

City of Crab Orchard
Ordinance # 04-02-01
An Ordinance of the City of Crab Orchard to
Require Proper Control and Care of Dogs.

WHEREAS, the City of Crab Orchard wishes to adopt the following Ordinance to ensure the safety, health and well being of all its citizens

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure the proper control/restraint and care of Dogs in the City of Crab Orchard in order to ensure the safety, health and well being of it's citizens.

Section 2: Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

“AT LARGE” Off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or his agent either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

“DOG” Any member of the canine family, regardless of age or sex.

“OWNER” Every person having a right of property to an animal and every person who keeps or harbors an animal, has it in his care, or permits it to remain on or about the premises owned or occupied by him.

Section 3: General Regulations

- (1) No person who is the owner of any dog shall permit it to run at large in any public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon unenclosed land, or permit it to go on any private yard, lot, or enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure.
- (2) The owner of a dog who permits it to run at large in violation of this section is liable for all damages caused by such dog or animal upon the premises of another.
- (3) The members of the police department or property owner are authorized to kill any dangerous animals of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person when on their own property.
- (4) Whenever any dog bites a person, the owner of the said dog shall immediately notify the Chief of Police who shall order the dog held on the owner's premises or shall have it impounded for a period of two weeks. The dog shall be examined immediately after it has bitten anyone and again at the end of the two-week period at the owner's expense. If at the end of two weeks a veterinarian is convinced that the dog is free from rabies the dog shall be released from quarantine or from the pound as the case may be. If the dog dies in the meanwhile its head shall be sent to the state department of health for examination for rabies.

Section 4: Impoundment

Every city police officer or county animal control official shall have the authority to apprehend any dog or other animal running at large in violation of this ordinance and to impound such dog or other animal or have such dog or other animal impounded in the appropriate place at the owner's expense.

Section 5: Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Violation and shall be fined up to \$100 plus court costs for the first and second offense within a year, a third offense within a year shall be a class B misdemeanor. In addition any expense incurred by the apprehendment and/or impoundment of his animal. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CRAB ORCHARD.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, in the year 2004.

Approved Bill Dyehouse
Mayor

Attest: Cheri Kuhn
City Clerk

First Reading:

Second Reading: