

ORDINANCE # 252

An Ordinance licensing and regulating the keeping of domestic animals within Battle Ground, Tippecanoe County, Indiana and providing the penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION I - It shall be unlawful for any person owning or harboring a domestic animal to permit said animal to run at large upon the streets or other public places in Battle Ground, Indiana. In addition, all dogs and cats six (6) months of age or more must be licensed at the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Battle Ground by January 1, 1988. Registration fees are \$1.00 for altered animals and \$3.00 for unaltered animals. In order to license an animal six (6) months of age or older, proof of rabies vaccination must be submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer.

SECTION II: It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor or keep within the Town of Battle Ground any animal that is vicious or that creates a nuisance, or which by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping, shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.

SECTION III - For the purpose of this Ordinance the following words shall have the meaning prescribed to them herein:

(1) Vicious animal for the purpose of this Ordinance shall mean any animal that has been known to have bitten a human being, inflicting a personal injury, or an animal who promiscuously attacks other animals.

(2) Nuisance as used in this Ordinance shall mean a condition which arises by an animal barking or howling consistently so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood, or an animal who consistently or at intervals chases bicycles, automobiles or people walking on the streets or sidewalks of the community, or any other condition created by an animal which results in the general discomfort of citizens in the community where said animal is harbored.

SECTION IV - It shall be unlawful for any person owning or harboring an animal to permit said animal to run at large. Animals are to be confined to owner 's property or on leash when being walked. Penalties for violation of this section are stated in Section VI of this Ordinance.

SECTION V - Any person who shall allow any animal to remain and be lodged and be fed within his house and yard, store or enclosure, shall be considered as harboring the same within the meaning of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI - It shall be the duty of the Town Marshal of the Town of Battle Ground, Indiana and his assistants to enforce the provisions of the Ordinance. All violators of this Ordinance will receive a written warning by a law enforcement officer of the Town of Battle ground. Any subsequent violation of this Ordinance will be a criminal infraction and upon conviction, the owner will receive a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION VII - It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, or occupant of any ground or premises within the Town of Battle Ground with the exception of those areas of the town designated as Forestry Conservation Areas, to maintain or permit to be maintained thereon any animals or fowls except per dogs, cats, and other common household pets.

SECTION VIII - Any and all ordinances in conflict with the Ordinance upon its passage are hereby null

and void. This Ordinance replaces [Ordinance Number 205](#) and [Ordinance NO. 218](#).

SECTION IX - This Ordinance shall have no effect on those residents of the town who prior to November 1, 1987, who have maintained animals other than dogs, cats, or common household pets in the town.

APPROVED THIS 7th day of March, 1988.

Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Judith E. MARKS, Clerk-Treasurer