

## **HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi:

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Dog shall include both male and female sex
2. Owner shall mean any person owning, keeping or harboring a dog
3. At large shall mean off the premises of the owner and not under the owner's control, or that of his immediately family, by leash, \_\_\_\_\_, chain or otherwise such as an obedience trained dog in the presence of his owner or immediate family.

### **SECTION 2 - LICENSING**

All dogs in the City shall be licensed and registered by the City as hereinafter provided, except dogs belonging to non-residents of the City.

### **SECTION 3 - WHEN LICENSED**

June is hereby designated as the month in each year in which all dogs shall be licensed by the City and, during that month, all dog owners shall make application to the City for such dog license upon forms printed for that purpose, giving the owner's name and address and the name, breed, sex and color of each dog owned or kept by him or her.

### **SECTION 4 - WHO ISSUES LICENSE AND AMOUNT OF FEE**

Dog licenses, as required by Section 2 hereof, shall be issued by the City Clerk upon all requirements of this ordinance being met and upon the payment of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each dog, of which there shall be no refund because of removal from the City or death of the dog prior to the expiration of the license.

### **SECTION 5 - VACCINATION, TAG, ETC**

Upon payment of the license fee, the City Clerk shall issue such to the owner a license certificate and tag for each dog so licensed. However, before the City Clerk shall issue such license, the applicant therefore shall present to the City Clerk satisfactory proof that the dog has been vaccinated by a person granted a permit to administer virus (vaccine) by the State Board of Health of the State of Mississippi, as defined in section 6617, Mississippi Code of 1972, with anti-rabies vaccination not earlier than June 1st, preceding each June licensing month. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license must be affixed and see that the collar is worn by the dog at all times. In case the tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the City Clerk upon the owner presenting a receipt showing the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) to the City Clerk for said duplicate; dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another.

### **SECTION 6 - RUNNING AT LARGE**

Running at large prohibited; penalties for violations. No dog shall be allowed to run at large, and it shall be unlawful for any person who shall own, keep or harbor any dog to allow or permit such dog to run or be at large at any time within the City. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be charged with a misdemeanor violation and cited to municipal court.

**SECTION 7 - IMPOUNDMENT \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ shall be impounded by the \_\_\_\_\_ Chief of Police at the time of impounding a registry shall be made of the dog, showing the breed, color and sex of the dog, anything \_\_\_\_\_ shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police may be confined for said \_\_\_\_\_ the owner produces \_\_\_\_\_. The animal control officer shall be authorized to enter onto private property for the purpose of impounding a dog that is in violation of this section.

**SECTION 8 - NOTICE OF IMPOUNDING AND HOW \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ shall in \_\_\_ days after the impounding of any dog, the owner, if known, shall be personally notified by telephone or otherwise. If the owner of the impounded dog is unknown, a public notice shall be posted for three (3) days at the City Hall describing such dog and the place and time the dog was taken for impounding. The owner of any dog in impoundment may reclaim such dog upon having such dog vaccinated, if such dog has not been vaccinated as provided in Section 5. Payment of the license fee herein above provided, and payment of the following costs and charges to the City for impounding and maintenance of such dog. For impounding any dog, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for keeping any dog, the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) per day or any part of a day.

**SECTION 9 - DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED DOGS**

All impounded dogs shall be kept in the City pound for seventy-two (72) hours - 3 days - or until claimed as provided in Section 5; however, if an impounded dog has not been claimed within seventy-two (72) hours after seizure, such dog may be disposed of by execution in any humane manner, or by sale upon a buyer's meeting the vaccination requirements paying the fees set out in Section 7. Disposition shall be in the discretion of the Chief of Police.

**SECTION 10 - ENFORCEMENT**

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Chief of Police to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, and any and all police officers and other authorized employees of the City are fully authorized and empowered to enforce any and all of the provisions hereof.

**SECTION 11 - REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 12 - SAVING CLAUSE**

If for any reason any section, paragraph, provision, clause or part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, that fact shall not affect or invalidate any other section, paragraph, provision, clause or part of this ordinance in and of itself valid, but the remaining portion thereof shall be in force without regards to that so invalidated.

**SECTION 13 - PENALTY**

The failure or refusal of any person to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and be punishable as such.

SECTION 14 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after June 7, 1984.

SECTION 15 - The City Clerk is directed to publish a true copy of this ordinance one time in the South Reporter, a newspaper published and having a general circulation in the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

SECTION 16 - The foregoing ordinance was introduced in writing and was then read and considered, first section by section and then as a whole.