

ORDINANCE NO. 13

AN ORDINANCE providing for the licensing of dogs within the corporate limits of the Town of Gig Harbor, Washington; prohibiting dogs from running at large within the corporate limits of Gig Harbor, Washington unless duly licensed and providing for the quarantine of all dogs, whether licensed or not, under certain conditions; providing for the distraining and impounding of dogs found running at large; providing for the sale and disposition of dogs impounded, and providing a penalty for the violation of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to permit a dog owned by them to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town of Gig Harbor unless such person or persons shall first procure a license for said dog as herein-after provided.

For the purpose of this ordinance the term "dog" shall mean any canine of more than three months of age.

Section 2. The annual license fee on male dogs is hereby fixed at the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar. The annual license fee on female dogs is hereby fixed at the sum of Two (\$2.00) Dollars, and for spayed female dogs the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar.

Section 3. On payment to the Clerk of the Town of Gig Harbor of the amount of such license fee and surrender of the Clerk's receipt therefor, a license shall be issued to the person applying therefor, which license shall state whether it be for a male or female dog, and shall remain and be in force from its date until the 31st day of May next ensuing, and the Clerk shall furnish with such license a metal tag upon which is stamped a number corresponding with the number of such license and the year for which same is issued, and such tag shall be appended to the collar which the owner or keeper of the dog shall provide and place and keep upon the neck of the dog so licensed.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of the names of the persons to whom such licenses are issued, with the numbers of the licenses and whether the same is for a male or female dog.

Section 5. All dogs, male or female, found running at large within the corporate limits of Gig Harbor without a license are hereby declared to be a nuisance and it shall be the duty of the Marshall to cause all such dogs to be distrained and impounded, and when so impounded said dogs shall be kept for five (5) days, at the end of which time it shall be discretionary with the Marshall whether the animal shall be sold to defray the expense of keeping it or whether said dog shall be killed.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Marshal, immediately upon distraining or impounding any dog to notify the owner or keeper of such dog that said dog has been distrained or impounded, if the name of the owner or keeper is known, or can by the use of reasonable diligence be ascertained, and any owner of a dog so distrained or impounded may redeem said dog within five (5) days by paying a fee to the Town in the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar for impounding said dog, together with the sum of 50¢ per day, or portion thereof, to defray the cost or expense of keeping said dog.

Section 7. All money received from the sale of distrained or impounded dogs shall be paid by the Marshal into the treasury of the Town of Gig Harbor, Washington.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Town Marshal to give two (2) days notice of the time and place of the sale of dog or dogs impounded under the terms of this ordinance and not redeemed, and said sale must be conducted as is provided by law for the sale of personal property.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of a female dog to allow the same to run at large in season, and any owner or keeper of a female dog who allows the same to run at large in season shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 10. The Mayor of the Town of Gig Harbor shall have, and is hereby expressly granted, the right, upon the request of the Health Officer of the Town or of the Health Department of Pierce County or of the State of Washington, to declare a quarantine upon all dogs, whether licensed or not, and to provide rules and regulations with reference to said quarantine.

Section 11. Upon written complaint filed by any citizen of the Town or by the Town Marshal, the Council of the Town of Gig Harbor hereby reserves the right to declare any dog, whether licensed or not, to be vicious and to prohibit the same from running at large; provided, however, that if said dog shall be licensed then the owner of said dog shall be given at least three (3) days notice of the time and place at which said complaint will be considered by the Council and shall have the right to be present and to defend against said complaint.

Section 12. Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, to which shall be added the costs of prosecution.

This ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after the first day of June, 1948.

Passed this 2nd day of April, 1948.

Harold H. Ryan
Mayor

Attest: Marie Bustagoo
Town Clerk

TOWN OF GIG HARBOR

Gig Harbor, Washington

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TO: Preston, Thorgrimson & Horowitz
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CERTIFICATE

I, Marie Gustafson, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Gig Harbor do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Gig Harbor, Washington entered upon the 8th day of August, 1946 and that same is entered in the minutes of said meeting of said Council on said date.

"A resolution was proposed by John Finholm that the Peninsula Gateway be designated as the official Publication for the town of Gig Harbor. Seconded by Keith Uddenberg. Motion carried."

Clerk
Town of Gig Harbor, Washington