

## ORDINANCE NO. 357

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE KEEPING AND HARBORING OF DOGS; PROVIDING LICENSE FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR CONTROL OF RABIES; AND REGULATING DOGS WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLDEN; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NUMBER 70, 126, 226, 281, AND 342.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms and words are herewith defined as follows:

DOG OWNERS: Every person in possession of or harboring of any dog or who shall suffer any such dog to remain about his premises for the period of ten days.

DOG: Any animal of canine species regardless of sex.

DOG, MALE: Any dog of masculine gender either castrated or not castrated.

DOG, SPAYED FEMALE: Any female dog on which an ovariectomy or ovariectomy has been performed by a licensed Veterinarian and accompanied by a certificate asserting said operation has been performed.

DOG, FEMALE: Any dog of the female gender on which no alternative surgery of the genital organs has been performed.

DOG, STRAY: Any unlicensed or licensed dog found unattached or loose anywhere within the city limits.

RABIES: A communicable disease of both wild and domestic animals transmittable to humans. As defined by "Public Health Department."

"Specific infectious disease of certain animals, especially dogs and wolves, contracted by man by direct inoculation as by bite of infected animal and due to a filtrable virus" - as defined in Dorland's Medical Dictionary.

Section 2. No dog shall be allowed to run at large in the City of Golden unless said dog is under the reasonable control of the owner. For the purpose of this ordinance a dog shall be deemed under such reasonable control: When said dog is with the owner or some member of the owner's family; or When the dog is within 1,000 feet of the premises of the owner, not with the owner or some member of the owner's family and not violating any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

For the purposes of this ordinance a dog shall be deemed not to be under reasonable control:

When such dog inflicts damage or injury to the person or property of any one other than the owner, except in the defense of the owner, his family, or his property; or,

In the case of any unspayed female dog not securely confined in the owner's yard, pen, or other enclosure, and the owner of unspayed female shall not permit such animal to be in or upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public or private ground or place unless accompanied by such owner and kept under his

or her control by means of a leash.

Section 3. The owner of any dog or dogs shall make application to the City Clerk-Treasurer for a license to own or harbor said dog or dogs. Applications for licenses filed after January 1 and before March 31st, of each year shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of 1.50 dollars for each male and spayed female dog; and a fee of 3.00 dollars for each unspayed female dog. Applications filed after March 31st of any year shall be accompanied by a fee of 3.00 dollars for each male and spayed female dog to be licensed and a fee of 6.00 dollars for each unspayed female dog to be licensed. All licenses shall expire on the 31st day of December of each year.

Every person owning or harboring a dog shall secure a license for said dog as herein provided, on or before the date on which such dog shall reach the age of six months and the owner or harboring of any dog brought into this City after the first day of January of each year, shall make application for and secure a license for such animal within 10 days after bringing said animal into the City. License fee in such instances shall be the fee specified for licenses issued between January and March of each year, as in this section provided.

Section 4. The owner of any dog or dogs shall also cause to be placed upon the neck of every dog so owned, kept or harbored, a collar made of durable material, having attached thereto a metal tag to be furnished by the City Clerk-Treasurer, the number of such tag corresponding with the number of the license to be issued to the owner of the dog or dogs. Said collar with the tag attached thereto shall be kept on each dog at all times. That the City Clerk-Treasurer shall issue to the owner of a dog, a duplicate license tag to replace lost or stolen tags upon payment of 25 cents.

Section 5. A metal license tag will be furnished by the City Clerk-Treasurer upon receipt of an application made, upon a form supplied by the said City, together with a certificate from a licensed veterinarian that the dog has been vaccinated for Rabies, together with payment of the required fee.

Section 6. Each dog shall be vaccinated against rabies; such vaccination to be repeated annually thereafter.

Dogs shall be vaccinated by any veterinarian licensed to practice veterinarian medicine in the State of Colorado. A certificate of vaccination in duplicate shall be completed by the Veterinarian, one copy to be issued to the dog owner affixed to the license application, and one retained in the Veterinarian's files.

Section 7. No dog shall be licensed as provided in Section 3, unless a valid certificate of rabies vaccination accompanies the request for such license.

Section 8. Adequate provision shall be made by the City Manager for patrolling to control and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be carried out by a Dog Warden and the Police

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Department. Unlicensed dogs will be picked up by the Dog Warden and impounded for a period not to exceed three (3) days if they are healthy, after such period if they are not claimed by the owner said dogs will be destroyed. All dogs claimed by owner will not be released until the board charge is paid and the dog or dogs duly licensed. If stray dogs are licensed, the owner will be notified upon impounding. A board fee for dogs maintained in the pound shall be \$1.00 per day.

Section 9. Dogs which have bitten persons or other animals, and dogs which are suspected of having rabies, shall be kept in a suitable authorized place under veterinary supervision for not less than 14 days.

Section 10. Dogs known to have been bitten or exposed to a rabid animal must be destroyed or detained in suitable quarantine for a period of not less than six (6) months, unless proof of immunization is shown and "booster" injections given by a licensed Veterinarian at the dog owner's expense.

Section 11. No person shall keep or harbor a dog which by loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping, or howling shall cause a serious annoyance to the neighborhood, or to people passing to and from upon the streets or sidewalks.

Section 12. No person shall keep or harbor a fierce or vicious dog. For the purpose of this ordinance a fierce or vicious dog is hereby defined and declared to be a dog that bites or attacks human beings or in a vicious and terrorizing manner attacks, or approaches in apparent attitude of attack upon a person or persons upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public ground or place, or a dog that runs after and bites or barks at horses, bicycles, or any vehicle being ridden or driven upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public ground or place within the said City.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Dog Warden, or any police officer, and any and all such officers are hereby authorized to forthwith kill all vicious dogs, as defined in Section 12, of this Ordinance, when found running at large within the limits of the City of Golden, whether licensed or unlicensed and whether on public or private property.

Section 14. It shall be the duty of the Dog Warden or other persons appointed by the City Manager to make diligent inquiry as to the dogs owned, harbored, or kept in the City of Golden and whether such dogs are licensed. Any dog found unlicensed after March 31st of each year may be seized and impounded by the Dog Warden or Police Department, and the persons owning or harboring any such dog or dogs may be notified to procure a license for the same within five days of the date of such notice. It shall be the duty of the Dog Warden and Police Department to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and in the furtherance of such duties they may make complaints to the Police Magistrate of the City in regard to any violations of this Ordinance of which they have knowledge.

Section 15. No person owning or harboring any dog, or any other per-

son, shall treat a dog in a cruel or inhumane manner, or wilfully or negligently cause or permit any dog to suffer unnecessary torture or pain.

Section 16. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.00.

Section 17. Whereas, in the opinion of the City Council, an emergency exists, and this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the expiration of five (5) days after its final passage and publication.

Introduced and read this 14th day of January, A. D., 1954.

Adopted and approved this 11th day of February, 1954.

D. C. JOHNSTON

Mayor

Approved as to Form:

JAMES J. PATTERSON

City Attorney

Attest:

B. O. BEAUSANG

City Clerk-Treasurer

I, B. O. Beausang, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on the 14th day of January, 1954, and by order of the said City Council was published as a proposed ordinance as the law directs, and for more than ten days prior to its passage in the Colorado Transcript, legal newspaper; and that on the 11th day of February, 1954, the said proposed ordinance was read and passed by the City Council aforesaid, the said meeting being a regular meeting of said City Council, and ordered published in aforesaid newspaper as the law directs.

Witness my hand and official seal of the City of Golden, Colorado, this 12th day of February, 1954.

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Attest: B. O. BEAUSANG  
City Clerk of the City of  
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