

ORDINANCE NO. 1987-5

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE  
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Brookland,  
Arkansas, that:

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. CRUELTY. No person shall cruelly treat any animal within the Town of Brookland in any way; any person who inhumanely beats, underfeeds, overloads, or abandons any animal shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section and shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. DANGEROUS ANIMALS. It shall unlawful to permit any dangerous animal or vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the Town; exhibitions or parades of animals which are ferae naturae in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from the Mayor.

SECTION 3. NOISES. It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animals which disturb the peace and quiet by loud, unusual or obnoxious noises at any time of the day or night.

SECTION 4. STRAYS. It shall be unlawful to permit any cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry, or any other animals of like kind, to run at large in the Town. It shall further be unlawful to picket or tie any such animal in any of the streets or street right-of-ways of the Town of Brookland for the purpose of grazing or feeding same. The owner of any such animal running at large or so picketed or tied shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section and subject to fine as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 5. KILLING DANGEROUS ANIMALS. The members of the Sheriff's Department or any other person in the Town of Brookland, are authorized to kill any dangerous animal of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property.

SECTION 6. DISEASED ANIMALS. No domestic animal afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease shall be allowed to run at large, or to be exposed in any public place wherever the health of man or beast may be affected; nor shall such diseased animal be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner thereof, except under the supervision of the Health Officer, or Health Inspector.

SECTION 7. HOUSING. No person shall cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean, or unwholesome, and it shall be unlawful to keep any live swine or pigs within the corporate limits of the Town of



Brookland. Any existing use in conflict herewith shall be allowed 60 days after the enactment of this ordinance to comply herewith.

## ARTICLE II. DOGS

SECTION 1. RUNNING AT LARGE. No dog shall be permitted to be or run at large within the Town of Brookland.

SECTION 2. VACCINATION REQUIRED. All dogs from two months of age kept in the Town of Brookland shall be vaccinated at least once a year against rabies, and it is made the duty of all owners of dogs, or persons having the possession or control of dogs within the Town to have such animals vaccinated with vaccine against rabies in an amount, quantity and quality to be approved by the State Veterinarian. It shall be the duty of said owner or person having the control of said dog to cause such metal vaccination tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times.

SECTION 3. NUISANCES. Any dog found in the city without being vaccinated or running at large under conditions set forth above is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be impounded as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF POUNDKEEPER. The poundkeeper is hereby charged with the duty of impounding all dogs running at large in violation of the provisions of this article, or without being vaccinated as herein provided.

SECTION 5. FEES FOR IMPOUNDING AND KEEPING. The fees and charges for the taking up, pounding, and keeping and disposing of impounded animals are hereby fixed as follows: for the picking up and impounding of said animal \$25; and in addition thereto a fee or charge of \$5.00 for each day, or portion of a day, that said animal is impounded. The fees or charges herein fixed shall be in addition to any fine or bond forfeiture in lieu of fine which may be assessed against the owner of such animal for violation of any provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. DOGS IMPOUNDED - HOW REDEEMED. The owner of any dogs impounded hereunder may redeem the same by paying all of the costs, charges and penalties assessed, if any, that have accrued up to the time of making the redemption, and shall pay to have such dog vaccinated as herein required, if said dog has not already been vaccinated, and when the same are paid to said pound-keeper it shall be his duty, and he shall release the dog from said pound and turn over said animal to the owner thereof.

SECTION 7. PUBLIC NOTICE. Immediately after impounding any dog hereunder, it shall be the duty of the poundkeeper to enter upon the records of the pound in a book to be kept by him for such purpose, the date of impounding, a description of the dog impounded, and a record as to whether or not such dog has been tagged as required by the ordinances of said Town. Said pound

book shall be open to the public for the inspection of any interested party.

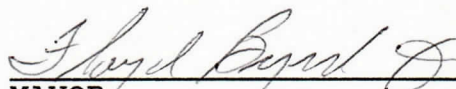
SECTION 8. DOGS DESTROYED IF NOT REDEEMED. Any dog which is impounded and not redeemed by the owner thereof within 72 hours after impounding of such dog shall be and he is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The poundkeeper shall immediately thereafter kill or destroy such dog.

SECTION 9. DOG BITES. Whenever any dog bites a person, such person and the owner of said dog shall immediately notify the County Sheriff's Office who shall order the dog held on the owner's premises or shall have it impounded for a period of two weeks at the expense of the owner. The dog shall be examined immediately after it has bitten anyone and again at the end of the two week period. It shall be the duty of said owner to cause a licensed veterinarian to examine said dog at the end of said two weeks period, and if at the end of said two weeks such veterinarian is convinced that the dog is then free from rabies the dog shall be released from quarantine or from the pound as the case may be. If the dog dies in the meanwhile its head shall be sent to the State Board of Health for examination for rabies, the expense of sending said head to State Board of Health to be paid by owner where known.

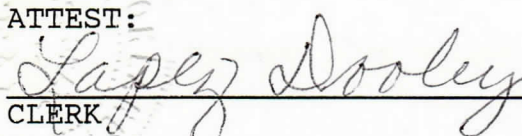
SECTION 10. PENALTY. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, either Article I or II, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$100.00 for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 1987.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CLERK

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