

CHAP. 549

Title vested in
Mayor and
Council,

and Council, who shall have full power and authority to protect and preserve the same, and to proceed at law or in equity as may be right, to recover the possession thereof or recover damages for trespass upon or injury to the same or to prevent injury thereto, and as well as by ordinance to provide penalties for injuries thereto.

Yearly tax to
be paid on
dogs.

Section 215I. For every male dog and for every female dog which may be kept or harbored within the corporate limits of Pocomoke City a yearly tax shall be paid ; for every male dog a yearly tax of one dollar and for every female dog a yearly tax of two dollars shall be imposed ; and on and after the passage of this Act no dog, male or female, shall be kept or harbored within said town unless a permit or license shall be applied for and obtained authorizing the keeping or harboring thereof ; the year for which permits or license are to be issued shall be reckoned from the first day of May, inclusive, in one year, to the first day of May, exclusive, in the next year. The owner of a dog kept and harbored in said town, and when a different person, the tenant or controlling occupant of a premises where the dog is kept or harbored, shall be equally bound to take out such permit or license, and where a married woman is the tenant or controlling occupant of said premises and her husband resides therein with her, the husband and wife shall both be bound. No permits or license shall in any case be issued unless a tax is duly paid on issuing the same. All permits or licenses shall be authenticated by the signature of the town clerk and the corporate seal. If any dog, whether male or female, shall be kept or harbored in said town for ten days in any year, as the year is herein defined, without a license or permit being taken out thereof, the owner of such dog and the tenant or controlling occupant of the premises where the same is kept or harbored shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before a justice of the peace for Worcester county, or in the Circuit Court of said county, such parties shall be fined three dollars for every offense, and shall be adjudged to pay the costs and to stand committed until the fine and costs are paid ; if at the end of any such case the evidence shows that the dog has been kept or harbored in the town for two days, the burden shall be on the defendant of showing that it has not been so kept or harbored for ten days ; the

Guilty of mis-
demeanor.