

O R D I N A N C E NO. 205

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS
IN THE CITY LIMITS OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR
DISPOSITION OF DOGS REQUIRING VACCINATION OF ANIMANS
AND IMPOUNDING

1. OWNER'S CONTROL OF DOG: No person owning any dog, cat or other animal or having the care, custody or possession of any such animal shall allow or permit such animal to run, be or remain at large on any public street, road, alley, park, square or other public place or upon any private property within the corporate limits of the City of Bonifay, Florida. All animals shall be deemed running at large within the meaning hereof unless such animal is leashed, in the custody of a person, or in the direct control of a person, restrained in a vehicle, or staked, fastened or confined in a fence or adequate enclosure; or on the property of the owner. It shall be unlawful for animals to run at large even through properly licensed and such animals shall be impounded pursuant to the provisions of Section Four and punished pursuant to provisions of Section Five hereof. Any non resident person of the City releasing an animal within the City boundaries shall be punished pursuant to the provision of Section Five.

2. VACCINATION, TAG AND CERTIFICATE REQUIRED: No person shall keep under his control any dog, cat or other animal above the age of six months within the corporate limits unless the animal has, within the period of one year immediately preceding such keeping, been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian or by the owner of the animal and unless the animal wears a collar having securely affixed thereto a metal tag showing such vaccination and unless the owner or keeper or the animal has or produces, upon demand of the City Clerk, Mayor, within five days the certificate of vaccination showing the vaccination of such animal. The owner shall be punished pursuant to provision of Section Five.

3. ANIMALS CREATING NUISANCE: No owner or person shall keep a dog or other animal which become a public nuisance. A "public nuisance" shall be deemed to exist when any dog, dogs or animal shall habitually bark, whine, howl, growl, or cause other objectional noise; shall chase or run after persons or vehicles; shall destroy or damage the property of another person; shall by unprovoked fighting cause physical damage; shall attack other domestic animals, shall trespass upon school grounds; shall trespass upon the private property of another or shall cause any serious annoyance to a neighboring resident which interferes with such resident's reasonable use and enjoyment of his property. Upon the determination that the owner of the animal or the person responsible for the animal does have a animal which is a public nuisance, or herein defined, animal(s) shall be subject to impoundment and disposition as set forth in Section Four of this Ordinance.

4. IMPOUNDING AND RECLAIMING DOGS: The owner or custodian of any animal in violation of Section 1, 2 & 3 hereof shall be subject to punishment as provided in Section Five of this Ordinance. In addition thereto, the Chief of Police, other members of the police force or peron(s), designated by the Chief of Police shall impound said animal(s) in the following manner. The owner shall be notified of the impounding. If the owner of any such animal does not apply for the release of the animal and pay the costs and expenses of impounding which said impounding cost is fixed at a minimum of not less than \$5.00 per day for catching and impounding each animal, the city shall offer the animal to any reasonable person and if no one claims the animal after five days of posting the dog shall be put to death. If the Chief of Police or other appropriate person shall be unable to ascertain the owner or custodian of the animal, the City shall post on the bulletin board at the City Hall that the animal will be given to any responsible person and in the event the animal is not claimed within five days of posting the notice, the animal shall be put to death. Upon any subsequent

capture of the same animal the owner shall pay an impounding fee of \$10.00 per day. The owner or any person shall give proof of vaccination within five days of receipts of the animal.

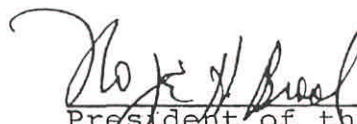
5. PENALTY: Any first violation of Section One and Three shall consist of a \$10.00 fine and any second or subsequent violation shall consist of a \$50.00 fine for the respective animal. Any violation of Section Two shall consist of a \$50.00 fine. Any non residing person of the City releasing an animal within the City boundaries shall pay a fine of \$100.00.

6. VICIOUS DOGS: Any vicious or dangerous dog which is not chained or in a suitable pen shall be put to death without the need for impounding.

7. All ordinances or part of ordinances that conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.


8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor of said City, or upon its becoming effective without such approval.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida at a Regular meeting of said City Council held at the City Hall in said City on the 12th day of December, 1983 at 7:00 o'clock P. M.




President of the City Council
of the City of Bonifay, Florida

Attest:



City Clerk of said City of
Bonifay, Florida

APPROVED by me this 12th day of December, 1983.



Mayor of said City of Bonifay,
Florida