

ORDINANCE NO. 13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREY CLOUD REGULATION, IMPOUNDING AND TAGGING DOGS

THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN OF GREY CLOUD, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. Licenses required.

No person shall keep any dog within the Town of Grey Cloud which dog is over the age of 7 months without securing a license therefore. Such license shall be issued by the Town Clerk who shall keep record of all licenses issued and shall issue a metal tag for each license. The annual license fee shall be \$3.00 for each dog. Licenses may be applied for between June 1 and June 14 of each year, such license shall continue in force until June 14 of the year following its issuance. In addition to the fee herein before set forth a fee of \$.50 per day shall be charged for late registration for each day or fraction thereof which elapses after the 14th day of June of each year, providing, however, that said late registration fee shall not exceed the sum of \$25.00. Any license tag issued shall be affixed to a collar worn by the dog.

Section 11. Impounding.

It shall be the duty of the poundmaster and every peace officer to impound any dog not bearing a license tag as required by Section 1. Notice of such impounding shall be given to the owner of such dog if known. If the owner is unknown, notice of such impounding shall be posted at the Town Hall together with a description of such dog and notice that if such dog is not claimed within five (5) days of the posting of such notice, such dog will be disposed of by the poundmaster. If such dog is not claimed within five (5) days of such notice of posting and all fees and charges paid, the poundmaster shall humanely dispose of such dog in any manner he sees fit with the exception that the poundmaster may not sell such dog. The poundmaster shall receive a fee for any dog disposed of, such fee to be paid by the owner if known, otherwise by the Town of Grey Cloud. An impounding fee will be charged per day for any dog held in the pound. The poundmaster shall house and feed in a humane manner any dog held at the pound. All fees will be set forth in the contract agreement between the poundmaster and the Town of Grey Cloud.

Section III. Inoculation.

All dogs in the Town of Grey Cloud over the age of six months shall be inoculated for rabies and shall be re-inoculated once every two years thereafter. Town Clerk shall not issue any license unless the person seeking such license shall display a certificate of a licensed veterinarian evidencing the required inoculation.

Section IV. Complaint.

Upon any oral or written complaint of a dog creating a nuisance, destroying property or being of a vicious character so as to cause or reasonably threaten bodily harm, the Town Board of Supervisors may order the owner to confine such dog pending a determination by the Town Board of the accuracy of such complaint. Within ten (10) days of such order, the owner may present such evidence as he desires in response to such complaint. After the expiration of such 10 day period or the appearance by the owner, the Town Board shall act upon such complaint either ordering the owner of such dog to permanently confine or dispose of such animal or rejecting the complaint or taking such other action as the Town Board may deem advisable. If the owner of any such dog is unknown, Section 11 of this Ordinance shall govern. No person shall refuse to comply with an order of the Town Board so issued. Any dog that violates its quarantine after a duly issued confinement order shall be impounded and dealt with according to Section II. of this Ordinance.

Section V. Enforcement.

This Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Town constables who may institute in the name of the Board any appropriate actions or proceedings against a violator as provided by statute and this Ordinance. However, the foregoing shall not prevent other persons from initiating such action. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation who shall violate any portion of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined a sum not to exceed \$300.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days or both. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Section VI. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the Town Board of the Town of Grey Cloud this 10th day of July, 1970.

Donald J. Setterman, Chairman

Attest: Ruth Lacina, Clerk