

ORDINANCE NO. 1504

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PERTAINING TO DOGS; REVISING THE LICENSING PROCEDURE AND CHANGING THE LICENSE FEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 6-5-2, 6-5-6 AND 6-5-12 OF THE MESA CITY CODE; REPEALING SECTIONS 6-5-3 AND 6-5-4 OF THE MESA CITY CODE; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Section 6-5-2 of the Mesa City Code is amended to read as follows:

"6-5-2: LICENSE FEE: A license fee shall be paid for each dog four (4) months of age or over that is kept, harbored or maintained within the boundaries of the city for at least thirty (30) consecutive days of each calendar year. A license fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) shall be paid for a dog in a kennel under permit by Maricopa County Health Department or permanently incapable of procreation, and a twelve dollar (\$12.00) fee will be paid for a dog capable of procreation. License fees shall become due on January 1st of each year. License fees shall be paid within ninety (90) days. A penalty not to exceed four dollars (\$4.00) shall be added to the license fee in the event that application is made subsequently to the date on which the dog is required to be licensed under the provisions of this article. This penalty shall not be assessed against applicants who furnish adequate proof that the dog to be licensed has been in their possession less than thirty (30) consecutive days."

Section 2: That Section 6-5-6 of the Mesa City Code is amended to read as follows:

"6-5-6: RUNNING AT LARGE AND RESTRICTIONS:

(A) Any person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring or maintaining a dog commits an unlawful act if such dog:

1. Is at large upon or about the private premises of any person who has not granted permission therefor; or

2. Is at large upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys or public property, unless such dog is restrained by a leash, chain, rope or cord of not more than ten feet (10') in length and of sufficient strength to control the action of the dog.

(B) The provision of subsection (A)2 of this section shall not apply to any dog while accompanied by or under the control of his owner, master or trainer, if such dog is actively in dog obedience training, provided that the person training such dog has in his possession a dog leash, chain, rope or cord of not more than ten feet (10') in length and of sufficient strength to control such dog, and further that the dog is actually enrolled in or has been graduated from a dog obedience training school which has been approved by the Enforcement Agent."

Section 3: That Section 6-5-12 of the Mesa City Code is amended to read as follows:

"6-5-12: DANGEROUS, VICIOUS OR FIERCE DOGS PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog of dangerous, vicious or fierce propensities to allow it to run at large on the premises of the owner unless a sign be posted in a conspicuous place at the entrance to the premises advising the public of the nature of the dog maintained therein, and the enclosure is of sufficient strength and design to contain the dog."

Section 4: That Sections 6-5-3 and 6-5-4 of the Mesa City Code are repealed.


Section 5: PENALTY: That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or of the Mesa City Code as amended herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 3rd day of August, 1981.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 1981