

ORDINANCE NO. 756

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE
CITY OF PRICHARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. When used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them by Code of Alabama 1940, Title 22, Sec. 105: (a) "Dog," (b) "Person," (c) "Owner" and (d) "Innoculation against rabies." The words "at large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner and not under control by leash, cord, chain or otherwise. The word "dog catcher" or "pound keeper" shall include all agents or assistants of the City dog catcher or city pound keeper.

Section 2. All dogs kept, harboured or maintained by their owners in the City of Prichard shall be licensed. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk of the City upon payment of a license tax of One Dollar.

Section 3. The person applying for a dog license shall not be entitled to the issuance of the license for any dog unless at the time of making such application a rabies inoculation certificate, not over one year old, covering such dog is exhibited to the City Clerk.

Section 4. When the license is issued for any dog the City Clerk shall also furnish to the applicant therefor a serially numbered tag bearing the same number and year as the license bears, which license tag shall at all times be attached to a collar or harness worn by the dog for which the license and tag are issued. In the event any license tag is lost during the year for which it was procured, the person to whom it was issued may obtain a new one by paying an issuance fee of fifty cents.

Section 5. No owner of any dog shall permit it to run at large at any time within the corporate limits of the City.

Section 6. If the owner of a dog carelessly manages the dog or permits it to go at large, and another person, without fault on his part, suffers damages thereby, such owner shall be liable for such damages.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of every Police officer of the City upon discovering any dog running at large and not wearing both a license tag and an inoculation tag to promptly notify the City dog catcher. It shall be the duty of the dog catcher, when so notified, or whenever he observes any dog running at large and not wearing both a license tag and an inoculation tag, to immediately take such dog into his possession and confine it in the City Dog Pound.

Section 8. If an impounded dog is wearing a license tag or an inoculation tag, or if its owner is known to the pound keeper, the pound keeper shall promptly give notice to such owner of the action taken with respect to such dog.

Section 9. The owner of any impounded dog may, within ^{five days} ~~forty-eight~~ hours after the impounding, redeem the dog by paying to the ~~pound~~ ^{City Clerk} the sum of \$1.50 for the impounding and twenty-five cents a day for the keep of the dog.

Section 10. In the event an impounded dog has not been licensed by the City for the then current calendar year, the ~~City Pound Keeper~~ ^{City Clerk} shall ~~collect from the owner the sum of One Dollar for the payment of a license fee and shall give to the owner or his representative a receipt for such amount.~~ The owner of the dog, upon presentation owner shall pay the City Clerk the sum of One Dollar for a dog license before the owner shall be entitled to redeem said dog.

Owner shall pay the City Clerk

~~Clerk~~

~~of such receipt to the City/License Officer, shall receive a li-~~
~~cence and a license tag for the then current calendar year. The~~
license shall not be issued, however, until the dog has received
the required rabies inoculation.

5 days Section 11. In the event an impounded dog is not redeemed within
~~forty-eight hours~~, the pound keeper may, in his discretion, sell
such dog, if the purchaser complies with all the provisions of this
ordinance, and such purchaser shall be vested with a legal title to
the dog so purchased or the pound keeper may destroy such dog in a
humane manner, allowing a local humane society to destroy the dog
if it so desires.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of every police officer and the
pound keeper to promptly kill any dog which exhibits pronounced
symptoms of rabies on any public street or other public place in
the City or its police jurisdiction or when such symptoms are ex-
hibited by any dog confined in the pound.

Section 13. The dog catcher of the City shall have the right, and
it shall be his duty, to enter any vacant lot for the purpose of
capturing any dog which is at large and not wearing both a license
tag and an inoculation tag.

Section 14. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, alter
or in any manner tamper with the license tag worn by any dog or to
interfere with any officer of the City in the enforcement of any
provisions of this ordinance.

Section 15. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance
shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than One
Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, and may in addition, be sentenced to
jail or hard labor for the City of Prichard for a period not to
exceed six (6) months.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 1958.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk