

ORDINANCE NO. 14

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STILWELL, OKLAHOMA, PROVIDING FOR THE IMMUNIZING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY, AGAINST RABIES; PROVIDING FOR A DOG TAX AND A PENALTY AGAINST OWNERS OF DOGS VIOLATING THIS ORDINANCE AND AGAINST OTHERS HARBORING DOGS; PROVIDING A PENALTY AGAINST VIOLATORS; AND PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION OF ESTRAY DOGS.

SECTION 1. That every dog within the City of Stilwell, Oklahoma, shall be administered anti-rabies serum once annually.

SECTION 2. Every owner of a dog, within the City of Stilwell is hereby required to pay tax of \$1.00 per annum for each male and \$1.50 for each female each calendar year, the same to be due and payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, but no certificate of tax payment shall be issued for any dog that has not been immunized against rabies.

SECTION 3. The owner of a dog, as defined by this Ordinance, means the head of the house where any dog is kept or harbored or from which said dog is permitted to roam.

SECTION 4. The dog tax referred to herein shall, for the year 1949, become due and payable in said sum on or after the passage of this Act, and, thereafter, said taxes shall fall due on January 1<sup>st</sup> for each following calendar year.

SECTION 5. The owner of a dog on which tax has been paid shall immediately provide for said dog a collar and tag indicating owner.

SECTION 6. Any owner of such dog or dogs, as defined hereinabove, who violates this Ordinance by having failed to immunize such dog against rabies or who shall fail to pay the tax herein levied shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine, and costs of not less than \$1.00, and not to exceed the sum of \$20.00, for both fine and costs.

SECTION 7. As to so-called stray dogs, within the City of Stilwell, which are defined as dogs remaining in the town from day to day, the City Marshal shall cause such dogs to be captured, placed in a pound provided for that purpose, and kept for 10 days; that an effort will be made to notify the owner of such dog, to the end that the dog may be immunized against rabies and taken out of said pound.

When such dog or dogs are impounded, notices shall be posted by the Marshal in three public places in said City; that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day thereafter said dog or dogs will, if unclaimed and the expense of the upkeep is not paid, be destroyed as humanely as possible or sold or donated to some person.

SECTION 8. It being in the interest of public health, and for the safety of the people of said City, an emergency is hereby declared, and said Ordinance is to be in full force and effect immediately after it is published.

PASSED this, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1949.

BRUCE COX  
Mayor

ATTEST: JOE H. CARSON  
City Clerk

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