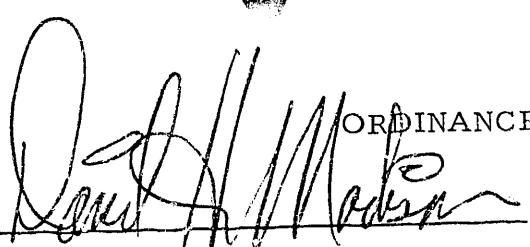


By:  ORDINANCE NO. 29 -69

To regulate and provide for the immunization of dogs against rabies.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this ordinance.

A. Health Commissioner. The term "Health Commissioner" shall mean the Health Commissioner of the City of Bexley, Ohio, or his authorized representative.

B. Veterinarian. The word "veterinarian" shall mean a veterinarian duly licensed by the State of Ohio or a veterinarian licensed by any other state having laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine, or a veterinarian duly authorized by the United States Government to perform certain duties of a veterinarian.

C. Immunization. The word "immunization" shall mean the administration of a biological product approved and/or licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and/or the Ohio State Department of Agriculture and deemed adequate, by the veterinarian administering the biological product, to protect the animal so treated against rabies.

D. Person. The word "person" shall mean person, firm, corporation or association.

Section 2. IMMUNIZATION. Any person who keeps or harbors a dog, or dogs, within the limits of the City of Bexley, Ohio, shall have such dog, or dogs, immunized against rabies and each twelve (12) months thereafter shall have such dog, or dogs, re-immunized. Provided, that any method, other than that of re-immunization described above, approved by the Health Commissioner and approved and/or licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and/or the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture, may be used. Provided further that dogs need not be immunized before reaching the age of three (3) months. And provided further that dogs entering this jurisdiction temporarily for dog shows, exhibition and/or breeding purposes shall not be allowed out of the owner's, keeper's or handler's control, unless properly immunized, and all dogs entering this jurisdiction for field trials or hunting purposes, or any other purpose, shall be properly immunized, and immunized dogs shall be accompanied by an immunization certificate accomplished by the veterinarian that has immunized the dog.

Section 3. RECORDS. All veterinarians immunizing or re-immunizing dogs against rabies shall keep a record of such immunization or re-immunization and shall, without delay, give to the owner or keeper of the dog immunized or re-immunized a certificate of immunization which shall include a number identifying the individual record, a complete description of the dog, place where dog is kept or harbored, name of owner, keeper or harbinger of the dog and his or her address, date and type of immunization or re-immunization and such other pertinent information as is needed, and the signature and address of the veterinarian. The veterinarian shall also, without delay, forward the information, required on the certificate described in this section, to the Humane Society of Columbus, Ohio.

Section 4. CERTIFICATES. The certificates described in Section 3 shall be purchased from the Columbus, Ohio, Department of Health.

Section 5. TAGS. All veterinarians who immunize or re-immunize a dog against rabies shall provide a tag approved by the Health Commissioner, which shall have thereon permanently affixed the year of immunization or re-

immunization and the number indicating the record prescribed in Section 3 of this ordinance. Such tag shall be securely fastened to the collar or harness worn by the dog. Failure to wear such tag shall be prima-facie evidence of the lack of immunization of the dog.

Section 6. DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE. Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted to mean that dogs immunized or re-immunized shall be allowed to run at large in violation of any rabies quarantine, law, ordinance or regulation.

Section 7. The Board of Health may appoint and authorize a qualified agency for the purpose of administering and enforcing this ordinance.

Section 8. PENALTIES. Each and every violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

Section 9. UNCONSTITUTIONALITY CLAUSE. Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 10. REPEAL AND DATE OF EFFECT. All other ordinances governing the subjects stated in this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: June 24 1969

J. Ruth Leable
President of Council

Attest:

Robert W. Solomon
Acting Clerk of Council

Approved: June 25 1969

R. O. McCreary
MAYOR

Posted 6/25/69