

ORDINANCE NO. 130

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 85 TO PROVIDE FOR BIENNIAL LICENSING OF DOGS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9 of Ordinance No. 85 is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

Section 9. No person shall license any dog in the City of Ridgecrest until it has been vaccinated with canine chick-embryo origin modified live-virus rabies vaccine or other biennially-effective method approved by the Health Officer, or the owner or the person in possession of a dog submits a certificate from a licensed veterinarian issued within the preceding sixty (60) days stating that in his opinion the rabies vaccine would be likely to seriously injure the dog. Any dog so excepted from rabies vaccination shall be restricted to the enclosed yard of the owner or person in possession of the same except when held upon a chain, rope, or leash. Any violation hereof by the owner or person in possession of such dog shall be unlawful.

Section 2. Section 10 of Ordinance No. 85 is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

Section 10. VACCINATOR. Said vaccination shall be performed by any duly qualified and licensed physician or veterinarian. This person may be hereinafter referred to as the "vaccinator". The vaccinator shall issue to the owner or person in possession of the dog which has been vaccinated a certificate of vaccination in a form approved by the Health Officer and endorsed by the vaccinator showing the date of such vaccination.

Section 3. Section 11 of Ordinance No. 85 is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

Section 11. LICENSE FEE - AMOUNT, DUE DATE. On or after the first day of January, 1971, every person, firm, or corporation owning or maintaining a dog or dogs in the City of Ridgecrest, excepting dogs under the age of four months as provided herein, shall pay to the license collector a biennial license fee of

Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each such dog, provided however that any of the aforesaid persons, firms, or corporations who present satisfactory written evidence of having complied with the vaccination requirements, as prescribed in Section 9, during the prior year shall pay to the license collector for dogs so vaccinated a current year dog license renewal fee of Two and 50/100 Dollars (\$2.50) for each such dog, and further provided that no fee shall be required for any "seeing-eye" dog which is owned by or in the possession of any person with impaired vision.

The license fee provided in this section shall be due and payable on the first day of January of the year following the last calendar year for which the former dog license was issued, or within thirty (30) days after any dog subject to licensing has been brought into the city, or whenever any dog reaches the age of four months, and the fee shall be charged against and be payable by the owner or the person having the care, custody, and control or who has in his possession or harbors any dog.

Section 4. Section 14 of Ordinance No. 85 is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

Section 14. LOST LICENSE TAG. Whenever, during the biennial period for which it is effective, a dog tag issued pursuant to this ordinance has been lost or taken or stolen by parties unknown to the owner or person having the care, custody, or control of the dog for which the dog tag was issued, such owner or person having the care, custody, or control of such dog may, upon payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) and exhibition of evidence of vaccination in compliance with this ordinance and on making and subscribing to an affidavit of such loss of the tag, receive from the license collector a duplicate tag for the remaining portion of the biennial period for which the original dog tag was issued.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately as an urgency ordinance pursuant to the provisions of Section 36937 of the Government Code. The facts constituting the urgency are that revised rabies vaccination fees are required in order to implement Health and Safety Code provisions relating to rabies control pursuant to Section 1920 (a) of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause it to be published as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 1970, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Edwards, Fox, Kessler and Shacklett

NOES: None

ABSENT: None


KENNETH M. SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:


JAMES R. HECK, City Clerk