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owner of the dog and the tenant or controlling occupants of the premises where the same is kept may be prosecuted in one case or in separate cases ; but if they are prosecuted in one case, a single fine of three dollars shall be imposed, but if in separate cases, a fine of three dollars shall be imposed in each case ; but the payment of one fine and all the costs shall entitle all the parties to be discharged. It shall be sufficient if the warrant or charge sets forth "that the defendants (naming them) unlawfully kept or harbored a certain dog within the limits of Pocomoke City for the space of ten days, between the first day of May, A. D.—and the——day of——A. D.—. The second date shall be the date on which the warrant of the arrest is issued. A new prosecution may be sustained on proper evidence as often as the party or parties who are liable keep or harbor such dog for ten days after the previous prosecution has terminated ; when it is uncertain who is the controlling tenant or occupant of the premises whereupon the dog is kept, the justice before whom the complaint is about to be made may issue a subpoena for and compel the attendance of any witness in order that he may be able to obtain a full and proper information. It shall be the duty of the policeman to collect the dog tax above provided for and to account monthly to the treasurer for all sums so collected, and it shall be the duty of the policeman to make complaint before a justice of the peace against any person or persons harboring a dog within the said town without having first obtained and paid for such license. The Mayor and Council shall have full authority to pass such ordinances as they may deem proper for promoting and carrying out the execution and enforcing the provisions of this section, and may, if they think proper, provide that all dogs running at large upon the streets of the town shall wear tags in evidence of the payment of said tax, and may also, if in their judgment public safety demand such action at any time, require by ordinances that all dogs running at large upon the streets of said town shall be properly and securely muzzled, and may enforce their ordinances by any of the fines or penalties within limits hereafter set upon them ; and, besides, may provide that any dog found running at large upon the streets of said town contrary to the provisions of their ordinance or ordinances shall be taken up and shot by the policeman.

Policeman to collect the dog tax.

Tags to be worn.