

ORDINANCE NO. 291.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 290 ENTITLED "REVISED CODES OF THE CITY OF POLSON, 1965. Section 6. Chapter 3. ENTITLED DOGS" AND HEREBY DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA.

ORDINANCE NO. 290 BEING THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Title VI. Chapter 3. Section 12: DEFINITION OF TERMS:  
As used in this ordinance unless otherwise indicated by text:

- (a) "dog" shall be intended to mean both male and female.
- (b) "owner" shall be intended to mean any person, firm association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring any dog.
- (c) "at large" shall mean off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or a member of his family or his agent by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.

Section 13: No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the City of Polson, from March 19, 1965 to April 19, 1965.

Section 14: The Poundmaster is hereby charged with the duty of impounding all dogs either unlicensed or running at large in violation of this ordinance. He shall be a special police officer and shall be and hereby authorized to make all necessary arrests in carrying out the provisions of this ordinance and shall be paid as otherwise provided by the City Council.

Section 15: FEES FOR IMPOUNDING AND KEEPING: The fee charged for taking up and impounding and keeping and disposing of impounded animals shall be as follows:

(a) Licenses Male dogs and Spayed Females, \$2.00, plus \$2.00 per day or part thereof for keeping and caring for such animals.

(b) Unlicensed male or Spayed females, \$5.00 plus \$2.00 per day or part thereof for keeping and caring for such dogs.

(c) Licensed female dogs, \$5.00 plus \$2.00 for keeping and caring for such dogs.

(d) Unlicensed female dogs, \$25.00 plus \$2.00 per day or fraction thereof for keeping and caring for such dog.

Section 16: DOGS IMPOUNDED - HOW REDEEMED: The owner or ~~owners~~ owners of any dog impounded hereunder may redeem the same by paying the license fee required for such dog and all cost, charges and penalties assessed, if any, that have accrued up to the time to making the redemption and when the same are paid to said poundmaster it shall be his duty and he shall release the dog from said pound and deliver to the owner thereof.

Section 17: PUBLIC NOTICE: Immediately after impounding ~~any~~ any dog hereunder it shall be the duty of the poundmaster to enter upon the records of the pound in a book to be kept by him for such purpose the date of the impounding, description, and of the dog impounded, and a record as to whether or not such dog has been licensed, and tagged as required by the ordinance.

Public notice of the impounding of such dog shall be given by posting one copy of the description of such dog and the date of impoundment at the Post Office, and one copy on the Bulletin board in the office of the City Clerk. Any such dog not redeemed by the owner thereof within forty-eight (48) hours after posting of such notice by the poundmaster shall be and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The poundmaster shall immediately thereafter kill or destroy such dog.

Section 18: LICENSED DOG IMPOUNDED: It shall be the duty of the poundmaster to cause notice to be served by mail upon the registered owner of any licensed dog impounded under the provisions of this ordinance such notice to be mailed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the posting of impounding hereinbefore provided.

Section 19: All fees, fines and forfeitures collected hereunder shall be deposited in the general fund of the City, and dispersed as the City Council may provide.

Section 20: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 21: An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance is hereby declared to be necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety and therefore, this passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15 DAY OF MARCH, 1965

ATTEST:  
signed Walter E. Maddy, clerk  
City of Polson, Montana  
signed D. G. ELLENWOOD, SR  
Mayor