ORDINANCE NO. 17  An Ordinance to prevent and regulate dogs running at large
(which was passed July 6th 1875 at a regular meeting of Trustees of Hokah and found
recorded on Page 140.
The President and Trustees of the Village of Hokah do ordain as follows.
SECTION 1.

It shall be unlawful for any person residing within the Village of Hokah to
allow any dog of which he or she may be the owner or have in his care or under his
custody or control to allow such dog to run at large within the corporate limits of said
Village until he or she shall have obtained a license as herein after provided to allow such
dog to run or be at large.
SECTION 2.

Any person who shall be guilty of violation of any of the provisions of
section one of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay a fine of Five Dollars ($5) and in case
such person upon being adjudged guilty of a violation of Section one aforesaid shall fail
or refuse to pay such fine and the costs of prosecution he shall be imprisoned in the
common jail of Houston County until such fine or costs are paid Provided such
imprisonment shall not exceed the term of thirty days nor be less than the term of twenty
days.
SECTION 3.

All licenses issued under this Ordinance shall be signed by the Village
Recorder and countersigned by the President of the Board of Trustees they shall also be
sealed with the corporate seal of the Village dated on the day they are delivered and shall
run for a term of not less than six months or more than twelve months they shall not be
assignable or transferable and shall contain the name of the owner of the dog described in
such license also the number, name, sex and color of the dog described in said license and
any license issued contrary to and not in all respects conflying with the provisions of this
section (3) shall be absolutely void.
SECTION 4.

Any person desiring to obtain a license allowing any dog around by him or
of which she may have the care or custody to run at large or be at large in said village
shall first exhibit said dog to and then pay to the Villag4 Treasurer the amount of the
license as fixed by this ordinance and take him within receipt for the same so paid he
shall then present said receipt which shall contain the name of the owner of the dog or the
person having the care or custody of the same also the name sec and color of the dog
which he seeks to have licensed to the recorder of the Village with a fee of 25 cents for
issuing the license aforesaid then upon the recorder shall issue and deliver to the person
presenting said receipt a license signed and countersigned and in all respects conflying
with the terms of Section three of this Ordinance.
SECTION 5.

Whenever any person residing within the corporate limits of the Village of
Hokah shall exhibit to the Treasurer any dog of which he may be the owner of or have the
lawful care or custody and pay or offer to pay Treasurer the license prescribe by this
ordinance thereupon the said Treasurer shall make and deliver to such person applying
therefore a written receipt specifying the sum of money paid the name of owner of the
dog or the person applying for said license and also the name sex and color of the dog so
sought to be licensed which receipt shall be properly numbered in the order in which they
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shall be issued and if any Treasurer shall issue and such receipt without payment of the
sum specified therein to himself by the person seeking said receipt then such receipt shall
be void in the hands of any person holding the same.

SECTION 6.

The recorder shall keep a record of the licenses issued by him under this
ordinance in which he shall state the name of the person applying for and to whom such
license shall have been delinened the same number, sex, color of the dog and the time for
which said license is to run and when it will expire.

SECTION 7.

Any person applying for a license under this ordinance shall pay into the
Village Treasurer for the use of said Village of Hokah before any such license or receipt
for a license is issued to him the sum of one dollar ($1) out in case the dog is a slut that is
sought to be licensed then the person applying for such license shall pay the sum of two
dollars ($2) at the time of applying for said license the owner shall exhibit such dog to the
Treasurer and shall state the name of the dog and also the name of the owner of the dog
and shall also answer all proper questions unbeding said dog he may be asked by said
Treasurer to amek the necessary receipt and shall pay said Treasurer the sum of twenty
cents ($.25) for writing of receipt and description of said dog.

SECTION 8.

It shall be lawful for and it is hereby made the duty of the Village
constable of the Village of Hokah on and after the sixth day of July A.D. 1875 to destroy
all dogs that shall be found by him running at large and unlicensed contraty to this
ordinance and in case any complaint is made to said constable that any dog is running at
large contrary to the terms of this ordinance it shall be the duty of the Constable to go and
forthwith and destroy such dog and in case any person shall allow any slut to run at large
when in heat then it shall be the duty of the Constable to kill and destroy such slut
wherever the same may be found whether licensed or not and any dog found loose off the
premises of the owner of such dog ro the premises of the person having the legal custody
of said dog shall for all the purposed of this ordinance be deemed at large and liable to be
destroyed under this act.

SECTION 9.

The Village Constable before destroying any dog found at large is licensed
and if not so licensed or if at large and licensed and liable to be destroyed under this
Ordinance he shall proceed forthough and destroy the same for which service he shall
receive the sum of fifty cents ($.50) out of the Village Treasurer to be paid out of the
funds received from licenser on dogs under this Ordinance and in case the shall fail to
discharge his duty arising under this Ordinance then he shall be liable to be fined and
punished in the same sum and in the same manner as is prescribed in Section two (2) of
this act.