

ORDINANCE NO. 52

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF ALL DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TURRELL, ARKANSAS, TO REGULATE AND LIMIT DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF TURRELL ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOUNDING AND DESTRUCTION OF DOGS; AND THE REGISTRATION AND KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TURRELL, ARKANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the city council of the City of Turrell, Arkansas;

Section 1. Definition of terms:

(a) ~~Dog~~ shall be intended to mean both male and female.

(b) Owner shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association, partnership or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

(c) Runnin at large. An animal shall be deemed to be running at large ~~when not~~ confined to the premises of the owner or within owner's house or other building or enclosure or restrained on the premises of the owner by leash, lead or chain sufficiently strong to prevent the dog from escaping and restricting the dog to the premises owned or under the control of the owner.

(d) Vaccination. An injection of any vaccine for rabies approved by the ~~State Veterinnrian~~ and administered by a licensed veterinarian or any other person authorized to give such injection.

(e) Bite shall mean any actual or suspected abrasion, scratch, puncture, tear, bruise, or piercing of the skin caused by any animal, which is actually or suspected of being contaminated or inoculated with saliva from the animal, directly or indirectly, regardless of the health of the animal causing such bite.

(f) Muzzle. When required by this ordinance, A muzzle shall be of appropriate material with sufficient strength to restrain the dog from biting and no such muzzle employed shall be made from any material or maintained on the dog in any manner so as to cut or injure the dog.

(g) Collector. The City clerk of the City of Turrell or his duly authorized agent.

Section 2. VICIOUS DOGS. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep within the corporate limits of the City, any vicious dog, unless said dog is muzzled or confined in a pen or tied in such manner that he can not bite garbage collector, any municipal employee, delivery men or other licensees or invitees coming on to the premises.

Section 3. LICENSE and TAGS. Effective September 1, 1971. it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, keep or harbor a dog within the corporate limits of the City, without having first registering all dogs six months of age or over with the City clerk. The license required by this section shall be free of charge. The annual registration of all dogs shall be on or before February 1st of each year and shall be effective for each succeeding calendar year. Upon receipt of the license required by this section, it shall be the duty of the City clerk to furnish the owner of the dog a license certificate for each dog so licensed. The license shall be changed each year and shall be stamped thereon, the year for which it was issued. Each owner shall be required to provide each of his dog or dogs with a collar to which a tag issued by a veterinarian must be affixed and to see that the said collar and tag are constantly worn. In case a dog license is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Clerk upon presentation of a receipt showing the license for the current year and by a payment of a \$1.00 fee for such duplicate. Dog license shall not be transferrable from one dog to another because of the death of a dog. Failure to keep such a tag on the dog's collar shall be unlawful.

Section 4. LICENSE. All dogs six months of age or over within the corporate limits of the City shall be vaccinated and licensed. Licenses may be obtained at the office of the City clerk of the City for the requirements set out above. Vaccination shall be by

a qualified veterinarian or person authorized to administer such vaccination and satisfactory proof of such vaccination must be shown to the clerk before the license shall issued.

Section 5. Confinement. Any person owning, possessing, or keeping a dog, or dogs, which are vaccinated, or unvaccinated, licensed, or unlicensed, shall confine such dog, or dogs within the premises of said owner as much as possible. No person owning, possessing, or keeping a dog, or dogs, shall allow said dog, or dogs to <sup>be</sup> continuously at large, outside an enclosure or boundary line, of the owner's or keeper's premises if said owner, or keeper, resides within the corporate limits of the city. Any citizen who resides within the incorporated city limits who has just cause for complaint concerning a dog, or dogs being allowed to run at large, or creating a hazard to the health of an individual must report and file a complaint to a police official. The owner, or keeper, of a dog, or dogs about which the complaint has been reported and filed will be notified of said complaint. The owner shall be allowed 72 hours in which to make the necessary arrangements to confine the dog, or dogs within an adequate and secure fence, or enclosure; or within a house garage, or other building, or attach and restrain to a leash, or chain attached to the dog's or dogs' collars. The leash, or chain must be attached to a substantial, stationary object in order to prevent the dog, or dogs from running at large.

Section 6. Impounding. It shall be the duty of every police officer or other designated official to apprehend any dog found running at continuously large contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, and to impound such dog in the City pound or other suitable place. The poundmaster or other designated official, upon receiving any dog, shall make a complete registry, entering the breed, color and sex of such dog and whether licensed. The owner of any licensed dog that is impounded shall be notified and the owner of any dog so impounded may reclaim such dog upon payment of all costs and charges incurred for maintenance of said dog. In addition to such charges, the owner

shall pay the sum of \$8.00 to the City of Turrell for permitting such dog to run at large and requiring the same to be impounded. All licensed dogs that are impounded shall be kept a period of six days and if at the expiration of six days after diligent effort to determine the owner of such dog and notify him of the same, if said dog has not been redeemed, it may be destroyed. All unlicensed dogs that are impounded shall be kept for a period of 48 hours and if at the expiration of the 48 hours, such dog shall not have been redeemed it may be destroyed. Any dog which appears to be suffering from rabies or affected with hydrophobia, mange or other infections or dangerous disease shall not be released but may be destroyed forthwith.

Section 7. Dogs Suspected Rabid. Any dog or dogs having rabies, or symptoms thereof or suspected of having rabies, or which has been exposed to rabies shall be confined by a leash or chain on the owners premises and shall be placed under the observation of a veterinarian at the expense of the owner, for a period of at least two(2) weeks. In the event the owner fails or refused to take such action, then the City clerk or toher designated officer is authorized to have such dog removed from the owner's premises and placed in a veterinary hospital approved by the City for the purpose of observing such dog for a period of two weeks at the expense of the owner.

It shall be unlawful for any person who has knowledge that his dog as bitten, scratched or otherwise attacked any person, or has knowledge that his dog may have rabies or may have been exposed to rabies, to refuse to comply with this section.

Section 8 Vaccination. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to keep, maintain, or allow such dog to remain on his premises unless it shall have been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian with anti-rabies vaccine, within one year preceding the date on which such dog is kept, maintained or allowed to run at large.

Section 9. Penalties. Any owner found violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine of not less than five

(25.00) nor more than twenty five (\$25.00) dollar for each such offense.

Section 10. Separability of Provision. It is the intention of the City Council that each separate provision of this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and it is further the intention of the City Council that if any of the provisions of this ordinance be declared invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 11. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 14 day of July 1971

Charlie A. A. A.  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dan Lecky Stalls  
Recorder