

CITY OF MUNISING

LICENSING OF DOGS

ORDINANCE NO. 6

An ordinance relating to dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the payment of damages done by dogs; and imposing powers and duties of certain city officers and employees.

THE CITY OF MUNISING ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person to own any dog four (4) months old or older, unless the dog is licensed as hereinafter provided, or to own any dog four (4) months old or older that does not at all times wear a collar with metal tag attached as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, except the owner or authorized agent to remove any license tag from a dog. It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any dog to stray beyond his premises unless the dog is restrained by a leash and under the immediate control of an adult.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to maintain a sufficient number of tags of metal bearing upon their surface the designation "City of Munising Dog License", or with the like, with a distinctive number, as same may be needed, to comply with the provisions of this ordinance. The clerk shall also maintain any records as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and effective administration of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The owner of any dog four (4) months old or older shall apply in writing to the City Clerk for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him. The application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of the dog, and the name and address of the owner. At the time of making the application the owner shall pay the annual license fee as set by the City Commission.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of every police officer to impound and keep for three days any dog or dogs which are found to be running at large or otherwise in violation of this ordinance. At the end of the three day period the dog shall be disposed of unless the owner of the dog shall claim the dog and pay the impounding costs and cure any violation.

SECTION 6. The owner of any dog which causes damage to any person or to any personal property of any person shall be

liable in an action at law by such person, whether such owner had knowledge of the vicious propensities of the dog or not.

SECTION 7. PENALTY-CIVIL INFRACTION/MISDEMEANOR. A person responsible for activity that violates Section 1 shall be guilty of a civil infraction or a misdemeanor, as provided below.

A person found responsible hereunder shall be guilty of a civil infraction as defined in RJA Section 113, MCLA 600.113, punishable by civil fine according to the following schedule:

First offense within one year \$50.00;

Second offense within one year \$100.00.

Any person who commits three or more violations of Section 1 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$500.00, and/or imprisoned for not more than 90 days.


For purposes of computing the one year period, time shall run from the date the first ticket was issued.

SECTION 8. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion.

SECTION 9. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED. The City Clerk shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by law.

SECTION 10. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect in this governmental unit ten (10) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED: March 15, 1993.

  
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GLENN CHAMPAGNE, Mayor

  
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ELIZABETH ANN WILLIAMS, City Clerk

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