

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING AND INOCULATION OF DOGS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor, keep or possess any dog over the age of three months, within the town of Medina, without first obtaining a certificate from a veterinarian certifying that said dog has been inoculated against rabies for the current year, together with a metal tag showing such inoculation which may be attached to the harness or collar of each dog of said town.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of every person who owns, harbors, possesses a dog or dogs in the town of Medina to have the same inoculated against rabies between January 1 and May 1 of each year, and to secure a certificate of inoculation in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Town Mayor. Said certificate shall be presented on demand at any time to any police officer or any authorized agent thereof. A metal tag or plate for rabies shall be presented at the time of such inoculation and shall be attached to the collar or harness of the dog inoculated, and shall be worn at all times.

SECTION 3. Any dog found running at large in said town in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be seized, and may be destroyed.

SECTION 4. The duty and responsibility of enforcing this ordinance and seeing that the provisions are strictly complied with are hereby vested in the police department of the Town of Medina.

SECTION 5. Any dog found running at large in the Town of Medina which, according to the provision of the ordinance, should be inoculated, and is without a metal tag or plate showing that said dog has been inoculated for the current year shall be seized. Any dog that has been seized may be destroyed by the police department or by some person designated to do so.

SECTION 6. Whenever a member of the police department shall be reasonably sure that any dog is afflicted with rabies, or in case of any emergency such as might arise when a dog is seen running at large and acting in a manner that would give intimation of rabies, it shall be the duty of the police department immediately in such instances to shoot such animal. The killing of any dog by the police department in the line of duty shall absolve said department and the Town of Medina from any blame.

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, owning, keeping,

SECTION 8. Anyone found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than one or more fifty dollars.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage. The public welfare requires it.

PASSED May 4, 1962

John Smith, Mayor