

ORDINANCE 279

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS, THE VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES OF SAME, VICIOUS DOGS, POISONING OF DOGS, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

Within the provisions of this ordinance the following definitions shall have the meanings indicated:

A. Owner: Any person, firm corporation, partnership, trust or association of persons owning, or having an interest in, or having control or custody of possession or supervision of any dog.

B. Vaccination: Medical inoculation using type of vaccine and method of vaccination recommended by the Colorado Department of Health.

C. Vicious: Dog of a cross or savage or vicious temper or disposition or a dog who attacks and/or bites people.

D. Loose: Outside the property of the owner and not under restraint by a leash or chain held by a competent person.

SECTION 2 - VACCINATION OF DOGS

After the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any dog of the age of six months or more to be within the Town of Rico, Colorado, unless said dog has been vaccinated with anti-rabies vaccine and tagged with proof of vaccination.

SECTION 3 - VICIOUS DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any vicious dog to be loose within the Town of Rico unless said dog be securely muzzled.

SECTION 4 - POISONING OF DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to poison or cause to be poisoned any dog within the Town of Rico, or to distribute or leave any poison in any manner with the intent or for the purpose of poisoning any dog within the Town.

SECTION 5 - PENALTIES

The violation of Section 2 of this Ordinance, concerning vaccination for rabies, shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars. The owner shall have seven days to produce a certificate of vaccination. If proof of vaccination is not provided to the Mayor, Town Clerk, or Marshall within said seven day period, the following penalties shall apply:

Violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be declared to be a misdemeanor and the violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by fine, not exceeding \$300.00, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. Unless otherwise indicated, each day or portion thereof in violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate

offense.

SECTION 6 - SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be severable and in the event any Section hereof is declared unconstitutional it shall not effect the validity of any other Section or Sections.

SECTION 7 - EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in effect on the 8th day of March, 1988, and thereafter until repeal.

Read, passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico, Colorado, on this 8th day of March, 1988.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF RICO:

Linda Yellowman
Town Clerk

M.G. Maxwell
Mayor