

ORDINANCE NO. 541  
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING DOGS, IN THE CITY  
OF NOKOMIS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois, that:

SECTION I: (License) Every person who harbors or keeps a dog of over the age of three months in the municipality shall pay an annual tax on such dog of \$ 3.<sup>00</sup> which tax shall be paid in advance on or before the first day of July of each year.

The Clerk shall keep a record of all dog taxes paid and shall furnish to each person paying such tax a metal tag having stamped thereon numbers indicating the year for which the tax is paid. A duplicate to replace a lost or destroyed tag may be issued by the Clerk upon the payment of twenty-five cents.

The tax required by this ordinance shall be paid to the Clerk and shall be by him turned over to the Treasurer within twenty-four hours from receipt thereof.

SECTION II: (Tags) It shall be unlawful to permit any dog to be on any public street, sidewalk, alley or other public place unless such dog has a collar firmly attached around his neck with a license tax for the current year attached to such collar.

SECTION III: (Inoculation) It shall be unlawful to permit any dog which is not on a leash, under control, or muzzled to be in any public street, parkway, sidewalk, park, in any store or place of public gathering or in any place in the municipality other than in an enclosed area unless such dog has been inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian within the preceding year.

SECTION IV: (Dog bites) It shall be the duty of the owner or person having custody of any dog which bites any human being to keep such dog locked up in an enclosure for a period of two weeks following the time the dog has bitten a person; and to have the dog examined by a physician or licensed veterinarian at the commencement and termination of this two week period. If such dog during this period shall die or shall show definite signs of illness, it shall be the duty of such owner or person having custody of the dog to turn the dog over to the health officer or Chief of Police, so that it can be determined whether or not the dog had rabies.

SECTION V: (Impounding) Any dog found upon any public street or highway running at large, or any dog for which the annual tax has not been paid as hereinabove provided, shall be impounded by the Police Department. If such dog shall not have been redeemed within five days after being impounded, it shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by the City Council.



Any dog impounded may be redeemed by the owner upon payment of a fee of fifty cents (50¢) a day for each day the dog has been impounded, plus a release fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) and the current tax, if the same is unpaid. Such fees shall be paid to the Clerk or to the Pound Master.

SECTION VI: (Definition) The term "dog" as used in this ordinance includes any canine three months or more of age.

SECTION VII: (Penalty) Any person, firm or corporation violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION VIII: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

SECTION IX: All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, now in full force and effect, and which are in conflict with this ordinance, are expressly repealed.

Passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois, held at the City Hall in said City on the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1965.

APPROVED: *A. E. K. [Signature]*  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Muriel Morgan*  
City Clerk