

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BEND, COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH STATE OF MINNESOTA

The Township Supervisors of South Bend, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, do ordain:

Section 1. No dog shall be permitted to run at large upon any platted portion within the limits of said Township of South Bend.

Section 2. The restriction imposed by Section 1 shall not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon streets or public property when such dog is on a leash or is kept under the immediate control of the person accompanying such dog.

Running at large shall mean off the premises of the owner and not on a leash or under the control of the accompanying person.

Section 3. As used in this Ordinance, the term "owner" means any person, firm or corporation owning, harboring, or keeping a dog.

Section 4. No person shall keep any dog, over the age of six months, within the platted portions of the Township of South Bend without securing a license therefore from the Township Clerk who shall keep a record of all licenses issued and shall issue a tag for each license. There shall be an annual license fee of \$3.00 for each spayed or neutered dog and \$5.00 for each unaltered dog. All licenses shall expire on the first day of May, regardless what month they were initially acquired. Licenses can be issued for up to three years, except in the case of dogs under 1 year of age, which shall be licensed for 1 year.

The Township Clerk shall require, before the issuance of the license, the payment of the fees required hereunder and also proof that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies and that the term of the vaccination shall be at least for as long as the term of the license issued. On the reissuance of each license, that proof shall be provided to the Township Clerk.

Section 5. The Township authorizes the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department to issue citations and/or impound any at large

or unlicensed dog found in the Township in those platted portions, and shall give notice of the impounding of the dog to the owner if the owner is known. In case the owner is unknown or unavailable, the Township shall cause to be posted at the Township Hall and other Township posting locations, a notice indicating that if the dog is not claimed within 120 hours (five days) of the posting of the notice, it will be killed or otherwise disposed of. A description of the dog shall be included in that notice. Any dog not claimed and redeemed within 120 hours of actual notice to the owner if known, or within 120 hours after posted notice, may be killed or otherwise disposed of by the Township of South Bend.

Section 6. Any dog may be redeemed from the pound by the owner within the time stated in the notice upon payment to the Township of South Bend the sums required to cover the costs of the impounding.

Section 7. The Township shall have the right to contract with one or more licensed veterinarians, Private pounds, or Humane Society to perform the duties of Pound Master as set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 8. No Person shall keep or harbor a dog which by loud, frequent and habitual barking, yelping or howling, shall cause serious annoyance to the neighborhood, and no owner shall permit his dog to damage or injure any lawn, garden, person or property at any time.

Section 9. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable as a misdemeanor under the schedules in existence for a violation of a misdemeanor within the State of Minnesota.

This Ordinance shall take affect upon its passage and publication.

Passed this 4th day of June, 1985.

ATTEST:

Terry Groth
Clerk of South Bend Township

Harley Strand
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
South Bend Township, Blue Earth
County, State of Minnesota