

Part 7. Dogs, Cats and Other Animals

507. 01. Definitions

As used in this part, the terms shall mean the following.

- a. Owner. Any person, group of persons or legal entity owning, keeping or harboring a dog or dogs, cat or cats.
- b. Harborer. The harborer of a dog or cat shall be any person who has custody of any dog or cat or permits a dog or cat to be kept or to stay on or about the harborer's premises.
- c. At large. A dog shall be termed at large when it is not under restraint, as defined herein.

Restraint. A dog is under restraint if it is controlled by a leash not exceeding eight feet in length; or if it is under the voice of signal command of a competent person, providing that the dog will immediately respond to and obey the voice or signal commands of such person; or if it is within the boundaries of the owner's or harborer's premises.

Police. The police officers of the city, or any person, firm or agency hired or engaged by the city to assist the police in the performance of their duties.

507 .02. Licensing.

No person shall own, keep, or harbor a dog or cat unless such dog or cat is licensed as provided herein.

507 .03. License Application

Written application shall be made in writing at the office of the clerk. The application shall state the name and address of the owner of the dog or cat, the name, breed, age, sex and color of the dog or cat, and be accompanied by a certificate of vaccination from a qualified source certifying that the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies, or has received a booster shot therefore, within the 24 -month period immediately preceding the application .

507. 04. License Fee

The annual license fee shall be \$2 .00 for each dog or cat. The license fee shall be paid at the time of making the application.

507. 05. Term of License

All dog or cat licenses shall be issued for one year beginning with the first day of January of each year. Application for license may be made 30 days prior to the first day

of January of each year. A permit must be obtained within 30 days for any dog or cat brought into and kept in the City after June first of each year.

507. 06. Dogs and Cats Not Requiring Licensing

No license shall be required of dogs and cats less than six (6) months of age.

507. 07. Tag and Collar

All dogs and cats shall be harnessed or collared. The clerk shall upon issuance of a license provide the applicant with a metallic tag which shall be dated and numbered, and which shall be securely fastened to the animal's collar or harness at all times.

507 .08. Restraint of Dogs

No dog shall be permitted to be at large in the City. All dogs shall be under restraint at all times.

507. 09. Confinement of Certain Animals

The owner or harborer shall confine within a building or secure enclosure any fierce, dangerous or vicious dog or cat, and not permit such animal out of such confinement unless and until it is securely muzzled and in control of a competent person.

507 .10. Animals Creating Nuisance Prohibited

No person shall keep or harbor an animal which barks or howls, or otherwise constitutes a nuisance.

507 .11. Impounding Animals

The police, or any other duly appointed person, may take and impound any animal which is not being kept, confined or restrained in a manner consistent with the requirements of this regulation. Such police or person may enter upon private premises where it appears that there is reasonable cause to believe that an animal is not being kept, confined or restrained as herein required.

507 .12. Notice to Owner

Immediately upon the impounding of an animal wearing a current license tag, the police shall make every reasonable effort to notify the owner or harborer of such impoundment, and of the conditions whereby the owner or harborer may regain custody of the

animal. Verbal notice shall be immediately confirmed in writing by the police.

507 13. Reclaiming Impounded Animal

Any animal impounded hereunder may be reclaimed by the owner or harborer of same within five days after receiving notice of such impoundment, excluding Saturdays,

Sundays and legal holidays, upon payment to the clerk of an impounding fee of \$50. 00, together with the actual costs incurred for boarding. If the animal being reclaimed has no license, and a license is required, a license shall be issued, and the fee for same paid prior to the release from impoundment.

507. 14. Dogs Which Cannot be Impounded

If an animal is rabid, or otherwise diseased, vicious or dangerous, and cannot be impounded after a reasonable effort or without serious risk to the impounder or others, such animal may be immediately killed.

507. 15. Selling of Impounded Animals

If an animal taken up and impounded has not been reclaimed within the time provided herein, or if the owner cannot be located, then within five days, the person in charge of the pound shall give three days' notice of the time and place where said animal will be sold by posting notices in the office of the person in charge of the pound, the office of the clerk and in a conspicuous place at the pound. Should the person in charge of the pound be unable to sell said animal, for want of bidders or otherwise, that person cannot sell such animal thereafter and without notice or to otherwise dispose of it.

507 .16. Rabies Shot Required, Penalties for Violation

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor a dog within the City, if the dog has not had a vaccination for rabies within the time required under standard veterinary practices.

507. 17. Dogs in Heat

Any female dog in heat shall be kept confined indoors, or impounded for the duration of her season (Estrus cycle) in a

commercial dog kennel, the cost of which shall be borne by the owner.

507. 18. Biting Dogs to be Quarantined

Whenever any dog has bitten a person, the owner or custodian of such dog or animal, having been so notified, either orally or in writing, shall immediately quarantine said dog or animal at the owner' s home or other suitable place of confinement, as directed by the responsible officer of the city for a period of 14 days after the occurrence . During the quarantine period, the animal shall be securely confined in a building or in a yard enclosed by a fence so constructed that the animal cannot escape or otherwise leave said enclosure, and which will not permit other animals or persons to enter, for the purpose of preventing the animal from biting or otherwise coming in contact with persons or other animals . Upon a reasonable suspicion that the dog may be rabid, the dog shall be subjected to the necessary tests by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for the purpose of determining if it is infected with rabies. The confinement, testing, treatment, in addition

to all other expenses incurred as the result of a dog biting a person shall be the expense of the owner of said animal.

507. 19. Cats or Animals of Allied Genera

It shall be the obligation and responsibility of the owner of any animal of this class to prevent such animal from molesting, defiling or destroying any property, public or private.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of an animal of this class to permit or allow said animal to roam or engage in activities which otherwise constitute a nuisance.

507. 20. Certain Animals Regulated

It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor in the City any of the following animals, or animals of allied genera : horses, cows, sheep, goats, swine, chickens, fowl, animals of the genus Reptilia or allied genera which are venomous or of the constrictor type, and birds or other animals the keeping in captivity of which is prohibited by law.

507. 21. Revocation of License or Permit

The failure of any owner to comply with the requirements of this chapter shall constitute grounds for the immediate revocation of any license or permit issued under this chapter.