

FILED  
COUNTY CLERK OF  
HIDALGO COUNTY, N.M. 1033  
HIDALGO COUNTY ORDINANCE No. 79-2

'89 AUG 29 AM 10 28

CLERK AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONTROL OF  
DOGS AND FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT AND OR  
KILLING OF DOGS FOUND RUNNING AT LARGE  
OR INJURING OR KILLING LIVESTOCK; AND  
DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN  
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TITLE AND AUTHORITY--This ordinance may  
be cited as the HIDALGO COUNTY DOG ORDINANCE and is adopted  
pursuant to Section 4-37-1, NMSA 1978 Compilation.

Section 2. It is hereby declared to be unlawful for  
any person to allow a dog to run at large not under the active  
control of the owner or handler.

Section 3. Any peace officer may impound any dog  
found running at large unaccompanied by or not under the control  
of the owner or handler and further the peace officer shall kill  
the dog if it is in the act of pursuing or wounding livestock,  
wounding or killing poultry or attacking humans.

A. Any peace officer may kill any dog in the act  
of pursuing or wounding livestock, wounding or killing poultry,  
or attacking humans whether or not the dog wears a rabies tag  
required by Section 77-1-3, NMSA 1978; further, the peace officer  
may kill any dog not under the control of the owner or handler if  
that dog is not wearing a rabies tag as required by Section  
77-1-3, NMSA 1978. There shall be no liability for the peace  
officer in damages or otherwise for such killing.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO ) SS  
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed  
for record in my office on 29th  
day of August, 1989 at 10:28  
o'clock A.M. and recorded in Book 1  
of Ordinances, Page 3-4.  
[Signature]  
County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4. ENFORCEMENT--Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$300.00 and or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 90 days or both such fined and imprisonment.

Section 5. EMERGENCY DECLARATION--The Commissioners hereby find that there is an immediate danger to the public health safety and welfare of the county and that it is necessary that this ordinance take effect immediately.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED by the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners as Hidalgo County Ordinance No. 79-2 and recorded with the Hidalgo County Clerk this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1979.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HIDALGO COUNTY

Juan P. Higerson  
Chairman

Fausto Vaca

John A. Cook



Becky T. Leay  
HIDALGO COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Attorney