

(1965 Supplement), title "Licenses", subtitle "Dog Licenses in the Counties", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

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(j) The County Commissioners of Worcester County are hereby authorized and empowered, in order to safeguard the health, safety and public welfare of the residents of Worcester County to pass rules, regulations, and resolutions for the purpose of carrying out powers hereinafter granted, provided that such rules or regulations, and resolutions shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion contained herein, and shall operate uniformly. The said rules, regulations or resolutions shall provide for sale of dog licenses in said county, the keeping of records of all sales, the designation of persons authorized to sell such licenses, the taking into custody and disposition of any dogs found running at large within the limits of Worcester County with power to delegate by written contract for the enforcement of such rules, regulations or resolutions, provided, however, that in any such contract, said County Commissioners shall reserve the right to cancel, without notice or recourse, such delegation for stated cause or on thirty days notice without cause. Before the County Commissioners shall proceed to enforce any rule, regulation or resolution passed in pursuance of the provisions of this section, advertisement of such rule, regulation or resolution shall be made in some newspaper published in Worcester County once each week for four successive weeks in order to provide any person, firm or corporation adversely affected thereby an opportunity to be heard by the County Commissioners in opposition to the adoption of such rule, regulation or resolution. Notwithstanding the provisions of [subsection] Section 195 of this article, said County Commissioners may in their discretion use all or any part of the dog license tax for the establishment of a pound, and for the collection or destruction of said dogs. The County Commissioners shall further be authorized and empowered, hereby, to appoint dog wardens and to provide the compensation therefor, who shall have all the powers of a peace officer, who may sell and issue dog licenses, and take into custody and dispose of stray, injured, unlicensed, diseased or vicious dogs in accordance with rules, regulations or resolutions of the County Commissioners and pursuant to this section. Said County Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to provide a dog pound for Worcester County wherein dogs seized by dog wardens may be placed or, in the discretion of the Commissioners, to enter into agreements with adjacent counties for the establishment of a dog pound to serve all of such counties. Said Commissioners are further authorized to pay any expenses arising from the operation of this subsection. Provided, however, that this subsection shall not be operative or effective within the corporate limits of any incorporated town or city within Worcester County unless and until the governing body thereof shall indicate by resolution its intention to be governed by the provisions of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved March 23, 1966.