

IN THE MATTER OF A MODIFICATION)
TO THE HOOD RIVER COUNTY) ORDINANCE NO. 250
ANIMALS ORDINANCE) REPLACES NO. 239 & 246

WHEREAS, it was desired of the Commissioners to make modification to Section 6.36 Livestock Claims of Ordinance #239, and;

WHEREAS, a not to exceed limit of \$1,000 has been placed in this section regarding livestock claims, and;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, that Hood River County Ordinance No. 250 replaces Ordinance No. 239 as stated above and the Hood River County Code is amended to read per the attached.

Adopted this 6th day of October 2003.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ANIMALS

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Chapter 6.04
POLICY, PURPOSE AND TITLE

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6.04.010 Policy.

A. The Board of Commissioners of Hood River County recognizes that Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 609 grants counties the power to regulate dogs by ordinance and that on June 26, 1979, the electors of Hood River County voted against allowing dogs to run at large in Hood River County. Pursuant to the vote of the electors and to Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 609, the Hood River County Board of Commissioners declared Hood River County to be a dog control district.

B. The board further recognizes and finds that the regulation of dogs is a matter of county concern and therefore, Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 203 provides a separate and independent legal basis upon which to enact this title. Pursuant to both Oregon Revised Statutes Chapters 203 and 609 the board finds it necessary to implement a program for the licensing and regulation of dogs: to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and citizens of Hood River County; to recognize the property rights of both owners and non-owners of dogs; and to provide for the control and protection of dogs located in the county, the board does enact this title. (Ord. 123, § 1.1, 1983)

6.04.020 Purpose.

This title is enacted to provide a procedure and program for the implementation of the policy described in Section 6.04.010 to set forth the requirements for licensing, regulation, care and treatment of dogs and to describe the activities in

relation thereto which shall be prohibited in Hood River County. (Ord. 123, § 1.2, 1983)

6.04.030 Title.

This title shall be known as the "dog control ordinance." (Ord. 123, § 1.3, 1983)

6.04.040 Relation to other laws.

Except as expressly provided in this title, this title shall in no way be a substitute for or eliminate the necessity of conforming with any and all state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and any other ordinances which are now, or may in the future be, in effect which relate to the requirements provided in this title. (Ord. 123, § 11.1, 1983)

6.04.050 Applicability.

This title shall apply to all of Hood River County save and except those incorporated areas within Hood River County which have established their own dog licensing and dog control programs. (Ord. 123, § 14.1, 1983)

Chapter 6.08
DEFINITIONS

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6.08.010 General Definitions.

As used in this title, the terms defined in this chapter shall have the defined meanings unless the context requires otherwise. Words in the present tense include the future, the singular includes the plural, plural usage includes the singular, “shall” means mandatory, not discretionary, and the masculine gender includes the feminine. (Ord. 123 § 2.1, 1983)

6.08.020 Animal.

“Animal” means any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian. (Ord.123, § 2.2(a), 1983)

6.08.030 Bail.

“Bail” means money or its equivalent deposited by a defendant to secure his or her appearance in court for a dog control offense. (Ord. 123 § 2.2(b), 1983)

6.08.040 Dog.

“Dog” means any mammal of the canine family. (Ord. 123, § 2.2(c), 1983)

6.08.050 Dog at large.

“Dog running at large” means a dog off or outside of the premises of the owner, not restrained by a rope line, leash, chain, or other similar means, or not under the immediate control and command of an owner thereof. If a dog is not restrained by a tether of some kind, is not at heel or not a working dog in the field, that dog shall be deemed “at large.” (Ord. 123, § 2.2(d), 1983)

6.08.060 Dog license.

“Dog license” means that license required to be issued annually for each individual dog pursuant to the provisions of this title. (Ord. 123 § 12(e), 1983)

6.08.070 Hood River County Sheriff.

“Hood River County Sheriff” means the duly elected sheriff of Hood River County, his deputies or designees. (Ord 123, § 2.2(p), 1983)

6.08.080 Household pet.

“Household pet” means an animal kept primarily for the personal pleasure and enjoyment of the owner. (Ord. 123, § 2.2(1), 1983)

6.08.090 Isolation.

“Isolation” means the secure restraint of a specific animal by means of a closed cage, secured fenced-in area, pound or other approved building or facility affording such security from any other animal or person. (Ord. 123, § 2.2(g), 1983)

6.08.100 Kennel.

“Kennel” means a site providing for the accommodation of four or more dogs, cats, or other household pets of at least four months of age, said animals being kept for board, propagation, training or sale. (Ord. 123, § 2.2(h), 1983)

6.08.110 Livestock.

“Livestock” as used in ORS 609.135 to 609.190. “Livestock” means ratite, psittacines, horses, mules jackasses, cattle, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, swine, domesticated fowl and any fur-bearing animal bred and maintained commercially or otherwise, within pens, cages and hutches. (1999 c.756 § 11; Ord. 246, § 3, 2003)

6.08.120 Menacing.

(b) “Menaces” or “menacing” means lunging, growling, snarling or other behavior by a dog that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person’s safety. (Ord 246, § 4, 2003)

6.08.130 Owner -Keeper.

“Owner” or “Keeper” means any person who keeps, has custody of, possesses, harbors, or exercises control over a dog or other animal, with the exception of veterinary hospitals as defined

6.08.140 Person

“Person” means an individual, a partnership, company, association, corporation, or any other legal entity. (Ord. 123, § 2.2(k), 1983)

6.08.150 Public Nuisance.

“Public nuisance” means a dog does any of the following:

1. Bites a person;
2. Chases vehicles, or persons; livestock; or domestic pets;
3. Damages or destroys the property of persons other than the owner of the dog;
4. Trespasses on private property of persons other than the owner of the dog;
5. Disturbs any person by frequent or prolonged noises;
6. Is a female in heat and at large;
7. Scatters garbage on any property not the exclusive property of the keeper of the dog;
8. Deposits animal waste on any property not the property of owner or keeper. (Ord. 246, § 5, 2003)

6.08.160 Veterinarian.

“Veterinarian” means a practicing veterinarian licensed pursuant to the laws of the state in which he conducts his or her veterinary practice, to perform any of the acts set forth under state law. (Ord. 123, § 2.2(m), 1983; Ord 246, § 6, 2003)

6.08.170 Veterinary hospital

“Veterinary hospital” means any business establishment maintained and operated by a veterinarian which is operated for the diagnosis

in this chapter. In a family situation, such person is presumed to be the head of household. (Ord. 123, § 2.20, 1983)

and treatment of diseases or injuries to animals. (Ord. 126, § 2.2(n), 1983)

6.08.180 Vicious or dangerous dog.

“Vicious or dangerous dog” means any dog which bites any human being or any domestic animal, or which demonstrates menacing behavior toward human beings or domestic animals. However, an animal shall not be deemed vicious if it bites, attacks, or menaces a trespasser on the property of its owner or harms or menaces anyone who has tormented or abused it. (Ord. 123, § 2.2(o), 1983)

6.08.190 Wolf defined.

“Wolf” means any member of the family Canis Lupus. “Wolf Hybrid” means any animal that is the product of breeding a wolf with a domesticated dog. (Ord. 246, § 7, 2003)

**Chapter 6.12
ADMINISTRATION**

6.12.010 Enforcement authority.

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6.12.030 Other enforcement officers.

6.12.040 Authority of health officer

6.12.050 Powers and duties of dog control officers

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6.12.010 Enforcement authority

The Hood River County sheriff shall be vested with full authority to make arrests and otherwise enforce and administer the provisions of this title, to do all things authorized by law to reduce the damage inflicted by dogs upon domestic animals and livestock, and to investigate claims against

the dog control fund. The sheriff shall provide for a holding facility or place of impoundment where all dogs subject to impoundment shall be safely held and provided with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter. (Ord. 123, § 3.1, 1983)

6.12.020 Dog Control Officers; criteria for selection.

6.12.030 Other enforcement officers

Any peace officer shall have to power to cite owners or keepers of dogs, or impound dogs for violation of this title, which power shall be in addition to any powers otherwise conferred upon him under Oregon State law. (Ord. 123, § 3.3, 1983; Ord. 246, § 9, 2003)

6.12.040 Authority of Health Officer.

The Hood River County Health Officer has the responsibility for administering rules and regulations of the Board of Health of the State of Oregon relating to rabies control in Hood River County. The Hood River County Health Officer has delegated to the Hood River County Sheriff the authority to isolate dogs that are not known to be vaccinated against rabies and have bitten a person, or are suspected of having rabies. (Ord. 123, § 3.4, 1983)

6.12.050 Powers and duties of Dog Control Officers.

The powers and duties of the Dog Control Officers shall be as follows:

9. To have police power in the enforcement of all provisions of this title relating to the licensing and impounding of dogs and the citation of persons in lieu of arrests for violation of this title described in this title;

In designating Dog Control Officers. The Hood River County Sheriff shall consider the following criteria:

- A. Physical ability to do the work;
2. Previous experience working with dogs;
3. Experience or training in the fields of law, business, or public relations;
4. Other relevant experience and/or training.

(Ord. 123, § 3.2, 1983; Ord 246, § 8, 2003)

10. To impound and keep safely any dog which is found doing any of the acts prohibited by this title, is apparently abandoned, or as required by the Hood River County Department of Health;
11. To issue uniform dog control ordinance citations, to appear as witnesses and to perform all other acts necessary for the enforcement of this title;
12. To investigate reports of biting dogs as set forth in this title;
13. To investigate livestock claims made pursuant to this title;
14. In impounding any animal under this title, the Hood River County Sheriff shall have right to enter upon private property for the purpose of securing possession and impounding that animal and shall not be subject, civilly or criminally, for trespass. (Ord. 123, § 3.5, 1983)

6.12.060 Intergovernmental agreements.

The Hood River County Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements with any or all of the cities in Hood River County for the furtherance of the purposes of this title. Any such agreements shall require the city to

enact a dog control ordinance which provides that all dogs within that city shall be subject to the licensing requirements of this title and provide for substantially the same violations and penalties as provided in this title. The governing body of the city may choose to consent to the application of this title within its boundaries. Any such agreement may also provide for the sharing of revenues from the dog control fund for the purpose of elective dog control within Hood River County. (Ord 123, § 10.1, 1983)

Chapter 6.16

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

2. Allow a dog to become a public nuisance as defined in this title, except that a dog shall not be a considered a public nuisance if the dog bites a person who is wrongfully assaulting the dog or the dog's owner, or if the dog bites a person trespassing on the premises occupied by the dog's owner after being provoked by that person;
3. To keep a vicious or dangerous dog;
4. To keep a dog with knowledge that it has injured, chased, wounded or killed livestock;
5. To keep a dog without a license attached to its collar as required by this title unless the dog is kept at all times in an enclosure or pen and the license tag is affixed to such enclosure or pen;
6. To keep an unlicensed dog when that dog is subject to the licensing provisions of this title;
7. To keep a dog which has not received its rabies inoculation as required by Oregon State Law. It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this provision that the dog was inoculated prior to trial, and the charge shall be dismissed upon

6.16.010 Owners of dogs.

6.16.020 Hindering impoundment

6.16.030 Failure to appear in court

6.16.040 Keeping of wolves prohibited

6.16.050 Penalties

{**Note: former § 6.16.030 Cruelty to Animals repealed by Ord. 246, §§ 10 and 13, 2003**}

6.16.010 Owners of dogs.

It shall be a violation of this title for the owner or keeper of a dog to:

1. Permit a dog to run at large.
the presentation to the trial court of a certificate of inoculation signed by a veterinarian.
8. To leave a dog tethered, unattended on property not owned by the owner or keeper of the dog. This does not apply to dogs in or upon a vehicle. (Ord. 123, § 4.1, 1983; Ord. 246, §§ 11 and 12, 2003)

6.16.020 Hindering impoundment.

It shall be a violation of this title for any person to hinder or otherwise interfere with the apprehension or impoundment of any dog by the Hood River County Sheriff, the Hood River County Dog Control Officer or any other peace officer. (Ord. 123, § 4.2, 1983)

6.16.030 Failure to appear in court.

It shall be a violation of this title for any person to fail to make an appearance in court pursuant to a uniform dog control citation or complaint required by this title or pursuant to order of the court to appear, or failure to appear at time of trial after a plea of not guilty. (Ord. 123, § 4.4, 1983)

6.16.040 Keeping of wolves prohibited.

No person shall keep a wolf or wolf hybrid within Hood River County. (Ord. 246, § 14, 2003)

6.16.050 Penalties

Penalties for violation of any provision of this chapter are set forth in Chapter 6.44. (Ord. 123, § 4.5, 1983; Ord. 246, § 15, 2003)

**Chapter 6.20
LICENSING OF DOGS**

- 6.20.010 Licensing procedures.**
- 6.20.020 License fees.**
- 6.20.030 Rabies inoculation and certificate requirements.**
- 6.20.040 Late license fee.**
- 6.20.050 License tag.**
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- 6.20.070 License tag transfer.**
- 6.20.080 License fees are not penalties.**
{Note: Former §6.20.080 Extended License Period repealed by Ord. 246, §§ 16 and 19, 2003}

6.20.020 License fees.

The license fee charged for the yearly license shall be based on a fee structure as annually established under the County Fee Schedule.

- 9. If a dog is taxed as inventory pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 310.608, a fee shall not be charged for the issuance of a license or a dog.
- 10. Any dog owned by a blind or deaf person and used as a service or guide dog shall not be licensed as required but shall not be required to pay a license fee. (Ord 239, 2002; Ord 246, § 18, 2003)

6.20.030 Rabies inoculations and certificate requirements.

It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of any dog with permanent canine teeth or which is more than six months of age to have that dog inoculated against rabies with a

6.20.010 Licensing procedures.

Any person owning or keeping a dog which has permanent canine teeth or which is more than six months of age, shall procure a license for each such dog. Such license shall be procured within thirty days after the date the dog becomes six months of age or develops permanent canine teeth, or within thirty days after the dog is brought into Hood River County. Thereafter, the dog shall be licensed from year to year. The Hood River County Department of Budget and Finance shall keep a numbered record of all such licenses and shall include information as to sex, breed of dog, and name and address of owner; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to nonresident dog owners who keep their dogs in kennels within Hood River County if the dogs of such owners are duly licensed by the jurisdiction in which the owner resides, and if such dogs are kept at all times under restraint. (Ord. 123 § 5.1, 1983; Ord 246, §17, 2003)

modified live virus vaccine and no license shall be issued for any dog unless the applicant exhibits a certificate of such inoculation by a veterinarian or, in the case of a dog owned by a kennel, a statement of such inoculation, signed and sworn to by the owner of that kennel. (Ord. 123 § 5.3, 1983)

6.20.040 Late license fees.

Any owner or keeper of a dog who fails to procure or pay for a license within the time limits required by this title in any year shall pay a delinquent payment for such failure, provided that in the case of a kennel, the failure to procure a valid license as required shall subject that kennel to a delinquent license fee for each dog on the premises at that date of the violation if the dogs are not otherwise exempt from this title. Such fee shall be in addition to the regular license fee paid at the time of the issuance of the license or licenses. (Ord 239, 2002.)

6.20.050 License tag.

Upon payment of the fees required under this chapter, the county shall issue to the owner of the dog a license tag suitable for attachment to the dog's collar and the owner of the dog shall attach the license tag to a collar on the dog and keep it on the dog at all times, provided, however, that if the dog is kept at all times in an enclosure or pen the license tag shall, if desired by the owner or keeper, be affixed to such enclosure or pen rather than to the collar of the dog. (Ord. 123, 1983)

6.20.060 Lost license tags.

If a license tag is lost, the owner may secure a duplicate license tag from the county upon satisfactory proof of loss and payment of a fee. (Ord 239, 2002.)

6.20.070 License tag transfer.

If the ownership of a dog which is currently licensed under Section 6.20.050 changes, the new owner of the dog shall secure from the county a transfer of the license tag for a fee. (Ord 239, 2002.)

6.24.010 County dog facilities.

The Hood River County sheriff shall provide for an adequate facility to receive, care for and safely confine any animal delivered to its custody under the provisions of this title, which facility shall be accessible to the public during reasonable hours for the conduct of necessary business concerning impounded animals. (Ord. 123, § 6.1, 1983)

6.24.020 When an animal may be impounded.

Notwithstanding dogs which are impounded for allegedly injuring, chasing, wounding or killing livestock, any animal may be impounded and held at the county facility, when it is the subject of a violation of this title, when an animal requires protective custody and care because of mistreatment or neglect by its owner, or when

6.20.080 License fees are not penalties.

The fees specified under this chapter are in addition to any penalties prescribed in this title for owing or keeping a dog without a license. (Ord. 123, § 5.9, 1983).

**Chapter 6.24
IMPOUNDMENT AND
DISPOSITION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS**

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- otherwise ordered impounded by the court. (Ord. 123, § 6.2, 1983)

6.24.030 When an animal is deemed impounded.

An animal is deemed to be impounded from the time the Hood River County sheriff or any peace officer takes custody of the animal. (Ord. 123, §6.3, 1983)

6.24.040 Immediate destruction of an impounded animal.

Any animal which has been impounded under this title which, by reason of injury, disease or other cause, is suffering great pain or is dangerous to keep impounded, may be destroyed forthwith. The Hood River County sheriff may request a veterinarian to certify this fact in

writing before such immediate destruction is undertaken. (Ord. 123, §6.4, 1983)

6.24.050 Notice of impoundment.

Whenever any dog is impounded which bears an identification of ownership, the Hood River County sheriff shall make a reasonable effort within twenty-four hours of impoundment by telephone, to give notice of the impoundment of the animal to its owner and, if unsuccessful, shall mail written notice by certified mail within forty-eight hours of impoundment to the last address of record of the owner, advising of the impoundment, the date by which redemption must be made and the fees to be paid prior to redemption and release. (Ord. 123, § 6.5, 1983)

6.24.060 Period of impoundment.

Unless a dog which evidences identification of ownership by a license issued by Hood River County or some other authorized government entity is redeemed within five days after notice of impoundment is mailed, such dog may be destroyed or sold, consistent with the manner prescribed by this title, provided, however, that if a dog has been impounded because it has either bitten a person and does not have a vaccination which is valid for immunity against rabies, or because a dog is suspected of rabies, such dog

6.24.090 Disposition of impounded dogs.

Upon the expiration of the impoundment period specified in this title, the Hood River County sheriff may have the dog destroyed or sold to another party, provided, however, that no impounded dog may be sold for medical research. If the dog is sold to a party other than the original owner thereof, a new license must be obtained and an appropriate inoculation certificate must be produced within thirty days after the dog is released to the party by the Hood River County sheriff. Failure of the party to license the dog or produce an appropriate inoculation certificate within thirty days shall subject the party to liability under subsections F

shall be kept in impoundment and quarantined for such period of time as is necessary to observe the dog for the required ten-day quarantine period in order to determine whether the dog is infected with or otherwise carries rabies. (Ord.123, § 6.6.,1983)

6.24.070 Determination of impoundment period.

Any period of time specified in this title for the keeping of an impounded dog shall not include Sundays and legal holidays. (Ord. 123, § 6.7, 1983)

6.24.080 Disposition of animals given to the county by owner.

Any dog given to the Hood River County sheriff by the owner thereof or his authorized representative for disposal may be destroyed or sold in a manner consistent with this title, provided, that a release by the owner or his authorized representative has been given in writing to the Hood River County sheriff for such disposal. (Ord. 123, § 6.8, 1983)

and G of Section 6.16.010. (Ord. 123, § 6.9, 1983; Ord 246, § 20, 2003)

6.24.100 Redemption.

A dog impounded pursuant to this title shall be released to the owner thereof upon payment of the appropriate redemption fees set forth in the County Fee Schedule. Those fees shall include a basic impoundment charge and any boarding charges if applicable.

A. In addition to the basic impoundment charges, a reasonable daily boarding charge shall be levied on an owner redeeming a dog after that dog has been impounded pursuant to this title.

B. If the animal is unlicensed at the time of impoundment, a new license must be purchased

by the owner and an appropriate inoculation certificate must be produced within thirty days after the dog is released to the party by the Hood River County sheriff. Failure of the party to license the dog or produce an appropriate inoculation certificate within thirty days shall subject the owner to liability under subsections F and G of Section 6.16.010. (Ord. 123, § 6.10, 1983; Ord 239, 2002).

**CHAPTER 6.28
DISPOSITION OF LICENSE FEES
AND FINES**

- 6.28.010 Dog control fund.**
- 6.28.020 Administration of dog control fund.**

6.28.010 Dog control fund

All license fees, impoundment costs, late charges, fines, and any other moneys paid pursuant to this title shall be paid over to Hood River County and deposited in the dog control fund unless otherwise provided in this title (Ord 123, § 7.1, (1983)

6.32.010 Impoundment of certain animals.

Whenever any animal bites any person and that animal has not had a valid and effective rabies inoculation as required by state law, or when an animal is suspected of rabies, the Hood River County sheriff shall apprehend and impound that animal and hold it in isolation in a suitable holding facility for a period of ten days. During this impoundment, the animal shall be quarantined and studied to determine whether or not the animal is rabid. At the expiration of the ten-day period, the animal shall be released to the owner thereof, if known, without charge, provided no citation has been issued pursuant to

6.28.020 Administration of dog control fund.

The director of the Hood River County department of budget and finance shall administer the dog control fund and pay out of the fund the cost involved in administering and enforcing this title and all livestock claims allowed pursuant to this title. If, at the end of the fiscal year, any money in the fund is determined by the Hood River County board of commissioners to be in excess of the requirements of the dog control fund, the money may be transferred and placed in the general fund of the county. (Ord. 123, § 7.2, 1983)

**Chapter 6.32
BITING ANIMALS - RABIES
CONTROL**

- 6.32.010 Impoundment of certain animals.**
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- 6.32.030 Isolation-Defined.**
- 6.32.040 Isolation-When required.**
- 6.32.050 Report to health officer.**
- 6.32.060 Rabies outbreak.**

this title. Otherwise, the animal shall be disposed of as provided in Chapter 6.24. (Ord. 123, § 8.1, 1983)

6.32.020 Suspicion of rabies.

The Hood River County sheriff shall suspect a dog or a cat of having rabies when it has bitten a person but is not known to be satisfactorily vaccinated against rabies as specified in the Administrative Rules of the Oregon State Board of Health. (Ord. 123, (Addendum I), 1983)

6.32.030 Isolation-Defined.

"Isolation" means the secure restraint of a specific animal by means of a strong metal leash, closed cage, secure fenced-in area, or pound or other approved building or facility affording such security from any other animal or person. (Ord. 123, (Addendum II), 1983)

6.32.040 Isolation - When required.

After having bitten any person, any dog or cat suspected of rabies or having been in close contact with an animal suspected of having rabies, shall be isolated, as defined in Section 6.32.030, by the Hood River County sheriff or at his direction for a minimum of ten days. Exception is made for an animal that is satisfactorily vaccinated as specified by the Rules and Regulations of the Oregon State Board of Health as described in this chapter. (Ord. 123, (Addendum III), 1983)

6.32.050 Report to Health Officer.

Whenever a dog or cat bites any person and is suspected of rabies or having been in close contact with an animal suspected of having rabies, the facts shall be immediately reported by the Hood River County sheriff to the Hood River County health officer. (Ord. 123, (Addendum IV), 1983)

6.32.060 Prohibited conduct.

It shall be a violation of this title for any owner or keeper of a dog which has bitten a person when that dog had not been effectively inoculated against rabies, to refuse to surrender

6.36.020 Review of claims.

The Hood River County board of commissioners shall review all livestock claims submitted and shall allow or deny any portion thereof as it deems just, not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). In the event the commission does allow all or any part of a livestock claim, the claim shall be paid out of the dog control fund in return for a subrogation agreement allowing the Hood River County

that animal to the Hood River County sheriff when the Hood River County sheriff makes demand upon that individual for the surrender of that animal.

6.32.070 Rabies outbreak.

In the event of a rabies outbreak within Hood River County, the Hood River County sheriff shall be empowered to use such portions of the dog control fund as he deems necessary to purchase rabies vaccines for administering to animals under the direction of state and local health officers. (Ord. 123, § 8.3, 1983)

**Chapter 6.36
LIVESTOCK CLAIMS**

6.36.010 Submission of claims.

The owner of any livestock, ducks, geese or rabbits killed by any dog may, within ten days after the occurrence of killing, or when it becomes known to him, present to the Hood River County administrative assistant a verified statement containing a full account of such killing, stating in detail the amount of damage claimed on account thereof, and the name and address of the owner or keeper of the dog, if known. Upon receipt of the claim, the administrative assistant will submit it to the board of commissioners to be heard at the commissioner's first regular session thereafter. (Ord. 123, § 9.1, 1983)

Counsel to seek damages against the owner of the dog for the amount paid out of the dog control fund. The Hood River County sheriff shall prepare forms for the submission of livestock claims and make the same available to the general public. Any moneys collected by the County Counsel pursuant to this section shall, after deduction for the costs of prosecution, be paid into the dog control fund. The County Counsel shall have full discretion to prosecute,

not prosecute, compromise or settle any action arising out of this section. (Ord. 123, § 9.2, 1983; Ord 246, § 21, 2003)

Chapter 6.40
ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

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- 6.40.090 Impoundment of animals violating this title.**
- 6.40.100 Continuing violation.**
- 6.40.110 Jurisdiction.**

6.40.010 Manner of citation.

A uniform dog control citation, conforming to the requirements of the section shall be used for all dog control violations committed in the presence of the complainant and which occur within the areas of Hood River County which are covered by this title. (Ord. 123, § 12.1, 1983)

6.40.020 Uniform dog control citation.

Any error in transcribing the information in the blanks provided on the uniform dog control citation form, when determined by the court to be non-prejudicial to the defendant, may be corrected at the time of trial or prior to trial, with notice being given to the defendant. (Ord. 123, § 12.3, 1983)

A. The uniform dog control citation shall consist of three parts and such additional parts as may be inserted for administrative use. The required parts are as follows:

11. Complaint;
12. Hood River County sheriffs record of the violation;
13. Summons.

B. Each of the parts shall contain the following information or blanks in which the information shall be entered:

1. Name of the court;
2. Name of the person cited;
3. Section of the dog control ordinance violated;
4. Brief description of the violation with which the person is charged, in such a manner as can readily be understood by a person making a reasonable effort to do so;
5. The date, time and place at which the violation occurred.
6. The date on which the citation was issued.
7. The name of the complainant.
8. The time and place set for the defendant to appear in court.

C. Each of the parts may also contain such identifying and additional information as may be necessary or appropriate for the Hood River County Sheriff to administer this title. (Ord. 123, § 12.2, 1983; Ord 246, § 22, 2003)

6.40.030 Amendment of uniform dog control citation.

6.40.040 Time to raise errors on citation.

Except as provided in Section 6.40.030, the complaint shall be set aside by the court only upon the motion of the defendant before plea if it does not conform to the requirements of this chapter.

6.40.050 Certification of uniform dog

control citation.

The citation shall contain a form of certificate to the effect wherein the citing officer has reasonable grounds to believe and does believe that the person cited committed the offense contrary to law. (Ord. 123, § 12.5, 1983; Ord 239, 2002; Ord 246, § 23, 2003)

6.40.060 Service of citation.

The Hood River County sheriff or a city police officer issuing the citation shall cause the summons to be delivered to the person cited and shall cause the complaint to be delivered to the court. (Ord. 123, § 12.6, 1983; Ord 239, 2002; Ord 246, § 24, 2003)

6.40.070 Appearance by defendant.

A. The defendant shall appear in court at the time mentioned in the summons if the citation is for:

3. Owning a vicious or dangerous dog;
4. Owning a dog not vaccinated for rabies.

B. In other cases, the defendant shall either appear in court at the time indicated in the summons or, prior to such time, shall deliver the summons to the court, together with a check or money order in the amount of the bail set forth in the summons and summons, enclosing therewith:

1. A request for hearing; or
2. A statement of explanation or mitigation of the offense charged; or
3. The executed appearance, waiver of hearing and plea of guilty appearing on the summons. A statement in explanation or mitigation also may be enclosed with the guilty plea. (Ord. 123, § 12.7, 1983)

6.40.110 Jurisdiction.

6.40.080 Failure of defendant to appear.

A. If the defendant fails to comply with Section 6.40.070 or fails to appear at any time fixed by the court, a warrant for his arrest may be issued.

B. If the defendant fails to appear at any time fixed by the court and has posted bail, the court may order a forfeiture of that bail. No warrant of arrest may be issued pursuant to subsection A after a period of sixty days from the date of the entry of an order declaring a forfeiture of bail or other security given by the arrested person. Unless a warrant has been issued before the expiration of that period, the order of forfeiture shall be deemed the final disposition of the case and shall be deemed a conviction of the offense charged in the citation. (Ord. 123, § 12.8, 1983)

6.40.090 Impoundment of animals violating this title.

In addition to issuing a citation provided for in this chapter, the Hood River County sheriff may also impound the dog or the animal involved in a violation of this title in all cases where the owner or keeper of the animal is not available to assume custody and control over it. Further, in all cases where the animal is in violation of the sections of this title providing for keeping a vicious dog, or rabies control, the animal shall be impounded regardless of whether the owner is available to assume control of the animal. (Ord. 123, § 12.9, 1983)

6.40.100 Continuing violation.

A continuing violation of this title shall constitute a nuisance and may be abated pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 203.127 or the Hood River County nuisance ordinance if one exists. (Ord. 123, § 12.10, 1983)

The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon

for Hood River County and the justice court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this title. (Ord. 128, 1984: Ord. 123, § 11.11, 1983)

Chapter 6.44 PENALTIES

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6.44.010 Amount of fine.

Upon conviction of any person for violation of any provision of this title, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars. (Ord. 123, § 13.1, 1983)

6.44.020 Each day deemed separate offense.

Each day a person shall be in violation of this title shall be deemed a separate offense. (Ord. 123, § 13.2, 1983)

6.44.030 Impoundment and destruction of certain dogs.

In addition to any penalty imposed as provided by Section 6.44.010, a court may order the impoundment and destruction of any dog found to be dangerous or vicious. (Ord. 123, § 13.3, 1983)

6.44.040 Additional fines.

Upon conviction of any person for failing to appear as required by Section 6.40.070 without

due and good cause, he shall be punished by a fine in addition to the fine and costs of the violation for which he failed to appear and such additional fines shall not be less than twice the amount of bail for the violation for which the person was to be tried. (Ord. 130, § 10(0), 1984: Ord. 123, § 13.6, 1983)

6.44.050 Fines additional to licensing and maintenance charges.

The penalties described in this chapter shall be in addition to any charges assessed against the owner or the keeper of any animal under this title for the licensing, impoundment, and maintenance of the animal. (Ord. 123, § 13.7, 1983)

6.44.060 Restitution. In addition to penalties otherwise provided, the court shall, upon conviction, have the authority to require the defendant to pay to the victim or the owner of the victim a sum for restitution. (Ord 246, § 25, 2003)

6.44.070 Mediation. In addition to, or as an alternative to, relief granted under chapter 6.44, the court may require the defendant to participate in a program of mediation approved by the court.” (Ord 246, § 26, 2003)

6.44.080 Claim preclusion. In cases where the court makes a finding of acquittal, or allows the owner to keep a dog whose behavior caused a citation to be issued, and the owner is in compliance with any conditions imposed by the court upon the subsequent keeping of the dog, the fact that said owner continues to keep the dog shall not be considered a violation of Section 6.16.010 C. or D. (Ord 246, § 27, 2003)

