

ORDINANCE NO. 725

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7.12 OF THE
GOLDEN REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1965 CONCERN-
ING DOGS AND PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM PENALTIES
FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

Section 1. Chapter 7.12 of the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965 is hereby amended as follows:

(1) Section 7.12.040 is hereby amended by striking the period at the end of the second sentence and adding the following: while the dog is off the premises of the said owner or keeper.

(2) Section 7.12.080 is hereby amended by deleting everything after the first sentence and substituting therefor the following:

The dog warden and all police officers may catch and impound any dog which they reasonably feel to be in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. The dog warden and police officers shall not go upon the premises of the owner of a dog to catch said dog for impoundment unless the warden or the officer is in close pursuit of said dog or the dog warden or police officer reasonably feels that said dog is in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter while on his owners premises. Dogs other than those impounded under authority of Section 7.12.090, shall be impounded for a period of not to exceed ten days, if licensed and healthy, and for a period of not to exceed three days, if unlicensed and healthy; during which period of time the dog warden and the police department shall make all reasonable efforts to notify their owners. After such period and if the dog is not claimed by its owner, it shall be destroyed. No dog shall be released from impoundment until the dog has been properly issued a metal license tag, and the impoundment fee and the boarding fee as set by the City have been paid to the City Clerk.

(3) An additional section is hereby added as follows:

17.12.160 Notice or knowledge of violation not necessary for prosecution of owner or keeper. For the purpose of prosecution for violation of any section in this chapter, it shall not be necessary in order to obtain a conviction to prove notice or knowledge on the part of the owner or keeper of the dog in question that such dog was violating any of the sections of this chapter at the time and place charged, it being the purpose and intent of this section to impose strict liability upon the owner or keeper of any dog for the actions, conduct and condition of such dog, unless the violation specifically provides otherwise.

(4) An additional section is hereby added, as follows:

17.12.170 Penalties for violation. Any person convicted of violating Section 7.12.020 Dogs at large prohibited, Section 7.12.040 Dogs to be collared and tagged, or Section 7.12.110 Noisy dogs, shall be fined \$5.00 for the first offense, \$10.00 for the second offense with municipal court appearances required for all similar offenses thereafter.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

Introduced, read and ordered published this 9th day of January, 1975.

Adopted, approved and ordered published this 13th day of February, 1975.

David C. Crawford, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon L. Bennetts, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Daniel T. Moyle, Jr., City Attorney

I, Sharon L. Bennetts, 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 9th day of January, 1975, and by order of said City Council was published as a proposed ordinance as the law directs more than seven days prior to its passage in the Outlook, legal newspaper; and that on the 13th day of February, 1975, 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 19th day of February, A.D. 1975.

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Attest:

Sharon L. Bennetts, City Clerk of
the City of Golden, Colorado