

ORDINANCE
ANIMAL CONTROL
ORDINANCE of the CITY OF ODUM, GEORGIA.

It is ordained by the Mayor and City Council for of the City of Odum, Georgia, that the following ordinance for the **CITY OF ODUM, GEORGIA** involving animal control is hereby enacted as follows:

SECTION I
IN GENERAL

Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this sections, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

At large means off the premises, and not controlled by leash, cord, chain or otherwise by the owner or his immediate family.

Domesticated animals means animals which are kept as pets, such as dogs and cats.

Owner means any person owning, keeping or harboring any animal or fowl.

Undomesticated animals means horses, mules, cattle, goats, swine and other animals which are not domesticated.

Running at large.

No person shall allow any animal, whether domesticated or undomesticated, or any fowl to roam, run or be at large or on the premises of another within the city.

Keeping of certain animals regulated.

No person shall keep, harbor or maintain any horse, mule, cattle or other livestock within 200 feet of any residence within the city; provided, however, that the owner of any horse shall have the right to keep, harbor and maintain such animal within 100 feet of his own residence, provided, the boundaries of the property upon which the horse is maintained shall not be less than 200 feet from any other residence.

Keeping of swine regulated.

No person shall keep, harbor or maintain swine within the city without first obtaining permission to do so from the CITY COUNCIL. Any person desiring to keep, harbor or maintain swine within the corporate limits of the city shall make written application for such permission to the board of CITY COUNCIL, setting forth the location at which the swine will be maintained. No such permit shall be granted where the swine are to be maintained within a distance of 500 feet from the residence of any person other than the applicant.

Animal control board created.

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Registration fo dangerous dogs; annual license fee.

Any owner of a dog which has been determined to be a dangerous dog or potentially
dangerous dog under the Dangerous Dog Control Law, O.C.G.A. § 4-8-20 et seq., shall register such
dog with the city and shall pay an annual dangerous dog licensing fee as set forth in the schedule of
fees and charges on file in the office of the city clerk. Such fee shall be paid to the clerk and shall be
paid at such time as such dog has been determined to be a dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog
and on January 15 of each year thereafter.

**SECTION II
BIRD SANCTUARY**

Designation.

The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the city is hereby designated as a bird
sanctuary.

Protection of birds.

It shall be unlawful for any person to trap, hunt, shoot or attempt to shoot or molest any bird
or wild fowl in any manner, or to rob bird or wild fowl nests.

Birds causing nuisance.

If starlings or similar birds are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular
locality that they constitute a nuisance or menace to health or property in the opinion of the proper
health authorities of the city, then in such event such health authorities shall meet with representatives
of the audubon society, bird club, garden club or humane society, or as many of such clubs as are
found to exist in the city, after having given at least three days' actual notice of the time and place of
such meeting to the representative of such clubs. If, as a result of such meeting, no satisfactory
alternative is found to abate such nuisance, then such birds may be destroyed in such numbers and
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SECTION III RABIES CONTROL*

Quarantine of suspected animal.

Any animal which bites or scratches a person or otherwise gives symptoms of having rabies shall be immediately reported to the county health officer and shall be securely quarantined at the direction of the health officer for a period of ten days, and shall not be released from such quarantine, except by written permission of the health officer or under his direction. At the discretion of the health officer, such quarantine may be on the premises of the owner, at the shelter designated as the city pound or, at the owner's option and expense, in a veterinary hospital of his choice. In the case of stray animals or animals whose ownership is not known, such quarantine shall be at the shelter designated as the city pound.

Duty of owner to surrender animal; redemption.

Upon demand by the health officer, the owner shall forthwith surrender any animal for supervised quarantine which has bitten a human or is suspected as having been exposed to rabies, the expense of which shall be borne by the owner. Such animal may be reclaimed by the owner if it is adjudged free of rabies, and upon payment of fees determined therefor by the CITY COUNCIL from time to time.

Disposition of dead rabid animal.

When rabies has been diagnosed in an animal under quarantine or rabies is suspected by a licensed veterinarian and the animal dies while under such observation, the health officer shall immediately send the head of such animal to the state health department for pathological examination and shall notify the proper public health officer of reports of human contacts and the diagnosis.

State law references - Rabies Control, O.C.G.A. § 31-19-1 et seq.; inoculation of dogs and cats against rabies, O.C.G.A. § 31-19-5.

Imposition of areawide quarantine.

When a report indicates a positive diagnosis of rabies, the health officer may order an areawide quarantine for a period of 60 days, and upon the invoking of such quarantine, no pet animal shall be taken into the streets, or permitted to be in the streets, during such period of quarantine. During such quarantine, no animal may be taken or shipped from the city without the permission of the health officer.

Required vaccination during areawide quarantine; program of mass immunization.

(a) During an areawide quarantine period, and as long afterward as the health officer decides it is necessary to prevent the spread of rabies, he may require that all dogs three months of age and older shall be vaccinated against rabies. All vaccinated dogs shall be restricted, by leashing or confinement on enclosed premises, for 30 days after such vaccination.

(b) During the quarantine period, the health officer is hereby empowered to provide for a program of mass immunization by the establishment of temporary emergency canine rabies vaccination clinics strategically located through the area of the health jurisdiction.

Redemption of strays restricted during emergency quarantine.

No animal which has been impounded by reason of such animal being a stray and which is unclaimed by its owner shall be allowed to be adopted from any animal shelter during the period of rabies emergency quarantine, except by special authorization of the health officer.

Destruction or isolation of bitten animals.

Animals bitten by a known raid animal shall be immediately destroyed, or if the owner is unwilling to destroy the exposed animal, strict isolation of the animal in a kennel designated by the health officer for a period of six months shall be enforced. If the animal has been previously vaccinated within time limits established by the public health service based on the kind of vaccination used, revaccination and restraint, by leashing and confinement, for a period of 30 days shall be carried out.

Extension of quarantine.

If there are additional cases of rabies occurring during the period of areawide quarantine, such period of quarantine may be extended for an additional period of time.

Destruction or removal of rabid animals.

No person shall kill, or cause to be killed, any rabid animal, any animal suspected of having been exposed to rabies, or any animal biting a human, except as provided in this article, nor remove such animal from the city limits without written permission from the health officer.

Surrender of carcass.

The carcass of any dead animal exposed to rabies shall be surrendered to the health officer upon demand.

It shall be the duty of every physician or other medical practitioner to report to the health officer the names and addresses of persons treated for bites inflicted by animals, together with such other information as will be helpful in rabies control.

Failure to obey.

No person shall fail or refuse to surrender any animal for quarantine or destruction as required

in this article when demand is made for such surrender by the health officer.

Report of suspected rabies cases.

It shall be the duty of every licensed veterinarian to report to the health officer any animal considered by such veterinarian to be a rabies suspect.

Exemptions.

Hospitals, clinics and other premises operated by licensed veterinarians for the care and treatment of animals are exempt from the provisions of this article, except where expressly stated.

**SECTION IV
DOMESTICATED ANIMALS***

Destruction of dangerous, vicious or fierce domesticated animals.

Any dangerous, vicious or fierce domesticated animal or any domesticated animal having dangerous, vicious or fierce propensities and tendencies found at large after the owner thereof has previous knowledge or notice that such domesticated animal is dangerous, vicious or fierce or has dangerous, vicious or fierce propensities and tendencies may be killed by any police officer of the city without such police officer having to catch or impound such domesticated animal.

Vaccination required; provision of tag.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any domesticated animal to keep or maintain such domesticated animal within the city unless such animal shall have been vaccinated by a licensed veterinary surgeon with antirabies vaccine within one year preceding the date on which such domesticated animal is kept or maintained.

(b) The owner of every domesticated animal shall provide a tag issued by a licensed veterinarian, attached to a collar worn by each domesticated animal showing the name of the

animal has been vaccinated, and the date of such vaccination shall appear on such tag.

Collar and tags required to be worn.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or keep a domesticated animal on any premises within the city unless the domesticated animal wears a collar or harness securely attached to its body to which shall be securely attached a tag issued for the domesticated animal by a licensed veterinarian who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state, showing that within the current calendar year the domesticated animal has been vaccinated against rabies, and also securely attached to the collar or harness shall be a license tag showing the domesticated animal has been licensed by the city clerk for the current year.

***State law reference - Livestock running at large, O.C.G.A. § 4-3-1 et seq.**

**SECTION V
ARTICLE V. IMPOUNDMENT**

Authority.

Subject to the provisions of this article, it shall be the duty of the police department to seize and impound all animals, whether domesticated or undomesticated, found in violation of the provisions of this chapter within the city, whether such animal shall be in the immediate presence of

its owner or custodian or otherwise.

Right of entry.

The police officers are hereby authorized to enter upon any unfenced lot, tract or parcel of land for the purpose of seizing and impounding any animal found thereon in violation of this chapter.

Register.

Upon impounding or receiving any animal under the provisions of this article, the poundmaster shall make a complete registry of such animal, entering the breed, color and sex of the animal and whether the animal has been vaccinated, and the time and place of taking such animal into custody.

Right to redeem.

The owner of any animal which has been impounded under the provisions of this article shall have the right to redeem the animal upon the payment of any and all fees which may be due and payable for the impoundment of such animal; provided, however, the payment of such impoundment

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Time for redemption.

All impounded animals shall be redeemed within five days after such animals were impounded. Any such animal not redeemed within such period of time may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Fees.

The fees which shall be charged for the impoundment of any animal under the provisions of this article shall be as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges on file in the office of the city clerk.

Redemption of unvaccinated animal.

Upon satisfactory proof of ownership, the owner of any impounded domesticated animal which has not been vaccinated as required by this chapter may redeem his animal by making a deposit with the poundmaster as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges on file in the office of the city clerk, and be allowed 24 hours to get such animal vaccinated. If such owner fails to procure a vaccination certificate within such 24 hours, the deposit shall be forfeited and the animal shall be impounded again. Upon presentation within such period of time of a certificate of vaccination issued under this chapter, the deposit shall be refunded.

Redemption by person other than owner.

If the owner of any animal impounded under this article shall fail to redeem his animal within the time allowed for redemption, any other person may, upon complying with all provisions of this article, redeem the animal from the pound and be the lawful owner of the animal thereafter.

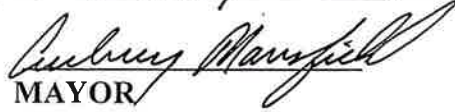
Disposition of funds.

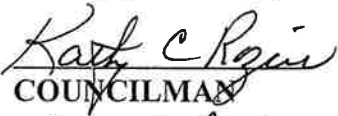
All moneys received and collected under the provisions of this article shall be deposited in the general fund of the city.

Reports.

The poundmaster shall file reports of his activities under the provisions of this article, under oath, as are required by the CITY COUNCIL.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval. Passed and approved by the governing body of the City of Odum, Georgia, this 5th day of February, 2008.


MAYOR


COUNCILMAN


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ATTEST: 

CITY CLERK

AMENDEMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ODUM THAT THIS AMENDEMENT WILL SUPPLEMENT THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ODUM, GEORGIA WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY BOTH MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ODUM ON OCTOBER 7, 2008. ALL SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT, WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS;

1. THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ODUM, GEORGIA WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY BOTH MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ODUM ON OCTOBER 7, 2008, SHALL BE GIVEN AN ORDINANCE NUMBER AND KNOWN AS OCO-011
2. ANYONE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF ANY SECTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ODUM, GEORGIA WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY BOTH MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ODUM ON OCTOBER 7, 2008, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE.

ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE WHICH WERE PUT IN PLACE ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 7, 2008 SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS THIS AMENDMENT IS ONLY INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE AND WILL NOT MODIFY OR REVOKE ANY PROVISION THEREIN.



Greg Rozier, Mayor

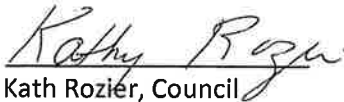
Kevin Higgs, Council



Greg Leggett, Council




Robbin Manners, Council



Kath Rozier, Council

Ron Sluder, Council

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CITY CLERK

DATE:

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