

ORDINANCE 94-A86 DOG CONTROL AND LICENSING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA, PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND LICENSING OF DOGS IN TOWN LIMITS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Section 1: Application

Ordinance 87-A20 is superseded in its entirety.

Section 2: Animal Control Officer

Pursuant to ARS 9-499.04, the Town of Camp Verde hereby establishes the office of Animal Control Officer (ACO) who may commence an action or proceeding before a court for any violation or enforcement of this ordinance, other local ordinances, and State statutes relating to animal control which occurs within the jurisdiction of the Town. Any certified peace officer may also enforce these ordinances and statutes. It is unlawful for any person to interfere with the ACO or a law enforcement agent in the performance of their duties.

Section 3: Dogs at Large

It is unlawful for an owner or person responsible for the care of a dog to permit it to be at large within the Town limits. Evidence that the person permitted the dog to be at large may be shown from prior warnings by the ACO, verbal or written, complaints from adjoining or neighborhood property owners, or the public, to the ACO or Marshal's Office that the dog was observed loose or unattended, the owner or responsible person allowed the dog to be in a public place without any physical restraints, or that the dog was being maintained on the property or residence of the owner or responsible party without sufficient or reasonable enclosures or restraints after being notified that the dog had been leaving the property. A dog is not at large if it is unrestrained on the property or residence of the owner or person responsible for its care.

Section 4: Licensing of Dogs

Each dog six (6) months of age or over that is kept, harbored or maintained within the Town limits for at least thirty (30) consecutive days shall be licensed by the Town. Fees and penalties for licenses shall be established by resolution of the Town Council, and the Town shall provide durable dog tags with the name of the Town, license number, and expiration date. Before a license is issued, the owner must present a rabies vaccination certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating the owners name and address, and giving the dog's description, date of vaccinations, types, manufacturer and serial number of the vaccine, and the date the revaccination is due.

It is unlawful for any person who fails within fifteen (15) days after notification by the ACO, verbally or in writing, to obtain a license for a dog

required to be licensed under this ordinance, or as may otherwise be required by law, or to remove a dog tag from a dog required to be licensed, or to place a dog tag on a dog other than the dog for which the license was issued.

Section 5: Keeping of Dogs

It is unlawful a person, owner, or responsible party to keep or harbor, within the Town limits, any dog which barks, howls, or makes other aggravating noises which unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

Penalty

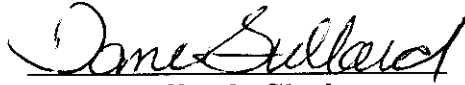
Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance, shall be guilty of a petty offense on the first offense, and of a Class 2 misdemeanor on any subsequent offense, whether or not the subsequent offense involves the same dog, punishable as may be established by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in open meeting by the Town Council, Town of Camp Verde, Arizona this 16th day of February, 1994, to be effective thirty (30) days thereafter, or when publication and posting, pursuant to ARS 9-813, is completed, whichever is later.

Approved:


A. Carter Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dane Bullard, Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Ronald C. Ramsey, Town Attorney

