies in the meanwhile its head shall be sent to the State Board of Health for examination for rabies, the expense of sending said head to State Board of Health to be paid by owner where known.

SECTION 15: PENALTY. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, either Article 1 or 11, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$100.00 for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 16: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 17th day of March 1958.