

ORDINANCE NO. 94

ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS
AND CATS FOR THE CITY OF HOKAH

SECTION I. RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED. No dog or cat shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of the City. This restriction does not prohibit the appearance of any dog or cat upon any street or public property when the dog or cat is on a leash and is kept under the control of the person charged with its care.

SECTION II. (1) LICENSE REQUIRED. No person shall keep any dog or cat within the City without securing an annual license therefore from the Clerk, who shall keep a record of all licenses issued and shall issue a metal tag for each license.

(2) LICENSE FEES AND EXPIRATION. The annual license fee shall be \$2.00 for each male dog and cat or spayed female dog or cat and \$5.00 for each unsprayed dog or cat. Every license shall expire one year from the last day of the month of its issuance.

(3) AFFIXING TAG. The owner shall permanently affix the tag to the collar of the dog or cat so licensed in such a way that the tag may be easily seen. The owner shall see that the tag is constantly worn by the dog or cat.

SECTION III. DOG NUISANCES. The owner or custodian of any dog or cat shall prevent the dog or cat from committing in the City any act which constitutes a nuisance. It is a nuisance for any dog or cat to 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 its owner or custodian; to damage, defile, or destroy public or private property. Failure of the owner or custodian of a dog or cat to prevent the dog or cat from doing such is a nuisance and a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. IMPOUNDING.

(1) POLICE TO IMPOUND. Any dog or cat found unlicensed or running at large, contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, may be impounded by the pound master or any police officer who shall give notice of the impounding to the owner of such dog or cat, if known, that if the dog or cat is not claimed within three days of the impoundment it will be disposed of.

(2) REDEMPTION. Any dog or cat may be redeemed from the pound by the owner before it is disposed of by the payment to the Clerk of the license fee for the current year, if not paid, together with the following impoundment fees:

First offense-----\$10.00
Second offense-----\$20.00
Third offense-----\$30.00

Any dog or cat which is impounded four times within one year shall be painlessly destroyed and buried by the pound master.

SECTION V, PENALTY. Any person keeping a dog or cat without a license or allowing a dog or cat under his control to run at large, or who in any other manner avoids the provisions of this ordinance, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

SECTION VI. REPEALER. The provisions of any other ordinance of the City which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby to that extent repealed, but all other provisions of such other ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon its due passage and enactment and publication according to law.

Adopted this 1st day of March, 1977.

Approved.

Mayor

Attest:
Verian Craig
City Clerk

Filed this 7th day of March 1977