

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IM-  
POUNDING AND DESTRUCTION OF DOGS;  
QUARANTINING OF EXPOSED ANIMALS;  
REGULATING OF VICIOUS DOGS; SET-  
TING A POUND FEE; AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR, ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
HEALTH OFFICER REPEALING ALL  
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHEELER, TEXAS:

Section I: Definition of Terms as used in this ordinance,  
unless the context otherwise indicated:

- (a) "Dogs" shall be intended to mean both male and female dogs.
- (b) "Owner" shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.

Section II: License, registration

All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the City of Wheeler, Texas shall be vaccinated, and registered, and tagged.

Section III: Tagging of Dogs

And any dog running at large in the City of Wheeler, or any dog not provided with a collar to which is attached a metal license tag as required by this ordinance shall be taken up by the city and impounded in the place provided for that purpose, and if said dog is not called for by the owner within three days after the same has been taken up, the dog shall be destroyed humanely. However, any person owning any dog impounded under the terms of this ordinance shall be allowed to take such dog from the place where impounded upon the following conditions:

- (1) Upon the payment of an impound fee of the sum of \$1.00 for each day or fractional part of a day the said dog has been impounded, said fee to be placed in the General fund of the City of Wheeler.
- (2) If said dog has not been vaccinated for rabies it can be redeemed by the owner only after the said dog has been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian and certification thereof furnished the City Health Officer or his authorized representative.
- (3) The owner thereof must secure a license tag for such dog as provided herein.

Section III. Rabies Notice

If a dog has bitten any person, the owner of said dog shall notify the Mayor and the City Health Officer immediately, and such dog shall be confined in the city dog pound for a period of at least fourteen days, or shall be confined at a veterinary hospital for the same period of time at the expense of the owner. No dog held for observation shall be released from impoundment without the authorization of the City Health Officer. Any dog suffering a bite from a rabid animal shall be quarantined in a veterinary establishment at the owner's expense for a period of at least six months before being released. Under no circumstances shall a dog under quarantine be allowed to remain on the premises of, or in the care of the owner.

Section IV: The Mayor of the City of Wheeler upon recommendation of the Health Officer, shall have authority by proclamation to

make any additional rules or regulations that he might deem necessary to protect the public from rabies.

Section V: The Mayor of the City of Wheeler shall have the right to enforce any of the provisions of this law and is hereby delegated authority to appoint any person or persons to aid and assist him in carrying out the enforcement of this ordinance.

Section VI: Conflicts

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section VII: Declaring an Emergency

The fact that there are now no sufficient or adequate regulations governing vicious and rabid dogs in the City of Wheeler and the regulations herein are needed for the protection of the health of the citizens of Wheeler creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity and that the rule providing that ordinances be read on three separate days before the final passage thereof be the same is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed and approved this 17th day of June A.D. 1968

Don Earney  
Mayor, City of Wheeler

ATTEST:

Mildred Ramsey  
City Secretary