ORDINANCE NO 18. An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to prevent and regulate dogs running at large. At a regular meeting of the President and Trustees of the Village of Hokah the following Ordinance was passed. 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 of or have in his care or custody or under his 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 a violation of any of the provisions of Section one (1) 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 (1) 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 fines and 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 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 noting all respects complying with the provisions of this Section Three (3) shall be absolutely void.

SECTION 4.

Any person desiring to obtain a license allowing any dog owned by him or of which he may have the care or custody to run at large or be at large within said Village: “Shall first exhibit said dog to and then pay to the Village Treasurer the amount of the license and fined by this Ordinance and take his written receipt for the sum 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, sex, and color of the dog which he seeks to have licensed) to the Recorder of the Village, then upon the Recorder shall issue and deliver to the person presenting Said receipt a license signed and countersigned and in all respects complying with the terms of Section three (3) 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 or have the lawful care of custody and pay or offer to pay said Treasurer the license prescribed by the Ordinance thereupon the said Treasurer shall deliver to such person applying therefore a written receipt specifying the sum of money so paid, the name of the 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
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which they shall be issued and if any Treasurer shall issue any 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 delivered the name, number, sex, and 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 run of Said Village of Hokah before any Said license or receipt
for a license is issued to him the sum of one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) but in care the
dog so sought to be licensed in a Bitch then the person so applying for such license shall
pay the sum of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50). At the time of applying for Said
license the owner shall exhibit such dog to the Treasurer and shall state the name of the
owner of the dog and shall also the name of the owner of the dog and shall also answer
all proper questions respecting Said dog he may be asked by said Treasurer to enable the
treasurer to make the necessary receipt.
SECTION 8.

It shall be lawful for and is hereby made the duty of the Village Constable
of the Village of Hokah on and after the twenty-seventh day of July A.D. Eighteen
hundred and seventy five (1875) to destroy all dogs found by him running at large and
unlicensed contrary to this ordinance and in care 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 forehunt and destroy such dog in case any person shall allow
any bitch to run at large when in heat then it shall be the duty of the constable to kill and
destroy such Bitch whenever the same may be found whether licensed or not and any dog
found loose off the premises of the owner of such dog or the premises having the legal
custody of said dog shall for the purpose 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 contrary
to this ordinance shall make due inquiry at the Office of the Recorder and ascertain
whether the dog found by him at large is licensed and if not so licensed or if at large and
licensed and liable to be destroyed under this ordinance shall proceed and forthough
and destroy the same for which service he shall receive the sum of fifty cents out of the
funds received from licenses an dogs under this Ordinance and in case the Constable shall
fail to discharge his duty arising under this Ordinance then he shall be liable to fined and
punished in the same sum and in the same manner as is prescribe in Section two of this
act.

This Ordinance regulating the running at large of dogs was passed ans
approves. July 15th A.D. 1875

Attest
C.W. Mark                    President
Recorder of Village of Hokah