

ORDINANCE NO. 207

LICENSING OF DOGS

WHEREAS, ON THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1958, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS PERTAINING TO THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING, KEEPING, HARBORING AND TREATMENT OF DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, AND PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSAL OF DOGS AND DECLARING VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS A MISDEMEANOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly made and unanimously passed, the following Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, possess or harbor any dog over the age of three months within the Town of Granite Falls unless said person firm or corporation shall have first procured a license therefore as hereinafter provided.

Section 2: Licenses. That it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk or his appointee to issue licenses to persons applying therefore, upon payment of the license fee as herein provided. Upon the issuance of a license, a metal tag or plastic tag, with a number corresponding to the number of the application, shall be furnished the applicant, who shall cause the same to be attached or affixed to the dog license. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another

Section 3: License Fees. That the following fees shall be paid for licenses hereunder:

Dogs- male and spayed females	\$1.00
Dogs- unspayed females	\$2.00
Replacement of Tags	\$ .50
Kennel of dogs	\$5.00

Section 4: That all licenses granted hereunder, shall be due and payable the first day of January, 1959, and each succeeding January 1st thereafter. If the license fee above provided for is not paid on or before February 1, 1959, and each succeeding February 1st, the applicant shall pay a penalty fee of \$3.00, for each license in addition to the regular fee as stated above. Provided that the fee for any original license application shall be due and payable within thirty days after any dog within the Town of Granite Falls comes into the charge, care or control of any person within said Town.

Section 5: That all dogs not licensed hereunder, or who do not exhibit the identification tag hereinbefore provided, or any vicious dogs, are declared to be a public nuisance and it shall be the duty of the Town of Granite Falls, or such person as may be appointed, to impound and distrain said animals for a period of seven (7) dyas and if not sooner redeemed, to sell or destroy said animals upon the expiration of said period.

It shall be the duty of the Town of its appointee, to notify the owner of any licensed dog distrained and impounded as herein provided within two (2) days after said distraint. The owner thereof may redeem said distrained animals before the expiration of the aforesaid seven (7) day period by payment to the Town of the sum of \$3.50, plus cost of maintenance for the period that said animal is in the Town's custody.

Section 6: That in the event the Town Council deems it necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town, then in that event no license hereunder shall be granted unless the applicant shall have presented to the Town or its appointee a certificate from a licensed veterinarian to the effect that said animal has been inoculated against rabies within the year preceeding application for license.

Section 7: That any person that owns, harbors or maintains any pack of dogs exceeding three (3) in number for the purposes of breeding, training or boarding shall be required to procure a kennel license and comply with the provisions hereof as long as said animals are restricted and segregated, and not permitted to be at large.

Section 8: It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any animal to stray or enter upon any school ground, playfield or any other public ground, within the Town of Granite Falls, and any animal so straying, entering or trespassing upon such property is hereby declared to be a nuisance and may be impounded as such.

Section 9: It shall be unlawful for the owner or owners of any dog known to have bitten or scratched any person or persons, or other animals to harbor or keep such dog without permitting an examination or inspection of such dog after due demand therefore by the Town Marshal or his deputy. If, after such inspection or examination, good cause appears to be that such animal is suffering from or has been exposed to rabies, such animal may be impounded and quarantined apart from other animals for a ten day period from and after the date of seizure.

Any dog impounded under this section may be redeemed at the expiration of such period or prior thereto, upon the determination of the County Health Department that it is free from such disease, and upon the payment to the impounding authority of the maintenance charge for each day of confinement, as hereinbefore set forth.

Section 10: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation which owns, possesses, harbors, has control or charge of any dog which is known, or at the exercise of reasonable care, should be known, to be vicious, to allow the same to run at large and not under restraint.

Section 11: It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any female dog to allow said dog to be at large during the regular heat period and any such dog running at large during such period is declared to be a nuisance and may be impounded as such.

Section 12: That it shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any dog which by habitual howling, yelping, barking or other noise disturbs or annoys any considerable number of persons or neighborhood, the same is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be impounded as such.

It shall be unlawful to suffer or permit any dog to trespass on private or public property so as to damage or destroy any property or thing of value and the same is hereby declared to be a nuisance and may be impounded as such. Whenever it shall be affirmed in writing by three or more persons having separate residences, or regularly employed in the neighborhood, that any dog is an habitual nuisance by reason of trespassing, howling, barking or other noise, or damage to property, being vicious, or by its actions potentially vicious or in any manner causing undue annoyance, the Town or its appointee, if such nuisance is found to exist, shall serve notice upon the owner or custodian that such nuisance must be abated.

Section 13: It shall be unlawful for any person wilfully and cruelly to injure or kill any animal by any mode or means, causing it unnecessary fright or pain, and it shall further be unlawful for any person otherwise causing pain, suffering or injury to any animal to fail or neglect to aid or attempt alleviation of any pain suffering or injury so caused to any animal.

Section 14: It shall be unlawful for any person to lay out or expose any kind of poison, or leave exposed any poisoned food or drink for man, animal or fowl, or any substance or fluid whatsoever whereon or wherein there is or shall be deposited or mingled any kind of poison or poisonous or deadly substance or fluid whatsoever on the premises of another, or in any unenclosed place, or to aid or abet any person in so doing.

Section 15: Any violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine and not to exceed \$100.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Section 16: That if any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or void such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 17: Any and all previously adopted Dog License Ordinances are hereby declared null and void as of this date.

Section 18: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force and effect from and after January 1, 1959.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 1958.

JACK WEBB, Mayor

ATTEST:

M. ENGBRETSSEN,  
Town Clerk

Published: December 11, 1958

AMENDING SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE #207

Section 1: That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, possess or harbor any dog within the Town of Granite Falls unless said person, firm or corporation shall have first procured a license therefore as hereinafter provided.

Section 2: That it shall also be the duty of the Town Clerk or his appointee to keep a written description of the dogs for whom licenses are sold.

Section 5: That all dogs not licensed hereunder or who do not exhibit the identification tag hereinbefore provided, or any vicious dogs are declared to be a public nuisance and it shall be the duty of the Town of Granite Falls or such person as may be appointed to impound and distrain said animals for a period of two days if licensed and for twenty-four hours if not licensed and if not sooner redeemed, to sell or destroy said animals upon the expiration of said period.

It shall be the duty of the Town or its appointee to notify the owner of any licensed dog distrained or impounded within (as herein provided) two days after said distraint. The owner thereof may redeem said distrained animals before the expiration of the aforesaid two day period by payment to the Town of the sum of \$3.50 plus the cost of maintenance for the period that said animal is in the Town's custody.

Town of Granite Falls  
Office of the Clerk

Published July 19, 1962

ADDITION TO ORDINANCE NO. 207

NO PERSON OWNING, KEEPING, POSSESSING, HARBORING OR  
MAINTAINING A DOG, SHALL ALLOW SAID DOG TO BE AT LARGE  
WITHOUT BEING UNDER CONTROL.

PASSED in open session by the Town Council of the  
Town of Granite Falls, Washington on the 28th day of  
February, 1973.

ROBERT N. TOMPKINS, Mayor

ATTEST:  
ILENE LARSON  
Town Clerk