

Ordinance - #8
Dog Control
Adopted June, 1976

Section 1. All dogs over 4 months of age shall be licensed by the proper city, county or state Authority, as provided by current law.

Section 2. All licenses shall be attached to a collar and worn at all times.

Section 3. Dogs must be accompanied at all times by the owner or a custodian authorized by the owner and must be under the reasonable control of said owner or custodian.

Section 4. The attack on a person or animal by a dog shall be ipso facto evidence of lack of reasonable control.

Section 5. Unlicensed dogs may be impounded by any constable, game warden, or other peace officer.

Section 6. The fines for allowing a licensed dog to run at large without reasonable control shall be \$5.00 for the first offense, \$25.00 for the second offense, and \$50.00 for each succeeding offense. Offenses over one year old shall be dropped from the records for the purpose of this section. It is to be understood that the total number of offenses is to be attributed to the owner, irrespective of whether one or more dogs under said owner's control is involved.

Section 7. The fines for allowing an unlicensed dog to run at large shall be double those in Section 8, and shall be counted consecutively with violations under Section 8. All other provisions of Section 8 apply. It is to be understood that a dog whose license is not permanently attached to its collar shall be considered to be unlicensed for all sections of this ordinance, whether such dog is in fact licensed or not.

Section 8. Any constable or police officer may issue a ticket, which may be in the form of a letter, for any violation of this ordinance, without having to take the dog into custody. Such tickets may be paid without court costs, as for Arden traffic tickets. Optional trial in a Magistrate's Court shall be available for owners not wishing to plead guilty.

Section 9. Individuals wishing to have tickets issued under this ordinance shall present evidence of violation to any constable, who will take action if he deems the evidence conclusive. While not the only acceptable evidence of this ordinance, said document being signed by 4 people, 3 of whom are from different families, shall be considered sufficient evidence to justify issuance of a ticket for violation. It shall be understood that Arden constables or other police officers having jurisdiction may issue tickets without such documents provided they have first-hand evidence of violations, or other evidence which they believe would be valid in any resulting trial.