

ORDINANCE NO. 5

REFERENCE TO DOGS

ARTICLE I

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead:

Section I. No dog shall be permitted to run or be at large upon any street, alley, highway, common or any other public place within the corporate limits of this town without a license therefor first had, and obtained according to the provisions of this article.

Section II. Application for such license shall be made by the owner or keeper of a dog to the town recorder of Mead. Such license shall be signed by the said recorder in his official capacity and have the seal of the town affixed thereto, said license shall be dated as of the day of its issue and shall set forth the object and period for which the same shall be issued, said license shall be issued for the period of one year upon the payment of the sum of three dollars for sluts and one dollar for other dogs.

Section III. It is hereby made the duty of any and all such owners or keepers on or before the first day January in each year to apply to said recorder and make payment to him as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of said recorder upon such application and payment to issue a license for the ensuing year to any such owner or keeper of a dog. Any such owner or keeper of a dog may thus obtain a license for any remaining fraction of a year pro rata provided, that no such license for any fraction of a year shall be issued upon the payment of a less sum than one dollar.

Section IV. Said recorder shall keep a licensing register in which shall be entered the name of each and every person to whom any such license shall have been issued the date of the license, the purpose for which the license shall have been granted, the amount paid therefor and the time the same will expire.

Section V. It shall be the duty of any such owner or keeper of a dog, running or being at large, to place and keep upon the neck of such dog, a collar, made of durable material, with the name of such owner or keeper legibly printed or engraved thereon.

Section VI. No person shall permit any slut to run or be at large, while in heat, within the corporate limits of the city.

Section VII. It shall be the duty of the town marshal of the town to take up and impound in the town pound or any other suitable place in the town, all the dogs found running or being at large contrary to the provisions of this article. If within two days after such impounding such dogs shall not be redeemed as hereinafter stated, it shall be the duty of such marshal to kill such dog and cause the body to be removed from the town limits and buried. Any person claiming an interest in any such dog so impounded may redeem any such dog at any time before the same shall be killed by paying the marshal the sum of fifty cents and also the actual expense to the pound keeper for the care of such dog whilst so impounded, and such expense may be paid to the marshal. But such redemption of any such dog shall not release the owner or keeper thereof from his liability under the ordinance for allowing such dog to be at large.

Section VIII. When it shall be practicable on account, of some propensity or disposition of any dog so running or being at large, contrary to ordinance, to capture or impound the same, it shall be lawful for the marshal to kill such dog at once without first impounding the same. And it shall be the duty of said marshal to kill all vicious dogs known to be such and running and being at large within the town limits. A vicious is hereby defined to be a dog that bites persons upon the streets, or in any public place, or a dog that runs or barks at horses or other animals being ridden or driven upon the streets or other public places in the town or a dog having the hydrophoia. It shall be unlawful for a vicious dog to run or be at large, and such dog shall be liable to be killed as such provided in this section.

Notwithstanding such dog shall have been licensed under the provisions of this article. But the killing of any such vicious dogs shall not release any owner or keeper thereof from his liability under the ordinance for allowing any such vicious dogs to thus run or be at large within the limits of the town.

Section IX. The word "dog" for the purpose of this ordinance shall be deemed to mean dogs of every description, age and sex.

Section X. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than three or more than fifty dollars.

Passed, approved, adopted and ordered published this 13th day of May, 1908.

M.S. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

J.E. Kitts, Clerk