

before the police justice in and for Montgomery County, and shall stand committed to the county jail until the fine and costs are paid; provided, however, that the owner of dogs who reside in any incorporated town in Montgomery County in which dogs are taxed by ordinance now or hereafter, shall be exempt from the operation of this Act if he has procured a license from and paid for the current year a tax on his dog to said town and his dog wears about his neck a tag issued by said town.

1910, ch. 717, sec. 7. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 195. 1916, ch. 198, sec. 7.  
1922, ch. 264, sec. 195.

**285.** Every person who shall maliciously remove from any dog wearing the legal tag procured from the clerk of the Police Court or allow his dog to run without wearing such tag shall pay a fine of five dollars and costs, upon conviction before any justice of the peace in and for Montgomery County.

1910, ch. 717, sec. 8. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 196. 1916, ch. 198, sec. 8.  
1922, ch. 264, sec. 196.

**286.** In case of the loss of the tag issued by the clerk of the Police Court upon application to him by the owner of the dog, a duplicate may be furnished on the payment of twenty-five cents and satisfactory evidence being furnished that the tax of one dollar for a male dog and two dollars for a female dog, as the case may be, has been paid for the current year for the use of the dog.

1910, ch. 717, sec. 9. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 197. 1916, ch. 198, sec. 9.  
1922, ch. 264, sec. 197. 1927, ch. 319, sec. 197.

**287.** When any resident of Montgomery County, shall have any domestic fowls or animals belonging to him, destroyed or injured by dogs, he may apply to any Justice of the Peace of said county who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, and they or a majority of them, shall, under oath, state in writing to the County Commissioners the number of fowls or animals so killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any, and the amount of damages sustained by the owner, and in like manner they shall give a general description of both the destroyed and injured fowl or animals, and both the appraisers and the owners shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed or injured by dogs, and they or either of them shall state under oath the names of the owners of said dogs and when the report of such proceedings shall have been filed in the office of the County Commissioners the said Commissioners shall review said report and if in their judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair they shall award such amounts as they may deem fair; provided, that before the Commissioners shall make any award of damages for the killing of said fowls or animals the person claiming damages shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners that he does not know and is unable with reasonable diligence, to ascertain the owner of the dogs which did such damage, or if the said owner is known,