

ORDINANCE NO. 97

An Ordinance providing for the licensing of dogs, the keeping, the impounding and the disposal thereof, declaring certain dogs to be public nuisances, defining offenses, prescribing penalties, repealing Ordinance No. 3 and declaring an emergency.

Be It Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to own or keep a dog more than four months of age without a current license therefor. Each such license shall be issued in the name of the owner or person having custody of such dog, and the annual fee for such license shall be as follows:

Male and spayed female dog	\$2.00
Unspayed female dog	\$5.00

No reduction shall be made in the fee for licenses issued for less than one year. The town treasurer shall furnish with each license a metal tag of appropriate design and it shall be the duty of the owner or person having custody of such dog to attach the said tag to a collar to be provided by the said owner or custodian, and no dog shall be permitted to go abroad in any of the streets, alleys or public places within the Town of Coupeville without such collar with said metal tag affixed thereto. Anyone claiming a female dog as spayed shall display to the Town Treasurer a certificate from a duly licensed veterinarian to that effect. In the absence of such certificate, the license fee for unspayed female dogs shall be charged.

Section 2. All licenses shall be for the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the next succeeding year. Licenses shall not be transferable. In the event of any change of ownership of any dog licensed hereunder a new license fee shall be payable within thirty days from the said change of

ownership. Any license procured before the effective date thereof shall not be affected hereby.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the pound-master, who shall be such individual or agency as may be appointed by the Town Council and members of the police department to seize, kill, and properly dispose of the remains of any and all dogs running at large for which no license has been obtained or for which the license has not been renewed, or which is without a collar bearing a tag as hereinbefore provided, provided however that when a dog wearing a collar with a metal tag attached thereto as provided in this or any other ordinance of the Town of Coupeville has been taken up, the poundmaster shall notify the owner or custodian and such owner or custodian may within 72 hours of the taking up of said dog recover possession of the same upon payment of the license fee as hereafter set forth to the town treasurer, and in addition thereto to an impounding fee of \$1.50 and beginning at 1:00 o'clock A.M. of the day after impounding an additional fee of \$.50 per day or part thereof and provided further, that no dog shall be killed unless it has been kept in some suitable place for at least 72 hours except in cases as hereinafter provided. Any person claiming any impounding animal shall prove his right to the same to the satisfaction of the poundmaster.

Section 4. All sick or injured dogs shall be impounded when not in the owner's or custodians possession and may be humanely destroyed at any time after impounding at the discretion of the poundmaster.

Section 5 Any dog impounded for want of license or renewal thereof or for want₂ of a collar bearing a tag as

hereinbefore provided, not redeemed as above provided for, may, in the discretion of the poundmaster, be held for a period longer than 72 hours, and any person, upon approval of the poundmaster, may obtain such dog upon paying license fees and impounding fees as hereinbefore set forth.

Section 6. The poundmaster shall keep a record of all animals which are seized, with the description thereof dates and charges imposed and disposition of the said animal. A strict accounting of any and all fees collected by him and all such fees and all license fees, shall be paid into the current Expense Fund of the Town of Coupeville.

Section 7. Female dogs in time of heat, habitually vicious dogs, or dogs infected with rabies are declared to be public nuisances and no such dog shall be allowed to run at large at any time, whether licensed or not and any such dog running at large shall be impounded and destroyed at any time after impounding at the discretion of the poundmaster.

Section 8. The keeping or harboring of any dog whether licensed or not which by habitual howling, yelping, barking or other noise disturbs or annoys any persons or neighborhood is unlawful and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Any dog requiring a license, running at large without a collar bearing a valid license tag attached is a public nuisance and shall be impounded as hereinbefore set forth.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful to suffer or permit any dog to trespass upon private or public property so as

to damage or destroy any property or thing of value and the same is hereby declared to be a nuisance and any such dog may be impounded.

Section 10. Whenever it shall be affirmed in writing by three or more persons having separate residences or regularly employed in the neighborhood that any dog is a habitual nuisance by reason of trespassing, howling, barking or other noise, or damage to property, or viciousness, or by its actions potentially vicious or in any other manner causing undue annoyance, the poundmaster, if finding that such nuisance does exist in fact, shall serve notice upon the owner or custodian that such nuisance must be abated within 48 hours, after which the poundmaster shall determine whether such nuisance has been abated and if not such dog shall be impounded. Refusal to release to the poundmaster of any such animal shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

Section 11. It shall be unlawful to tie or tether any dog whether licensed or not on any street or public place or any unenclosed lot or premises in such manner as to permit such dog to enter any sidewalk, street, alley or other public place, or upon any adjoining lot or premises.

Section 12. That in time of war emergency, after sundown and until seven (7:00) A.M. on each day, the owner or owners of any dog shall confine such animal within doors or on leash. Any dog not so confined is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be impounded and thereafter disposed as herein prescribed.

Section 13. No person or persons shall attempt to pre-

vent or hinder any person or persons engaged in seizing, killing or disposing of any dog in conformity with this ordinance.

Section 14. Ordinance No.3 is hereby repealed

Section 15. This ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety; an emergency exists therefore, and it shall be in effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED BY the unanimous vote of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville this 8th day of June, 1954.

/s/ Elmer E. Cahoun

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ATTEST:

/s/ Lorine N. Kippen

Town Treasurer and Clerk

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