ORDINANCE NO. 131

Ordinance to prohibit the standing of any stallion or jack in the incorporated City of Atkins, Arkansas.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Atkins, Arkansas, as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand any stallion or jack for the purpose of fooling mares or jennies within the incorporated limits of the City of Atkins, Arkansas.

Section 2. The keeping of any stallion, horse, or jack within the incorporated limits of said City of Atkins for the purposes as named in section one of this ordinance is hereby declared a nuisance and is hereby made unlawful.

Section 3. Any person violating the provisions of sections one and two of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars and each day that the provision of either section one and two are violated shall constitute a separate offense. Provided, this ordinance shall not apply to any resident of the city of Atkins for the keeping of such animals a distance of one fourth of a mile or more from the railway line in the business part of said City of Atkins, Arkansas.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after the date of passing and publication.

Passed and approved Feb. 6, 1912.

W. J. Jones, Recorder A. J. McCollum, Mayor

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to kill all dogs or bitches kept remaining and running at large within the limits of this town for twenty-four hours on which the tax is due and has not been paid, and which wears no collar as prescribed in section four. And for each dog remaining and running at large within this town without a collar and upon which the tax has not been paid for more than forty-eight hours after being notified or told of the same, the town marshal shall forfeit and pay to the town one dollar, provided this section shall not apply to dogs belonging to persons living outside of this town which follow their owners to town and follow them out of town.

Section 7. Every person in this town who may own any bitch, or any member of whose family may own any bitch shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in any sum not less than two dollars for each day or portion of a day he shall permit such bitch to run at large within this town while she may be in heat or season. And it shall be the duty of the Marshal to immediately kill all the bitches he may find running at large while in heat or season whether the tax on which has been paid or note, and whether or not they belong in or out of town.

Section 8. Whenever on account of rabid dogs the Sanitary Committee shall so recommend in writing, he, the Mayor of the town, shall issue a proclamation requiring all persons to keep their dogs safely confined, or if running at large, securely muzzled so they cannot bite for the length of time mentioned in the recommendation of said Sanitary Committee. Said proclamation to be published in the town paper for one issue, or written or printed notices posted in six conspicious places in the town. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to immediately kill any dog found running at large within the town not being securely muzzled during the time stated in said proclamation. The Mayor may also authorize any other person to kill such dogs.

Section 9. The Recorder shall receive a commission of five per cent and the Marshal receive a commission of ten per cent of all sums collected as taxes on dogs, said moneys to be allowed and paid by order of the Council.

Section 10. Any person who shall keep any dog or bitch within the limits of this town and shall fail or refuse to pay the tax required on the same after said tax shall become due as prescribed in this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction be fined in any sum not less than one dollar for each day or part of day he may keep such dog or bitch.

Section 11. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall take effect on and after the first meeting on Monday(first mon.) in September, 1913.

A. J. McCollum, Mayor

W. J. Jones, Recorder