

The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 1973-40

EMERGENCY

No. 419

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, APPROVED OCTOBER 21, 1968 AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 68-41, APPROVED JUNE 10, 1968, REGULATING THE CONTROL OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS.

Approved September 7, 1973

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is besieged by stray dogs which endanger the public peace, property, health and safety of its citizens. The City Council desires to take all necessary measures for the relief of said emergency situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

SECTION 1. Section 4-33 "Restraint of Dogs Required":

The owner shall keep his dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit such dog to be at large, off the premises or property of the owner, unless under the control of a competent person by means of voice command or leash or similar restraint.

SECTION 2. Section 4-34 "Impoundment of Dogs and Other Animals":

Any dog, or dogs, found running at large shall be taken up by the Dog Officer or any Police Officer and impounded in the shelter designated as the City Dog Pound, and there confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than five (5) days unless first claimed by the owner thereof in accordance with Section 5, and may thereafter be disposed of in a humane manner if not claimed by their owners.

SECTION 3. Section 4-35 "Redemption of Impounded Dogs or other

Animals": Any dog or other animal impounded under the provisions of this Ordinance and not reclaimed by its owner within five (5) days, may be humanely destroyed by the dog officer, have its possession transferred to the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as provided for in Section 4(b), or placed in the custody of some person

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deemed to be a responsible person who will agree to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance and such other regulations as shall be fixed by the Dog Officer.

SECTION 4. Section 4-36 "Impoundment Fees": Any animal impounded hereunder may be reclaimed as herein provided upon payment by the owner to the dog officer of \$5.00 and the additional sum of \$2.00 per day for each day such dog is retained. Such fees shall be collected by the Dog Officer and turned over to the City Collector, every month along with a monthly report concerning the number of dogs retained, an accounting of the fees collected and a copy of the paid receipt given to each owner upon redemption of an animal.

SECTION 5. Section 4-52 "Penalty for Violation of Article": Except as otherwise provided herein, any person convicted of violating any provision of this Ordinance may be punished by the payment of a fine not exceeding \$10.00 to be recovered for the use of the City and if such violation be continued, each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

In City Council

September 6, 1973

Read and Passed as an
Emergency Ordinance

Robert J. Hayton
President

Vincent Vespa
City Clerk

APPROVED

MAYOR

Joseph A. Dooly
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*Commissioner Lynch
and Councilman Warren, by request*