

ORDINANCE NO. 272

ORDINANCE LICENSING AND REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS WITHIN BATTLE GROUND, TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. 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, Indiana by January 1, 1988. Registration fees are One Dollar (\$1.00) for altered animal and Three Dollars (\$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 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor or keep within the Town of Battle Ground, Indiana any animal that is vicious or that creates a nuisance, or which by loud or frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping, shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.

SECTION 3. 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, off owned proerty, 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, authomobiles or people waling 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 4. 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 a leash when being walked.

SECTION 5. Any personal 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 6. It shall be the duty of the Town Marshal of the Town of Battle Ground, Indiana, and his assistants to enforce the provision of this ordinance through the pickup and impoundment of said animals. All first-time violators of this ordinance will receive a written warning by a law enforcement officer of the Town of Battle Ground and will be assessed a \$10.00 impoundment fee. Any subsequent violation of this ordinance will be a criminal infraction and upon conviction, the owner will be assessed a fine of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), in addition to the \$10.00 impoundment fee.

(Amended by [Ordinance # 288](#), adopted 3/4/1991.)

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SECTION 6, before replacement:

SECTION 6. 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 Indiana. Any subsequent violation of this Ordinance will result in a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00) fine payable to the ordinance Violation Clerk as outlined in [Ordinance NO. 271](#).

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, or occupant of any ground or premises within the Town of Battle Ground, Indiana 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 for dogs, cats, and other common household pets.

SECTION 8. Any and all ordinances in conflict with the Ordinance upon its passage are hereby null and void. This Ordinance replaces [Ordinance No. 205](#) and [Ordinance No. 218](#).

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall have no effect on those residents of the Town who prior to November 1, 1987, have maintained animals other than dogs, cats, or common household pets in the town.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF AUGUST, 1989.

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer