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3522 FELTON STREET  
SAN DIEGO 4, CALIFORNIA

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July 28, 1947.

Fred A. Rhodes;  
City Manager, City of San Diego;

Dear Sir;

I favor regulations of dogs in our city, and I believe, that is the feeling of all true dog lovers, for these people do not allow their dogs to run the streets. I can't see why so much consideration is shown dog owners in the enactment of regulatory measures, for a group that is so decidedly in the minority. Let's give some that to those who like to have nice lawns, beautiful flowers, you can drive along the streets and pick out the homes where these dogs are supposed to live, bones, papers, debris all over the place. Let's give some that to the little children whose very lives are endangered by the ever ready threat of rabies and we might give some that to the dogs too that are underfed and have to go to the neighbors to get food.

There are people, who oppose the

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curfew law but we know it was necessary to put it into effect to curb delinquency and to take this step was necessary because parents fail to live up to their obligation to the child and society. Regulation of the automobile is opposed, by that same group of people who feel that they should be able to do as they please without any consideration for the other fellow.

As long as society generally has not accepted, and <sup>is</sup> willing to live by the Golden Rule then we must have an increasing amount of police power placed in the hands of those charged with the responsibility of keeping law and order in our fine city.

Let's regulate anything that is detrimental to the majority, dogs included.

Sincerely,

J. W. Bradford.

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City Manager

Mr Fred H. Rhodes.  
City Manager,

My Dear Mr Rhodes ; -

I certainly was pleased when I noticed in the paper that you were in favor of compelling dog owners to keep their dogs closed up, which they should do.

Now I consider myself a dog lover, We own one and in our thirty-two years of married life we have had several dogs, but our dogs never run at large , we provided a closed in back yard even when we were renting we made provisions for the protection of our dog. That is whats the matter with the so called dog lovers who are screaming their heads off for fear they will be compelled too keep their dog closedup. They want a dog but they dont want too do any thing for the poor soul, They are perfectly willing to let the poor soul risk its life in busy streets, and eat out of garbage cans. They are dog lovers as long as it only cost them the measly sum of one dollar or not more than two dollars a year for a license, but should the City decide to charge five dollars for a license , then listen too them hollow.

If I went into a neighbors yard and destroyed their flowers I am quite sure they would be in my hair, yet they think nothing of allowing their dog too ruin my flowers.

San Diego is no longer a country cross roads, but some times I wonder if Our City Council has grown with it.

Very truly yours

Mrs James W. Carskadon  
4169 Rochester Rd.

San Diego, California.  
August 7, 1947.

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City Manager

Dear City Manager Rhodes:

It is noted that you are going to continue to endeavor to get an ordinance through which will limit the activities of dogs in the city. This is a civic improvement that should be given serious and conscientious consideration, with all political angles and pressure put aside.

It is MORALLY good for our children that dogs be kept on their own premises or on leash when not. A really loved dog is one thus cared for.

From a sanitary and healthful standpoint it is most urgent that our dogs (the majority of which are large animals) be kept on their own property or on leash when not. The city owes its citizens this protection from their neighbors and friends, whom they do not want to offend (they consider it an offense if we mention these activities of their dogs; and yet they are the first to offend by imposing their dogs on us).

I have a little child, as thousands of mothers do, (in fact I have two children, one two, one some years older). It is right that my child should be permitted to play in her own yard without fear on my part of her coming in contact with unclean dirt. Our shrubs and trees are religiously kept sprinkled (by the neighborhood animals) not to mention what is left on the lawn, both back and front. It is bad enough to play "chambermaid" to the neighborhood dogs, endeavoring to keep one's own place clean and respectable, but it is HORRIBLE for a little child to come in contact with such dirt. (We have no pet because our lot is too small - but if we did have we would keep him in his own yard and walk him to vacant or park property --- on second thought that is bad too, because children play in vacant lots and in the park.)

It is embarrassing to write so plainly, but so many people are blind and careless. It is just another example of delinquent adults. Too many dogs in the world today, and smaller yards for them to play in; inconsiderate friends and neighbors force this thought upon us.

It is to be hoped, still, that San Diego will take on some metropolitan airs and enact these good laws for the benefit of the city as well as for its citizens.

Crowing roosters and cackling hens should not be permitted in the city area, nor rabbits. Certainly 20 feet from one's bedroom, or other room, is not enough space for health's sake, or to get away from the smell. If you lived in the direction ~~of~~ the wind blows, and had such barnyard animals behind or beside you, you would know that 50 feet would not be enough space. Please consider this also.

All animal refuse attracts flies, which are known to be dangerous disease carriers, as are the rats attracted by the food bins.

So please protect us. Because of incurring my neighbors' and my friends' enmity, I cannot sign other than

A PROPERTY OWNER  
and TAXPAYER

# Rhodes to Push For Dog Control

The controversial issue of whether the City's restrictions on dogs should be strengthened may be dead as far as the City Council is concerned, but City Manager Fred A. Rhodes intends to carry on his campaign for a stronger regulatory ordinance.

Rhodes, who started the whole affair by asking the City Attorney's office to draft a "law with teeth in it," said yesterday he will seek to have his proposed ordinance placed on the ballot at the next City election. Rhodes said he is convinced the majority of voters would see it his way.

The "dog file" in the City Clerk's office seems to bear him out. As of last night, the file contained 13 folders of letters in favor of stricter regulation and 10 folders against it. Each folder contains 20 to 25 letters and postcards.

Meanwhile, the Council's declaration that it will not consider any change in the present ordinance apparently failed in its objective of bringing a halt to dog letters and telephone calls to Civic Center. Every mail delivery brought new batches of letters and postcards and there was no apparent decline in the number of citizens who wanted to express their opinion by telephone.

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Mr. Fred A. Rhodes,  
City Manager, San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Was in hopes I should not have to write in on this dog question, but they are so thick in this short street that *it* is a menace. There are at least 15 right in this two blocks. Lantana is a short, perhaps four block, street just off Euclid Ave., and every one has a dog, several females, which at times makes it more objectionable. All this where there are children almost as numerous as the dogs. Woman next door has just had her female have six more, so a few weeks hence there will be more running out and yapping at every passer-by.

Dogs are all right in the country, but they should be taboo in the city. I certainly hope something can be done to check this menace.

Yours very truly,

Annette M. Clarke,  
4879 Lantana Drive,  
City

*Annette M. Clarke*

# Strict Control Of Dogs Due Under Measure

A new ordinance requiring more strict control of dogs is being prepared for presentation to the City Council, Assistant City Manager Neal D. Smith disclosed yesterday.

Smith said he had been informed by City Prosecutor Ed Law that at least half the complaints received in the Prosecutor's Office are about dogs, but that the present lax ordinance does not give property owners much protection.

The new ordinance would prohibit dogs from running at large. They would be required to be on a leash when on the streets or sidewalks. Another provision would make it a misdemeanor for owners to permit their dogs to disturb the public peace.

Under the present ordinance, Smith said, a barking dog has to disturb a whole neighborhood before anything can be done about it. The new ordinance would permit prosecution if the dog disturbs only one or two neighbors.

Mr. Neal D. Smith,

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Assistant City Manager, San Diego, Calif. ;

Dear Sir:

city Manager

We do not think that this new ordinance prohibiting dogs running at large can be too strong. The dogs in this neighbor hood is something terrific - both female and male, and quite a number of them do not seem to have license tags.

Its all right if people would keep their dogs at home but out here in our part of the city, the dogs run wild. We are for the new ordinance as per this newspaper clipping form todays Union.

Respectfully,

Fred B. Morton, Sr.,

1718 Grand Avenue, San Diego 9, Calif.

(PACIFIC BEACH)

7/23/47.

*Fred B. Morton, Sr.*

2251 Pine Street,  
San Diego 3, Cal.  
July 25th

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Mr. Neal D. Smith,  
Asst. City Manager,  
Civic Center,  
San Diego, Cal.

City Manager

Dear Mr. Smith,

As another (former) Smith, who has suffered from the dog nuisance in our neighborhood for a long time, both from their barking, dirtying up the lawn, digging up of plants and vegetables, being awakened as early as 5 A. M. by their fighting, being kept awake many hours in the night by their barking, I was delighted to read the article in Wednesday's UNION about more strict control.

The owners seem to completely ignore the rights of the neighbors and pay no more attention to the ordinance than as if it did not exist. Their dogs are let out to come to the nearest lawn for their toilet, to upset the garbage pail, and they assume that because it is their dog, we should be only too willing to come out with a shovel once or more a day, or if some do keep their dog on a leash, they stop in the most inconvenient places for the dog to relieve himself. For instance, I had some fine perennial lima beans growing on the alley side of our back fence and that was a favorite spot for the dogs to stop and no one likes to eat vegetables so contaminated.

I think San Diego is now large enough to treat it as a city, not a country town, and I shall be delighted to see this law enforced. I can give you the names of several

who have never paid the slightest attention to the ordinance; one woman whom I do not know told another neighbor who called her attention to the law that the dog was her husband's and she could not be bothered, and she never has.

Yours very respectfully,

*Mrs. Vera Leove Clark*

San Diego, California

July 28, 1947

Mr Fred A. Rhodes  
City Manager  
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

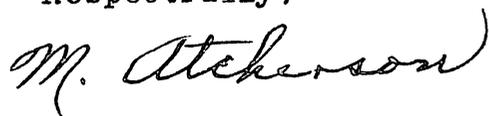
I, as a property owner of San Diego, wish to express my hearty approval of the proposed city ordinance for the control of dogs.

Some dog owners have no respect for the rights of others when they let their dogs run at will over the city and destroy property and do other unapproved acts in violation of all rules of sanitation. At times there are from six to a dozen dogs cavorting on the lawns within sight of my windows.

Other dog owners take their dogs out at night so the neighbors cannot see and identify them and turn them loose to do as they please.

It is not dislike of the dogs themselves for they cannot be held responsible, but the owners are responsible and if they cannot provide a proper place for their dogs to live in happiness and not disturb the neighbors, they should not keep dogs. The city is no place for dogs at any time.

Respectfully,



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San Diego 2, Calif.

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Calif.  
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City Manager Fred A Rhodes,  
1600 Pacific Highway,  
San Diego Calif.

Dear Sir:

I have seen in the news paper you are about to vote on an ordinance prohibiting dogs from running loose in the streets.

I am passed eighty years old, and have been bitten by dogs several times, while going to the store, or taking walks. Just the other night a dog ran out at me barking, and snapping at my heels. A women called out and said "Flossie wont bite you," but she made no effort to call the dog off, meanwhile it was still barking furiously, and snapping at my heels.

Several others have complained of the same thing happening to them, by this same dog.

I love to take walks, but I am almost afraid to, as I never know when some dog is going to jump out at me next.

I also have a nice lawn, and I am continually bothered by dogs digging holes in it.

I will appreciate it very much if this law is passed to protect us Citizens against the vicious dogs.

Respectfully

*William H Hedrick*

4958 Kensington Drive

San Diego 4, Calif

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Neal D. Smith  
Asst City Manager  
San Diego, Calif

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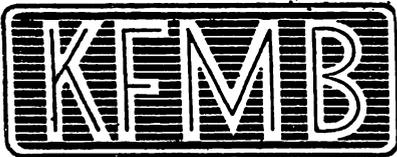
Dear Sir-

I wish to put in a strong plea for a more stringent law regarding dogs. It seems that non-dog owners have no rights whatever.

I would add another clause also, that dogs on leashes not be held by the owner while they soil private property. I have been ill for many months and am at least thankful that I can have a man come once a week to clean up after the dogs, both on leash and those running loose.

yours truly

*Mrs) May G. Weidel*



THE JACK GROSS BROADCASTING COMPANY

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City Manager Rhodes.  
San Diego, Calif.  
Dear Sir:

City Manager

I see by the advertisement in the paper this morning that the so-called dog lovers seem to be determined to still shift their responsibility toward their dogs to people who do not own or care for dogs due to the many objections that arise from dogs running loose.

For instance: I try to keep a nice lawn and invariably the dogs of the neighborhood use my lawn instead of the owners on which to dump their droppings so each week when I mow the lawn I am almost assured that there will be a fresh pile in which to step or to run the lawn mower thru. Then it is necessary to keep my evergreen trees fenced in in order to save it.

And what is worse than a everlasting barking dog when one is trying to sleep and get rest for the next days battle. I have often wondered what kind of hearing dog owners must have to allow a barking dog. The only recourse a non dog owner now has is to call up the people involved and very seldom do the people take it gracefully, for they usually fly into a rage and wonder why people don't mind their own business. This always causes hard feelings that no one desires or likes.

Just this morning on the way to work the writer observed four dogs, one of which was in heat, running at random across peoples yards, flowers gardens or wherever their notion took them. Do you think the owner of this dog, in heat, loved it so very much? I don't think so and I do not think they cared what damage she might cause. I hope you stick by your guns and give us the the proposed dog law.

Very respectfully yours,

*Paul L Dodd 5018 Hastings*

"OH! WED SOME POWER,  
THE CLIFTIE GIE US,  
TO SEE OUR "DOGS" & "GOLF  
ATTIRE" AS ITERS SEE THEM.  
& FRAE MONNY A HULLABOOLOO  
FREE US."

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W/APOLOGIES  
TO ROBERT BURNS.

SYD. C. MUDIE.  
1244 - 27<sup>th</sup> ST.  
CITY.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

*47 JUN 1947*  
*SAN DIEGO*  
*SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL.*  
*CIVIC CENTER.*  
*SAN DIEGO, CALIF.*

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SAN DIEGO 52, CALIFORNIA



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Mr. Fred A. Rhodes,  
City Manager,  
San Diego, Cal.

City Manager

Dear Mr. Rhodes;

Concerning this new ordinance before City Council regulating the dog population of the City, I find it difficult to believe that a true dog lover would not be in favor of it. A well-trained, quiet dog is loved by everyone while a mean barking dog on the loose makes enemies not only for itself but also for its master. Automobiles do not kill or maim the dog which is kept off the street and neighborhood feuds do not begin over quiet dogs. I can assure you that for every lazy thoughtless owner who has written protesting the ordinance there are hundreds of citizens who do not write in favor of it because they believe that City Council has sufficient intelligence to realize the desirability of passing such a law.

Many other communities have had similar laws for years. Most of them were passed in spite of loud noises from shiftless dog owners and have proved their usefulness so that even the thoughtless dog owner has been converted. The person who really has the dog's best interest at heart will be wholeheartedly behind the new law. As a matter of fact he will be the type of person who doesn't need such regulation. It must be passed, however, to teach the selfish man that there are other people in the community. As a dog owner and lover myself I would welcome such a law as a means of preventing the rapid spread of such dog carried diseases as distemper and rabies, if for no other reason.

We must ask ourselves whether the dog is more important than the human being. The answer to this question is obvious yet my wife and children are afraid to walk on some of the streets in our neighborhood because of large dogs which come bounding out snarling at them. Having a dog of our own removed any unfounded fears they might have so that if they are frightened, these dogs must also frighten almost everyone who comes in contact with them. If a lonesome dog howling in someone's back yard can be quieted by putting him inside isn't that better than having all the neighbors constantly cross and irritable from lack of sleep? If all the lost efficiency due to such wakeful nights were realized you would have little difficulty arriving at a decision.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE DIRECTOR"  
AND REFER TO FILE NUMBER

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SAN DIEGO 52, CALIFORNIA



It might also be illuminating to point out that all organized dog owner societies such as The American Kennel Club and the Tailwagger Association, support laws of this sort.

Sincerely,

*Ronald A. Wilson*

Donald A. Wilson

HENRY HOLMAN  
4840 Saratoga Ave.  
San Diego 7, California

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City Manager Fred A. Rohdes  
San Diego, Calif.

Proposed ordinance tightening restrictions of the CONTROL of DOGS.

If people really loved their dogs, why don't <sup>they</sup> keep them at home where they can take good care of them. I take great pride in having our yard look good but how can one do it when dogs are allowed to run. I can think of so many good reasons why dogs should be kept at home. Even dogs on a lease can mess up and damage a lawn and shrubbery.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carryl Holman

*Mrs. Carryl Holman*

MEMORANDUM

FORM 503

1. FROM (Name and Dept.)

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

2. DATE

8/14/47

3. TO (In order indicated below, for purpose checked at right):

	LOOK TO THIS	ACTION	PREPARE REPLY	INFORM	REPORT TO ME	WRITING COMMENT	SIGNATURE NEEDED	RETURN TO ME	COPY FOR YOU	FILE
1. City Clerk										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4. SUBJECT

Dogs

5. COMMENTS

Here are a number of letters regarding the proposed dog ordinance which have come here, but should be filed with the rest of them

Score: 36 for  
8 against

*[Handwritten signature]*