

ORDINANCE NO. 79

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANIER ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

Every person owning or keeping a dog over two months old within the limits of Ranier will, within 30 days of the official enactment of this ordinance and by April 1 of each successive year, have such dog registered, licensed, photographed, and numbered. Dogs brought in between registration dates shall be so identified within 30 days of being brought into the City of Ranier.

SECTION 2. LICENSE FEES

There shall be no fee charged for registration, since part of the intent of this ordinance is to insure that all dogs in Ranier do, in fact, belong to residents of the city of Ranier. The City Clerk will maintain a register of all dogs, their descriptions, number, and rightful owner. Owners of said dogs will be issued a duplicate card containing the information recorded in the register. A numbered tag containing the information recorded in the register. A numbered tag shall be issued and worn on the collar of all dogs so licensed.

SECTION 3. UNTAGGED DOGS

No untagged dog will be allowed to run at large within the City of Ranier. Such untagged dogs will be ordered picked up by an official hired by the city of Ranier for this purpose. Dogs picked up will be contained in an approved facility and held for a period of at least five (5) days and thereafter destroyed if unclaimed. All reasonable effort shall be made through official notices to insure that the animal may be reclaimed.

SECTION 4. RECLAIMING DOGS

Any dog reclaimed after being contained for any number of days will require the person or persons reclaiming the dog to pay all costs of picking up the dog, transportation, pound fees, or any and all charge connected to such incident. Dogs not reclaimed shall have all fees and charges paid by the City of Ranier.

SECTION 5. NUISANCE DOGS

Any dog who bites, chases, or in any way hinders the free movement of people within the City limits of Ranier will be deemed a nuisance dog. Owners of such dogs shall be notified by official letter to contain such dogs either by leash, muzzle, or whatever means necessary to comply with the intent of this section. Failure to respond to such notification will be

considered sufficient grounds to initiate a court action to correct the problem.

SECTION 6. COMPLAINTS

Complaints may be directed to the City Clerk, Mayor, or any Council member, who will verify the complaint and bring the matter before the Council. Dogs, tagged or untagged, that are allowed to run free on other than the dog owner's property and that in any way distress the property owner shall be considered valid grounds for a complaint. Submitting a complaint will require a number or description of the dog, and the owner's name if possible. The nature of the incident prompting the complaint will be carefully described so that the Council will have sufficient reason for initiating action.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES

- A. Failure to license a dog - - - - - \$20.00
- B. Failure to respond to official letter from Council - - - - - \$20.00
- C. Failure to correct a situation so ordered by the Council - - - - - \$50.00
- D. Second offense on any fine - - - - - Double Penalty

SECTION 8. RECORDS

The City Clerk shall maintain a separate and complete documentation of any complaint, any action taken, and any information pertinent to such complaint.

SECTION 9. PROSECUTION

Any action which requires prosecution will be handled by an attorney appointed by the City of Ranier.

SECTION 10. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS DOG ORDINANCE

Ordinance #41 of March 24, 1928, and Ordinance #62 of March 5, 1962, and the Amendment to Ordinance #62 of September 17, 1962, all relating to dogs, are hereby repealed.

Adopted by the Ranier City Council this 9th day of October, 1979.

/s/ Edmund C. Woods
Mayor

Attest: Christine Lukken
City Clerk