

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE IT UNLAWFUL FOR THE OWNER, KEEPER OR HARBORER OF A DOG TO PERMIT SUCH DOG TO LEAVE THE PREMISES OF THE OWNER, KEEPER OR HARBORER, PENALTIES THEREFORE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the number of dogs running at large has become an increasing problem for the Village of Spencer, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Council of the Village of Spencer, two-thirds of its members concurring, as follows:

SECTION 1. No owner, keeper or harborer of a dog or dogs more than 3 months of age, nor owner of a dog kennel, shall fail to file the application for registration required by Section 955.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, nor shall he fail to pay the legal fee therefor. Dogs must wear their licenses at all times.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or harborer of any female dog to permit such dog to go beyond the premises of such owner or keeper at any time such dog is in heat, unless such dog is properly in leash. The owner or keeper of every dog shall at all times keep such dog or dogs either confined upon the premises of the owner or firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises of the owner or keeper.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of dogwardens, police officers or others having the authority of police officers, to investigate all dogs running at large.

SECTION 4. That if a dog is found to be running at large while wearing a Medina County dog license, or collar with identification tag, or can be otherwise identified as to ownership, such dog shall be seized and impounded. The owner, keeper or harborer of such dog shall be notified by a written citation of violation of this Ordinance delivered in person by a law officer.

SECTION 5. That such citation shall provide for appearance at the Mayor's Court or at other places which may be designated for the purpose upon said citation for hearing upon the charge.

SECTION 6. That if appearance is not made within three (3) days from time of notification, then a warrant for the arrest of the said owner, keeper or harbinger shall be issued. Upon conviction of the charge the penalty shall be \$10.00 and costs for the first offense and not more than ~~\$25.00~~ and costs for each said offense thereafter. \$50.00

SECTION 7. Dogs running at large in violation of this Ordinance and which cannot be identified through a Medina County license or otherwise shall be seized, and shall be delivered to the Medina County dog pound for impoundment, under the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 8. Any Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent necessary to be consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that this new Ordinance is immediately necessary to adequately cope with the problem of dogs running loose and as such it shall be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: March 27, 1969

ATTEST:

Donald L. Brouse  
Donald L. Brouse, Mayor

Milford L. Taylor  
Milford L. Taylor, Clerk