

ORDINANCE NO. 73-7

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION,
CONTROL AND INOCULATION OF DOGS.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Chatham, Chatham, Illinois, deems it desirable to avoid the continuance of dogs running at large and to prevent injury to persons who may be bitten or otherwise injured by dogs, and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the public welfare that such conditions which are detrimental to health or decency, sanitation and protection of the people be advanced relative thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions.) (a) "Dog", whenever used in this ordinance shall include a female as well as a male dog.

(b) "At large" as applied to dogs shall be held to mean such as are not confined or restrained by means of a secure enclosure or leash.

(c) "Inoculation Against Rabies" means the injection, subcutaneously or otherwise, as approved by the Department of Agriculture, of canine antirabic vaccine approved by the Department of Agriculture.

(d) "Department of Agriculture" means the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois.

Section 2. Inoculation and Name Tags.) (a) Every owner or keeper of any dog over 4 months of age shall cause said dog to receive inoculation against rabies once each year and shall cause said dog to have about its neck a collar with a tag attached thereto, evidencing such inoculation.

(b) Every owner or keeper of a dog shall cause said dog to have about its neck a collar and shall affix thereto a metallic or other suitable tag inscribed with the name, address and phone number, if any, of the owner or keeper of said dog.

Section 3. Inoculation by Veterinarian; Certificate.) The inoculation of dogs as required by Section 2 shall be performed by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice his profession in this state. Upon performing such inoculation, such veterinarian shall issue to the owner or keeper a certificate showing such fact and shall also deliver to such owner or keeper a metallic or other suitable tag to be attached to the collar of such dog.

Section 4. Duration of Inoculation.) The inoculation performed under the provisions of the preceding Section shall be effective for one year from the date of inoculation or for such period as may be promulgated by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Section 5. Specifications for Tag.) The tag issued under the provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Department of Agriculture.

Section 6. Exhibition of Certificate.) At any reasonable time upon request of any member of the police department the owner or keeper of any unmuzzled dog shall exhibit his certificate, issued under the provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance, showing the inoculation of any dog owned or controlled by him.

Section 7. Dogs on school yards.) It shall be unlawful for any dog to be on any public school grounds between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday of each week; any dog on any public school grounds at the times mentioned herein is declared to be a nuisance and shall be taken up and impounded

and may be redeemed or destroyed as provided by this Ordinance; any owner or keeper of a dog who fails to keep his dog off any school grounds shall be penalized as provided herein.

Section 8. Running at Large.) (a) No person shall permit any dog to run at large in the Village at any time. Dogs which are on any street, sidewalk, alley or other public place without being held securely on a leash shall be deemed running at large.

(b) No dog shall be allowed upon the premises of another without that person's permission.

(c) No person owning, keeping or maintaining a dog shall permit said dog to deposit any offal or noisome substance in any place in the Village to the prejudice of others.

Section 9. Impoundment.) It shall be the duty of such employees and officers of the police department as shall be designated for that purpose by the chief of police to take up and impound, in such place as may be designated and set apart for that purpose, any dog found running at large in the Village contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance. At the convenience of the Village, dogs may be impounded at a licensed veterinarian's place of business at the cost of the owner.

Any person seeking to redeem any impounded animal shall pay a fee equal to the storage charges incurred for storage of the animal.

Section 10. Notice to Owner or Keeper.) In case of impounding, and where the address of the owner or keeper of any such dog is disclosed by any tag or license tag worn by it, or is otherwise known to the officers impounding the same, the police department shall at once give notice by mail to such owner or keeper, informing him of the impounding of his dog.

Section 11. Unredeemed Dogs.) Dogs unredeemed after a period of seven days shall be disposed of in the manner directed by the President and Board of Trustees.

Section 12. Penalty.) Any owner or keeper of a dog who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of at least \$10.00 but not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense.

Section 13. Repeal.) "An Ordinance regulating the keeping of dogs by any owner or keeper and the impounding of any dog or dogs running at large", passed and approved June 15, 1967, is hereby repealed.

Section 14. Effective Date.) This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and 30 days after its publication.

PASSED Sept. 20, 1973

APPROVED Sept. 20, 1973

PUBLISHED Sept. 28, 1973

Jerry A. Purcell
President, Village of Chatham

ATTEST:

James Chastien
Village Clerk