

ORDINANCE NO. 36

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every resident of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, owning or in possession of a dog or dogs, to have said dog or dogs inoculated with anti-rabic vaccine, one injection method, immediately after the adoption of this Ordinance and as often thereafter as may be necessary; and the certificate of vaccination shall be presented to the Health Officer for registration immediately after vaccination. The expense of inoculating dogs against rabies shall be borne by the owners of the dogs; said inoculations to be made by such person or persons as the City shall designate.

SECTION 2. All dogs when off the premises of the owner shall be effectively muzzled. All unlicensed dogs will be impounded. For the purpose of this Ordinance an effective muzzle will be one constructed of wire or other suitable material which will enclose the dog's entire mouth.

SECTION 3. The owner of any dog caught and impounded shall be entitled to the possession of such animal upon proof of ownership and payment to the City of Alexandria of the amount of the charges required; provided, that if the dog in question has not been inoculated against rabies, the provision of this Ordinance relative to inoculation must be complied with and, provided further, if the dog is not licensed, a license must be procured. Any and all dogs which have been impounded and are not redeemed within forty-eight (48) hours after impounding will be destroyed.

SECTION 4. Vicious or dangerous dogs are not allowed within the City of Alexandria and upon proof satisfactory to the court all such dogs shall be impounded and destroyed.

SECTION 5. Any and all dogs suspected of having the rabies shall be impounded, inoculated against rabies and kept under observation for a period of time to be determined by the Health Department; all expenses in connection with the provisions of this section shall be borne by the owner or owners of said dog or dogs. The Health Officer is hereby given authority to cause to be destroyed and the head examined for rabies any dog which, in his opinion, has the rabies.

SECTION 6. If any provision or part of this Ordinance shall be found or declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of this State or of the United States, such decision shall affect the provision or part so declared invalid, and the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Any person or persons violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding thirty (30) days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 8. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Approved this 19th day of February, 1925.

W. A. SMOOT, Mayor.