

HB - 1355 (GATIS)

97-03

ORDINANCE REGULATING

STRAY AND VICIOUS DOGS

Due to the fact that stray dogs and vicious dogs present a health and safety hazard to domestic animals and humans, this ordinance shall set forth guidelines for the identification and handling of stray and vicious dogs.

Definitions

1. A stray dog is defined as any dog that is running loose within the city limits and is not wearing a collar with an owner identification tag or a rabies vaccination tag ( as required under the Texas Rabies Control Act.) and whose owner can not be found
  2. A vicious dog is defined as any dog that attacks or bites any person or other animal, or growls at or chases any person and causes fear of attack or bite.
  3. A nuisance dog is defined as any dog that damages any public or private property, or which persistently barks or emits other sounds which disturb the peace.
- A. Stray dogs shall be seized by city officials and taken to the Animal Control Shelter in Marshall. If an owner can be located the dog shall be released to the owner after the fees required by the animal control shelter are paid.
  - B. The owner of a dog, deemed to be vicious, who intentionally, knowingly or recklessly allows the dog to cause damage to public or private property or to pose a hazard or threat of personal injury to any person is in violation of this ordinance.
  - C. The owner of a dog that intentionally, knowingly or recklessly allows their dog to be a nuisance, is in violation of this ordinance.

The owner of a dog in violation of section -A, shall be given a written warning upon first offense. A second or subsequent offense shall result in a \$ 50.00 Fine.

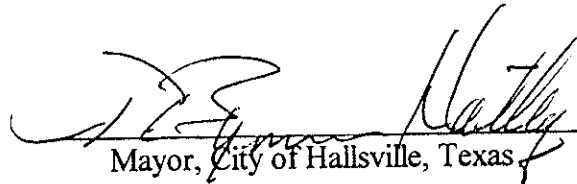
The owner of a dog in violation of section -B, shall upon first offense receive a fine of not less than \$ 50.00 and not more than \$ 150.00, a second offense shall receive a fine of not less than \$ 150.00 and not more than \$ 300.00, a third offense shall receive a fine of not less than \$ 300.00 and not more than \$ 500.00. A fourth offense shall result in the animal being confiscated and destroyed.

The owner of a dog in violation of section -C, shall upon first offense receive a fine of not less than \$25.00, and not more than \$ 75.00, a second or subsequent offense shall receive a fine of not less than \$75.00 and not more than \$ 200.00

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 14th day of October, 1997.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

  
Mayor, City of Hallsville, Texas

Attest:

  
City Secretary