

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITWELL, TENNESSEE  
REGULATING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF ANIMALS WITHIN  
THE CORPORATE LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WHITWELL, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or controlling any dogs, cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, hogs, or chickens or other fowl to allow such animals or birds to run at large in the streets or upon any unenclosed lots in the City, or upon the premises of any other person in the City.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or controlling a dangerous or mischievous animal to permit such animals to run at large in the City.

Section 3. All animals which are found unlawfully at large in the City in violation of this Ordinance shall be impounded, and shall be confined and well cared for in such place as is determined by the Director of the Department of Public Safety.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Director of the Department of Public Safety to take proper care at all times of all animals held in custody by him, and he shall provide them with adequate food, drink and shelter.

Section 5. For each animal impounded, the City shall receive the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, and for feeding each animal the additional sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar per day.

Section 6. The owner of any animal impounded may redeem the same upon the payment of the fees set forth herein and the production of proof satisfactory to the Director of the Department of Public Safety of his ownership of the animal.

Section 7. Whenever any large animal of any kind or any livestock is found which is required to be impounded, the Department of Public Safety shall cause such animal to be impounded, the Department of Public Safety shall cause such animal to be impounded and shall immediately enter in a book to be kept for this purpose a careful description of the animal, the precise time of day at which it was found, and the locality in which it was found. This book shall always be open for inspection by the public at the City Offices.

Section 8. On the day following the impounding of any large animal or livestock of any kind, the Director of the Department of Public Safety shall cause notices of the detention of the animal to be written, containing a full description and particulars required by the preceding Sections and shall post at least two of such notices at the City Hall in a conspicuous place and in the same notice shall recite that if not redeemed by the owner thereof within five (5) days from the date of posting the notices, the animal will be sold at the City Hall at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at a day and hour specified in the notice. A copy of all such notices shall be filed with the City Recorder and retained by him.

Section 9. If any large animal or livestock of any kind is not redeemed in the time specified in the notice of detention, it shall be sold by the Director of Public Safety at the date and hour specified in such notice at public auction to the highest bidder for cash.

Section 10. Unclaimed animals not sold as provided in the preceding Section may be redeemed by any person other than its owner upon payment of the fees specified in this Ordinance, and if not so redeemed, may be humanely destroyed by the Director, or otherwise disposed of by him.

Section 11. All fees collected pursuant to this Ordinance, and all proceeds of sale of animals sold under this Ordinance, shall be collected by the City Recorder and paid into the General Fund of the City.

Section 12. Willful violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance by the owner of any animal shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$50.00.

Section 13. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage, the public welfare of the City of Whitwell, Tennessee requiring it.

C. W. Woollums  
RECORDER

Wm. G. Shelton  
MAYOR

July 8, 1958  
Passed on First Reading

APPROVED AS TO FORM

July 22, 1958  
Passed on Second Reading

Ray D. Hays  
CITY ATTORNEY

August 12, 1958  
Passed on Third Reading

