ORDINANCE NO. 597

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION OF DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE, TO PROHIBIT OWNERS FROM PERMITTING DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDING. The City Council of the City of Roanoke, Alabama, finds that great numbers of dogs run at large within the City of Roanoke, go upon the premises of persons other than the owner or person in charge of the dog both day and night, make loud noises, turn over garbage cans and other receptacles, and strew garbage about the premises; and further, that some such dogs are vicious and are likely to bite or attack persons or other animals; all of which the City Council finds constitutes a public nuisance and a danger to public health, safety and welfare and should be regulated in the public interest.
SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) Dog. The word "dog" shall mean and include any member of the canine family.

(b) Running at Large. The words "running at large" and "run at large" shall mean any dog that is not on a secure leash or contained in an enclosure.

(c) Enclosure. The word "enclosure" shall mean an area on the property of or in possession of the owner or person in charge of the dog which is provided or equipped with a wall, fence, or building which will effectively prevent the escape of the dog from such premises.

SECTION 3. IMPOUNDING. Any dog found running at large in the City of Roanoke on and after January 1, 1983, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and danger and shall be impounded. It shall be the duty of the City Poundmaster and/or his assistants to take and impound every such dog in the City Pound.

SECTION 4. REDEPTION. Any dog impounded may be retaken or redeemed from the pound by the owner thereof within ten days from impoundment, or at any time thereafter before sale or destruction, by sufficiently identifying the dog and proving ownership thereof and by paying the Poundmaster the sum of $5.00 plus $5.00 for each day or fraction thereof said dog is kept in pound. Every such dog which has remained in pound for ten days and which has not been redeemed by the owner within such time shall be deemed to have no owner or to have been abandoned and may be purchased by any person who will pay the cost of pick-up and the impounding fees above provided. All the fees collected shall be promptly remitted to the City Clerk.
SECTION 5. DISPOSITION. All dogs not redeemed or purchased as herein provided shall be destroyed by the Poundmaster in a humane manner.

SECTION 6. POUNDMASTER AND ASSISTANTS. The City Council shall appoint a City Poundmaster, and may also appoint, select or designate persons as an Assistant Poundmaster as the City Council may deem necessary. The City Council shall determine the qualifications and fix the compensation and general duties of such persons so appointed, selected or designated, and they shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The City is authorized to obtain such facilities, equipment, supplies and other items as are reasonable and necessary to implement this ordinance.

SECTION 7. CAUSING OR PERMITTING DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE. It shall be unlawful for the owner or other person in charge of a dog to cause or allow such dog to run at large in the City of Roanoke on or after January 1, 1983.

SECTION 8 PENALTIES. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than $10.00 nor more than $500.00, or sentenced to be confined in City Jail or to perform hard labor for the City of Roanoke for a period not to exceed six months, or both, at the discretion of the Judge trying said case.

SECTION 9. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY. If any section or provision of this ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by judgment or decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment or decree shall not affect any other section or provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in
force and effect upon its passage and adoption as provided by law.

Adopted and approved this ____ day of ___________, 1982.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I, Olin E. Sheppard, as the City Clerk of the City of Roanoke, Alabama hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Roanoke, Alabama on the 23rd day of August, 1982 and was herein recorded and was published in the Roanoke Leader of general circulation in the City of Roanoke on the 25th day of August, 1982.

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Olin E. Sheppard, City Clerk

CITY TAX ORDINANCE
NO. 598

TO LEVY TAXES FOR THE CITY TAX YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 1982.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

ROANOKE, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1: That taxes are hereby levied for the City of Roanoke, Alabama, on all real and personal property and other properties and franchises located or taxable in the City of Roanoke, Alabama, for the year 1982, based upon the valuation as assessed for state taxation during last year as follows:

1. A tax of one-half of one percentum, or fifty cents on each One Hundred Dollars valuation to be applied exclusively to the payment of bonds hereofore issued and the interest thereon.

2. A tax of one-half of one percentum, or fifty cents on each One Hundred Dollars valuation for general municipal purposes.

3. A tax of one-half of one percentum, or fifty cents on each One Hundred Dollars valuation for school purposes, School District No. 2, Randolph County, Alabama.

Adopted and approved this the ____ day of ___________, 1982.

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Henry V. Bonner, Mayor
City of Roanoke, Alabama