

ORDINANCE NO. 81-62

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSISONER CURTAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 79-1 AS AMENDED, WHICH IS THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR DOG CONTROL IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA. THIS AMENDMENT DECLARES THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND WAIVES NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; IT PROVIDES THAT UNCLAIMED IMPOUNDED DOGS MAY BE DESTROYED OR CONVEYED AFTER 3 DAYS OF IMPOUNDMENT UNLESS THEY WERE IMPOUNDED IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPECTED RABIES OR THE BITING OF A HUMAN BEING, IN WHICH CASE THE DOG MAY BE DESTROYED OR CONVEYED AFTER 10 DAYS OF IMPOUNDMENT; IT PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Due to the limited size of the St. Augustine Humane Society Shelter, and the large number of dogs that are in violation of St. Johns County Ordinance 79-1 as amended, it is impossible to maintain, keep and care for such dogs that are impounded pursuant to the non-rabies, non-human bite, provisions of said ordinance, as previously amended, for a period of 5 days. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, waives notice requirements for this emergency ordinance and declares that an emergency exists and that the immediate enactment of this emergency ordinance is necessary.

Section 2. Section 10 of St. Johns County Ordinance 79-1 is deleted and the following sections are substituted and added in its stead:

Section 10A: DESTRUCTION OR CONVEYANCE OF IMPOUNDED DOGS. All dogs seized and impounded pursuant to this ordinance for reasons other than suspected rabies or suspicion of biting human beings, whose owners have not claimed the dogs and paid the accrued fees, fines, costs and payments within 3 days of their impoundment, may be destroyed or they may be conveyed to other suitable persons or entities upon payment of all accrued fees and costs. Conveyance pursuant to this section shall operate as a complete forfeiture and relinquishment of all rights, title and interest of the previous owners to the dog. Neither the County nor its officers or employees shall be liable to the previous owners of the dog for any cause arising from the destruction or conveyance of the dog pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 10B: DESTRUCTION OR CONVEYANCE OF IMPOUNDED DOGS. All dogs seized and impounded pursuant to this ordinance for suspected rabies or for the suspected biting of human beings, whose owners have not claimed the dogs and paid the accrued fees, fines, costs and payments within 10 days of their impoundment may be destroyed or they may be conveyed to other suitable persons or entities upon payment of all accrued fees and costs. Conveyance pursuant to this section shall operate as a

complete forfeiture and relinquishment of all rights, title, and interest of the previous owners to the dog. Neither the County nor its officers or employees shall be liable to the previous owners of the dog for any cause arising from the destruction or conveyance of the dog pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance is passed pursuant to Florida Statute 125.66(3) and shall take effect when a copy has been accepted by the postal authorities of the United States for special delivery by registered mail to the Department of State.

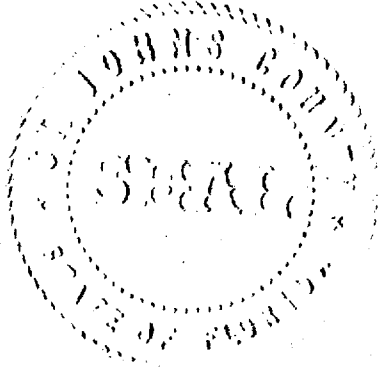
PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1981.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Henry Walden*
Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: *Marie Hudson*
Deputy Clerk



REGISTERED NO. <u>1203</u>	POSTMARK OF
Value \$ <u>NV</u>	Special Delivery \$ <u>2.10</u>
Reg. Fee \$ <u>3.25</u>	Return Receipt \$
Handling Charge \$	Restricted Delivery \$
Postage \$ <u>15</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> AIRMAIL
POSTMASTER (By) <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	MAILING OFFICE
FROM <u><i>Board of Com</i></u>	
<u><i>P.O. Drawer 300</i></u>	
<u>ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32074</u>	
TO <u><i>Nancy Keenan, C.B. Gains</i></u>	
<u><i>Myrtle St, Capital</i></u>	
<u><i>Jacksonville, FL</i></u>	

Adopted regular meeting 9/8/81

Effective: Emergency Ordinance effective 9/8/81