

AN ORDINANCE, providing for the licensing, keeping harboring and treatment of dogs in the TOWN of GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON; and disposal of dogs and declaring violation of its provisions a misdemeanor, and authorizing the poundkeeper to destroy unclaimed animals and establishing a leash law.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON.

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 therefor 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 therefor, upon payment of the license fee as herein provided. Upon the issuance of a license, a metal tag, with 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 licensed. 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 - unneutered males	\$3.00 per annum.
Dogs - unspayed females	6.00 per annum
Dogs - neutered males and spayed females	1.00 lifetime
Kennel fee	10.00
Replacement of metal tags	1.00

SECTION 4. RENEWAL. That all licenses granted herein shall be due and payable the first day of June, 1980 and each succeeding June 1st thereafter. If the license fees above provided for are not paid on or before forty-five (45) days after June 1st of any year, the applicant shall pay a penalty fee of \$5.00 for each license in addition to the regular fee as stated above, provided that the fee for an 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. Valid licenses which expire Jan. 1, 1981, will pay 6 months fee, plus the next full yearly fee, in June 1981.

SECTION 5. IMPOUND. All dogs not licensed hereunder, or who shall not exhibit the metal identification tag hereinabove 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 such animals for a period of three days, and if not sooner redeemed, to sell or destroy the animals upon the expiration of said period.

It shall be the duty of the Town or its appointee to notify the owner of any unlicensed dog distrained and impounded as herein provided within two days after distraint. The owner thereof may redeem distrained animals before the expiration of the aforesaid three-day period by payment to the Town of Granite Falls of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), plus One Dollar (\$1.00) per day for room and board during the period of impoundment, plus the appropriate license fee if the animal has not been previously licensed.

SECTION 6. 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 7. DESTRUCTION OF UNREDEEMED ANIMALS. The Mayor shall appoint the poundkeeper, or such other person as possesses the necessary professional training and skills, to carry out the periodic destruction by humane means of any and all dogs impounded and distrained by the Town, as provided by law, for in excess of three (3) days.

SECTION 8. RABIES INOCULATION. In the event the Town Council or its appointee deems it necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town, no license hereunder shall be granted unless the applicant shall have presented to the Town of Granite Falls or its appointee a valid certificate from a licensed veterinarian to the effect that said animal has been inoculated against rabies.

SECTION 9. SCHOOLS, PLAYFIELDS AND PUBLIC PLACES. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any animal to stray or enter upon any school ground, playfield or other public grounds and places 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 10. RABIES EXAMINATION. It shall be unlawful for the owner or owners of any dog known to have bitten or scratched any person or persons or other animal or animals to harbor or keep such dog without permitting an examination or inspection of such dog after due demand therefor by the Chief of Police 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 the seizure.

Any dog impounded under this section may be redeemed at the expiration of such period or prior thereto, upon 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 11. VICIOUS DOGS. 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, in the exercise of reasonable care, should be known to be vicious, to allow the same to run at large and not under restraint.

SECTION 12. DOG IN HEAT. 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 13. NUISANCE OR TRESPASSING. It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any dog which be habitual howling, yelping, barking or other noise disturbs or annoys any considerable number of persons or neighborhood, and the same is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the animal may be impounded.

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 the trespassing animal may be impounded. 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 a 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 14. LEASH LAW. It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to cause, permit or allow such dog to roam, run, stray or be away from the premises of such owner or custodian and to be on any public place, or on any public property, or the private property of another in the Town of Granite Falls unless such dog, while away from such premises, is controlled by a leash not more than eight feet in length, such control to be exercised by such owner or custodian or other competent and authorized person. Any dog found roaming, running, straying or being away from such premises and not on a leash as provided in this section may be impounded subject to redemption in the manner provided.

SECTION 15. INJURY, TORTURE, OR NEGLECT OF ANIMALS. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully 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 16. POISON. 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 and fowl, or any substance or fluid whatever 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 17. AUTHORITY OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. Appointees of the Town of Granite Falls charged with the duty of controlling animals as provided by this ordinance shall have a reserve police officer's commission.

SECTION 18. VIOLATIONS. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine as follows:

1. <u>Violation of Leash Law Provisions</u>	--	
First Violation	--	\$15.00
Second Violation	--	35.00
Third Violation	--	50.00
Fourth & Subsequent	--	250.00 each
2. <u>Violation of License Provisions</u>	--	
First Violation	--	15.00
Second Violation	--	35.00
Third Violation	--	50.00
Fourth & Subsequent	--	250.00 each
3. <u>Violation of Stray Provisions</u>	--	
First Violation	--	15.00
Second Violation	--	35.00
Third Violation	--	50.00
Fourth & Subsequent	--	250.00 each
4. <u>Violation of Dog in Heat or Vicious Dog Provisions</u>	--	
First Violation	--	50.00
Second or Subsequent	--	250.00 each

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| 5. <u>Violation of Nuisance Provision -</u> | |
| First Violation | 50.00 |
| Second & Subsequent | 250.00 each |
| 6. <u>Violation of Section 10 (Rabies Examination) -</u> | 300.00 per violation |
| 7. <u>Violation of Section 15 (Injury, Torment,
or Neglect of Animals) -</u> | 300.00 per violation |
| 8. <u>Violation of Section 16 (Poison) -</u> | 300.00 per violation |

SECTION 19. VALIDITY. 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 20. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are herewith repealed.

Passed by the Council of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington this 28th day of May, 1980.

Barbara A. Alkander
MAYOR

Attest:

Jeanette Hasbrook
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form:

TOWN ATTORNEY

I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance #290.

Jeanette Hasbrook, Clerk