

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT FOR THE LICENSING OF DOGS AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHEEP, LAMBS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually, on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of the ensuing May, in the office of the clerk of the city, village or town wherein he resides, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and registered number, and shall pay for such license one (1) dollar for each male dog, and two (2) dollars for each female dog, over the ages of six months.

License.

SEC. 2. The clerk shall issue the license and receive and pay the money therefor into the city, village, or town treasury, retaining to his own use fifteen (15) cents for each license. The treasurer shall keep an accurate and separate account of all sums received and paid out under the provisions of this chapter relating to dogs, which account shall at all times be open to the inspection of any voter of the place.

Collar

SEC. 3. The clerk shall annually, within one week after the first day of May, post and maintain in some conspicuous public place a list of all dogs licensed for the current year; and shall furnish a copy thereof to the police officer of the city, village or town, or one of the constables of the township in which the owner of such dogs resides, and shall also from time to time furnish said officer with a list of such dogs as are subsequently licensed during the year.

Clerk's fee.

SEC. 4. Any owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of the ensuing May upon paying the sum as provided in section one (1); but such license shall not exempt him from the penalty of the following section on complaint made prior to issuing the license.

Clerk to post list.

No new license for the current year shall be necessary upon the removal of a licensed dog into another city, village or town unless required by some by-law passed under section twelve.

New license.

SEC. 5. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall forfeit ten dollars, to be recovered on complaint to the use of the city, village or town wherein the dog is kept.

Forfeit.

SEC. 6. Whoever wrongfully removes the collar from or maims a dog licensed and collared as aforesaid shall be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty (50) dollars; and whoever wrongfully kills, maims, entices or carries away such a dog shall be liable to its owner for its value in a civil action. Who-

Maiming poisoning and dogs.

ever distributes or exposes any poisonous substance with intent that the same shall be eaten by any dog, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty (50) nor less than ten (10) dollars.

Officer may
kill dogs not
licensed.

SEC. 7. Any person may, and every constable and other police officer shall, kill or cause to be destroyed all dogs going at large and not licensed according to the provisions of this chapter; and such officers when not otherwise paid for their services, shall receive from the city, village or town treasury fifty (50) cents for each dog so destroyed by them.

SEC. 8. Every owner or keeper of a dog shall forfeit to any person injured by it double the amount of the damage sustained by him, to be recovered in a civil action.

When assault-
ed, any person
may kill a dog.

SEC. 9. Any person may kill a dog that shall suddenly assault him while he is peaceably walking or riding without the inclosure of its owner or keeper; and any person may kill a dog that is found out of the inclosure or immediate care of its owner or keeper worrying, wounding or killing any neat cattle, sheep, lambs or other domestic animals.

City, village or
town, liable
for ravages of
dogs.

SECTION 10. Whoever suffers loss by reason of the worrying, maiming or killing of his sheep, lambs or other domestic animals by dogs may, within thirty days after he knows of such loss, present proof thereof to the city council, village trustees, or town supervisors wherein the damage is done, and thereupon said officers shall draw an order in favor of the owner upon the treasurer of said village or town for the amount of such loss. The treasurer shall register such orders at the time of their presentation, and annually on the first day of January pay them in full, if the gross amount received by his city, village or town under the provisions of this chapter relating to dogs, and not previously paid out, is sufficient therefor; otherwise he shall divide such amount pro rata among such orders in full discharge thereof, and the residue, if any, shall be passed to the credit of the general fund of said city, village or town. After such order has been drawn, the city, village or town may, in a civil action recover against the keeper or owner of any dog concerned in doing the damage the full amount thereof.

Dogs to be de-
stroyed, when.

SEC. 11. The mayor and aldermen of each city and the trustees of each village and the supervisors of each town, shall require all dogs not licensed according to the foregoing provisions, to be destroyed, and shall enforce all penalties herein provided.

Penalties for
violation of
municipal reg-
ulations.

SEC. 12. The city council of any city and the inhabitants of any village or town may make such additional by-laws and regulations concerning the licensing and restraining of dogs as they deem expedient, and may affix any penalties not exceeding ten dollars for each breach thereof, but such by-laws and regulations shall relate only to dogs owned and kept in such city, village or town, and the annual fee required for a license shall in no case be more than one dollar in addition to the sum required by section one (1.)

SEC. 13. All fines and penalties provided in the twelve preceding sections, may be recovered on complaint before any police court or justice of the peace in the county where the offence is committed, and when recovered, shall be passed to the credit of the license fund hereinbefore provided. Complaint.

SEC. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved November 22, 1881.

CHAPTER 83.

AN ACT FIXING THE TIMES FOR HOLDING GENERAL TERMS OF THE DISTRICT COURT IN THE COUNTY OF KITTSOON.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the general terms of the District Court shall hereafter be held in the county of Kittson on the last Monday in May of each year.

SEC. 2. All writs, process, continuances, appeals, notices, proceedings and recognizances issued, made or returnable to the general terms of the District Court in and for said county as fixed by law prior to the passage of this act, shall be deemed and construed as made taken and returnable to the proper term of said court as fixed by this act.

Terms of Court
in Kittson
county.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its passage

Approved November 18, 1881.