

ORDINANCE NO. 18

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A LICENSE FOR DOGS AND BITCHES WITHIN THE TOWN OF ENNIS, THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TAG THEREFOR; REQUIRING A LICENSE TAG TO BE ATTACHED TO DOGS AND BITCHES, PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDING OF DOGS AND BITCHES ON WHICH LICENSE TAX HAS NOT BEEN PAID OR FOUND WITHOUT A LICENSE TAG ATTACHED TO THE NECK THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDING, NOTICE OF IMPOUNDING AND CHARGES FOR IMPOUNDING AND KEEPING IMPOUNDED AND PROVIDING FOR DESTRUCTION OF DOGS UPON FAILURE TO PAY LICENSE TAX OR UPON FAILURE TO KEEP LICENSE TAG ATTACHED TO DOG

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ennis:

1. All dogs kept in the Town of Ennis shall be registered as to sex, breed, name and address of owner and name of dog. At the time of registration such owner shall obtain a license tag for such dog and shall pay a license tax of \$ 2.50 for each male dog and \$ 5.00 for each bitch. It shall be the duty of said owner to cause the license tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times during the license period.

2. If any dog or bitch be found running at large, the owner or owners of which have failed or refused to pay the license as aforesaid or if any dog or bitch be found in the Town upon the public streets thereof or on property other than that of its owner without a dog license attached to the neck thereof, every such dog or bitch shall be taken by the town marshal and impounded, and if the owner does not claim such dog or bitch within three days after such impounding, and pay the marshal the sum of \$ 1.00 for each and every day such dog or bitch shall have been impounded, in addition to the tax above mentioned, at the expiration of said three days the marshal shall take such dog or bitch to some convenient place without the limits of the town and at once kill by shooting such dog or bitch, and the town marshal shall receive for his services on killing every such animal the sum of \$ 2.50 from the town.

3. It shall be the duty of the town marshal to give each and every person who is the owner of such impounded dog or bitch as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance at least 24 hours notice of the impounding of his or her dog or bitch before he shall kill the same.

4. The license tax specified in Section 1 hereinbefore set forth shall hereafter become due and payable at any time when there shall be found within the Town of Ennis any dog or bitch upon which such tax has not been paid, and if such tax be not paid within ten days after demand therefor shall be made by the town marshal upon the owner or owners thereof, the town marshal shall take such dog or bitch and proceed in all respects as provided in Sections 2 and 3 hereinbefore set forth and receive the same fee therefor. All dog taxes shall become due and payable during the month of ~~June~~ January of each and every year.

5. This ordinance shall not apply to dogs the property of non-resident owners of the Town of Ennis who habitually keep their dogs at their own residences.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 7th day
August
of ~~JUNE~~, 1961.

Chas E. M. Bauer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Harshoff
Town Clerk