

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
ORDINANCE NO. 20

An Ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large in the unincorporated areas of Multnomah County.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. No dog shall be permitted to run at large in the unincorporated areas of Multnomah County.

Section 2. "Running at large" shall not be deemed to include:

(1) Use of a dog under the supervision of a person in order to hunt, chase or tree game or predatory animals.

(2) Use of a dog to control, drive or protect domestic livestock.

(3) Handling of a dog under the control of a leash or under the voice control of a person.

Section 3. Any person who is the owner or responsible for the control or possession of a dog who permits such animal to run at large in the unincorporated areas of Multnomah County, Oregon, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$10 for the first offense and not more than \$25 for each subsequent offense.

Section 4. When any dog is found running at large in the unincorporated areas of Multnomah County, Oregon, the sheriff of the county or his deputy or any other police officer shall take up and impound such dog in the county dog pound. All dogs so impounded shall be held for at least seven (7) days from the date of such impounding. If no owner or person entitled to possession appears to claim such dog within seven (7) days from its impoundment, it may be destroyed in a humane manner. If the owner is known or is ascertainable from the dog's license or otherwise, such owner shall be notified immediately that the dog must be redeemed from

impoundment within seven (7) days from the date of the notice. If the owner appears to redeem the dog, he shall pay all the expenses incurred by the county in the keeping of the dog during the time it was impounded. If in the judgment of the officer in charge of the county dog pound, such dog is not dangerous or unhealthy, it may be released to any responsible person upon payment of the cost of the expense of keeping said dog in the county pound during impoundment. Any person, including the owner, securing the release of any dog so impounded shall secure the dog license required under the provisions of ORS 609.100 unless the dog is otherwise licensed. Any person securing the release of a dog as hereinabove provided shall be considered the owner thereof and responsible for preventing such dog from thereafter running at large.

Section 5. Any person securing the release of a dog from the custody of the county poundmaster shall reimburse the county for the cost of keeping such dog at the rate of \$1.25 per day for each day impounded and for all charges incurred by the county for the dog's medical care and vaccinations.

Section 6. This ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Date of Passage: January 16, 1969.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By *James Gleason*  
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Multnomah County, Oregon

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