

CITY OF SAN ANSELMO

ORDINANCE NO. 589

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-1.116. OF THE
SAN ANSELMO MUNICIPAL CODE (TITLE 5, CHAPTER 1)
BY REVISING THE DUTIES OF DOG OWNERS AND PRO-
HIBITING THE TRESPASSING BY DOGS ON ANY PRIVATE
PROPERTY.

The City Council of the City of San Anselmo do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 5-1.116. of the San Anselmo Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5-1.116. Duty of Dog Owners. Dogs Trespassing
on Any Private Property.

(a) It is hereby declared to be unlawful for the owner or any person having the care, custody and control of any dog to permit, allow or suffer the dog to run, roam or trespass upon the lands or property of another without the consent of the owner or the person entitled to the use or possession of such land or property.

(b) Dogs shall, at all times, be kept under the immediate control, restraint, management and direction of a responsible person and it is unlawful for the owner of any dog, or any other person having the care, custody and control of such dog, to permit, allow or suffer such dog to run at large without being under immediate control and restraint at all times.

(c) Any animal control officer, in the exercise of his lawful duty under this chapter, is authorized and empowered to enter upon any private lands in the City of San Anselmo to apprehend, seize and impound any dog found or suspected to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

Section 2. This ordinance is declared to be an urgency measure and shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption. The facts creating the urgency are as follows:

The Humane Society of the County of Marin is the lawfully constituted and appointed Pound and Poundkeeper for the County of Marin and the City of San Anselmo under a joint powers agreement. That many of the citizens of the City of San Anselmo of late have complained of the trespassing of dogs on private property and the running at large of dogs in packs without any effort on the part of the owners of such dogs to control or restrain them. That many of these dogs appear to be vicious and have seriously interfered with the delivery of mail, newspapers and ordinary activities of the persons upon whose lands and property the dogs trespass. That the public health, safety and welfare require the owners of dogs to keep them under immediate control and restraint at all times and to keep such dogs from trespassing upon the lands or property of another unless invited so to do. As presently written the Code does not make the trespassing of dogs unlawful except in specified instances and such present regulations do not provide protection for the average private land or property owner.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and shall be published once within fifteen (15) days of its passage and adoption in the Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of San Anselmo.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced, passed and adopted as an emergency measure, at a regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council

held on Tuesday, November 25, 1969, at the Council Chambers, San Anselmo City Hall, by the following vote:


AYES: COUNCILMEN: Reed, Ragan, Anderson, Scott, Capurro

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

WOODROW V. CAPURRO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANITA GANNON, City Clerk