

ORDINANCE NUMBER 94

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF GLYNDON.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Glyndon as follows:

Section 1: No person shall keep any horse, bovine animal, pig, sheep, goat or poultry within the platted area of the City or within 300 feet of any platted area of the City, except for existing farms of more than 40 acres in area.

Section 2: No person having the ownership or custody of any dog or animal of the dog kind shall permit the same to be on any unfenced area or lot abutting upon a street, public park, public place or upon any other private land within the City of Glyndon unless the same shall be effectively restrained to prevent such animal from entering beyond the unfenced area or lot; nor shall any person being the owner or having custody or control of any dog or animal of a dog kind permit the same, at anytime, to be on any street, public park, school ground, public place or other private land in the City of Glyndon not owned by the owner of the animal or person having custody or control thereof, unless the animal is effectively restrained by a chain or leash or is restrained within the confines of the owner's private property, or unless accompanied by or under the control and direction of the owner or custodian so as to be effectively restrained by command or by leash, and unless the animal wears the collar and tag hereinafter provided.

Section 3: No person shall torture, beat, neglect or injure any animal or pet.

Section 4: No owner of any dog or cat shall keep any such animal in the City of Glyndon unless a license shall have first been secured and paid for by such owner. Licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk upon application therefor at such fees as may be established, from time to time, by resolution of the City Council. Such fees shall be an annual fee which shall expire at the end of June of each year and shall be renewed by the owner on an annual basis. Each application shall be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified veterinarian certifying that the dog or cat to be licensed has been vaccinated in accordance with state law. No license shall be granted for a dog or cat which has not been properly vaccinated in accordance with state statutes and regulations regarding vaccination requirements. It shall be the duty of each owner of a dog or cat to pay the license fee imposed by the

City Council on or before the first day of June in each year, or upon acquiring ownership of any unlicensed animal or upon establishing residence within the City. In the event payment of the license fee should be made after the first day of July of each year, a penalty of 50% of the annual fee shall be imposed and collected upon issuance of such license, except that a person acquiring ownership of or possession of an unlicensed animal or who should establish residence within the City subsequent to the first day of June of any year shall have 30 days after acquiring possession or ownership of the animal or establishing such residence within the City to make an application for a license without payment of any penalty.

Upon issuing a license for a dog or cat, the City Clerk shall issue a tag referring to the number of the license issued for such animal, and the owner of such animal shall immediately attach the tag to a collar or harness to be worn by the dog or cat so licensed. The tag shall be placed on the collar or harness so that the same is readily observable by law enforcement officers upon inspection. The City Clerk shall further keep records of all licenses issued indicating the name of the person obtaining each license and a description of the animal so licensed.

Section 5: No person shall keep or harbor any dog or cat which has the habit of barking or howling or which roams loose without apparent control to the disturbance of the residents of the City. Any animal which should habitually bark or howl or roam without apparent control is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the law enforcement officers of the City of Glyndon are hereby authorized and empowered to impound any such animal.

Section 6: The City Council may, by resolution, appoint an animal control officer for the City who shall aid and assist the police department of the City in the enforcement of this ordinance and in the capture and impoundment of any animal which should be unlicensed or should be creating a nuisance or should otherwise be in violation of any other statute or ordinance of the City or the State of Minnesota. Any animal so impounded shall be brought to an appropriate facility, and the owner, if known, shall thereupon be notified that the owner's animal has been so impounded. An impounding fee of \$25.00 together with all other charges and costs incurred for the care of such animal shall be paid by the owner prior to the release of such impounded animal. In the event the impounded animal should be unclaimed after notice to the owner, if known, the animal may be destroyed in accordance with applicable state statutes and regulations or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the same.

Section 7: The violation of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and any person so violating the same shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by confinement in the County Jail of Clay County for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both.

Section 8: Nothing set forth in this ordinance shall be construed or enforced so as to violate the provisions of any "white cane law" of the State of Minnesota or regulations enacted thereunder.

Section 9: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Dated this 21 day of February, 1983.

CITY OF GLYNDON

By: Dennis D. Wahl
Dennis Wahl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis Johnson
Dennis Johnson, City Clerk