

LICENSING AND VACCINATION OF DOGS

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"ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JAMES CITY COUNTY HELD ON THE 8 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1953, PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING AND VACCINATION OF DOGS.

"SECTION 1. (a) The owner or custodian of every dog over the age of 4 months owned, possessed or kept in James City County, Virginia, must have said dog properly vaccinated against rabies by a duly licensed veterinarian with a vaccine approved by the State Health Department. If the said dog has not been vaccinated within 12 months prior to February 1, 1954, then the dog shall be vaccinated by that date and must be vaccinated again every 12 months thereafter. If the dog has been vaccinated prior to February 1, 1954, it must be vaccinated within 12 months after the last vaccination and continue to be vaccinated each 12 months thereafter.

(b)1. Upon making application to the Treasurer of James City County for a dog license, the owner of each dog licensed in James City County will be required to furnish said Treasurer with a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination, properly executed as provided herein, certifying that the dog for which a license is to be issued, has been properly vaccinated within 12 months previous to the date the license is issued.

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(b) 2. As provided in Section 29-188.1 (Acts of Assembly 1950) the Treasurer of James City County will refuse to issue a license for any dog until: the owner presents a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination, in duplicate, on which is recorded the sex of the dog and the date the vaccine was administered; and which is signed by a duly licensed veterinarian; and, he has recorded on the certificate the date the license is issued, the year for which it is issued, and the serial number of the tag to be issued, before affixing his signature.

(b) 3. The Treasurer will then issue the license tag, retain the carbon copy for his record and give the owner of the dog the original copy.

"SECTION 2. (a) A dog pound shall be established in James City County or City of Williamsburg of sufficient size to hold a reasonable number of dogs. If the City of Williamsburg authorizes the establishment of a pound to be maintained jointly by the City and County, then the County will pay 1/2 of cost.

(b) The Game Warden and such other officials as named hereunder are empowered and required to impound any dog not wearing a collar and tag securely attached as prescribed by law, and such dog shall be held for a period of ten days after notice is posted at the Courthouse of James City County,

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which notice shall state the sex and give a reasonable description of the dog impounded. During the ten day period that a given dog is impounded, he may be returned to his owner upon reasonable proof of ownership, purchase of tag as required by law, payment of vaccination fee, \$.75 per day for board for such dog; these redemption fees and, such fine as may be assessed under existing State law and the provisions of this ordinance shall be paid to the Treasurer of James City County and receipt for same presented at the pound for the dog's release.

(c) If a dog that is impounded is not claimed by his owner as provided herein with a period of ten days after notice is posted, the Game Warden is authorized to dispose of an impounded dog by giving it into the possession of any person that will pay the cost of impounding, vaccination, and license tag; or, if not so disposed of, he may be killed in a humane manner by the Game Warden.

"SECTION 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by all police officers of James City County, or the Game Warden, or Game Wardens of said county, or any other peace officers who have authority and jurisdiction to enforce

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county ordinances, and any other person specifically designated by the County Board of Supervisors to enforce the same, and the County Health Officer and Sanitation Officer are hereby so designated.

"SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

"SECTION 5. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction. Each and every violation of the provisions in this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6. This ordinance to be effective November 1, 1953 and no license shall be issued by the Treasurer on or after that date without the certificate provided in Section 1 (b) 2.

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