

ORDINANCE NO. 65

AN ORDINANCE LICENSING AND REGULATING  
THE KEEPING OF DOGS

The Village Council of the Village of Hokah, Houston County, Minnesota does ordain:

Section 1. **RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.** No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of the Village of Hokah during the period from April through November 30 of each year.

Section 2. **DOGS ON LEASH.** The restriction imposed by Section 1 shall not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon the streets or public property when such dog is on a leash and kept under control of the accompanying person.

Section 3. **LICENSE REQUIRED.** No person shall keep any dog within the Village without securing a license therefore from the Clerk, who shall keep a record of all license issued and shall issue a metal tag with each license. The annual license fee shall be \$1.00 for each male dog or spayed female dog and \$3.00 for each unsprayed female dog. Licenses shall expire one year after the date of their issuance.

Section 4. **IMPOUNDING.** The poundmaster, if one should be appointed by the Village Council or some other person designated, shall impound any dog found unlicensed or running at large and shall give notice of the impounding to the owner of such dog, if known. In case the owner is unknown, such officer shall post notice at the pound and at the Village Hall that if the dog is not claimed within 5 days of the posting of the notice it will be killed. If such dog is not claimed within the time specified and all fees and charges paid, the poundmaster shall kill such dog and dispose of its carcass unless it is requested by a licensed education or scientific institution under Minnesota General Statutes, Section 35.71 provided further that the poundmaster or other office may, in his discretion, release any such dog so held at the end of the specified five-day period to any person upon payment by such person of all charges incident to the impoundment and in such person's so claiming said dog, is a resident of the Village of Hokah upon securing a license for such dog or dogs. The poundmaster shall house and feed in a humane manner any dog held at the pound and a pounding fee of \$5 and a charge of 50 cents per day for feeding shall be held for any dog held at the pound. The Village Constable or some other person by the Council designated shall be the poundmaster.

Section 5. **PENALTY.** Any person keeping a dog without a license or allowing a dog under his control to run at large is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days.

Enacted by the Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1968.

Approved:

William Hoskins, Mayor

Attest:  
Verian Craig, Clerk