

CHAPTER 3

ANIMALS

ARTICLE I – ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

3-1-1 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ESTABLISHED. There is hereby created the position of Animal Control Officer, who shall be a resident of the City, over the age of **twenty-one (21) years** and shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. He shall receive compensation as set forth by the City Council.

3-1-2 DUTIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer or the Police Officer on duty to investigate any complaint concerning the harboring or keeping of any animal in the City, to capture and impound in a place furnished by the City, every animal found at large in violation of this Chapter and every dog without a metal tag of the current year issued as a City license. The Animal Control Officer or Police Officer on duty shall be responsible for said animals (i.e., food and water) while impounded, and release or disposal of said animals after allotted time and issuance of citations.

3-1-3 ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS. The Animal Control Officer or the Police Department shall be authorized to issue citations for the violation of any provision of this Chapter.

3-1-4 KILLING DANGEROUS ANIMALS. The Animal Control Officer and/or any member of the Police Department are hereby authorized to kill any dangerous or vicious animal of any kind when necessary for the protection of any person.

3-1-5 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS. Impounded animals may be redeemed by the owner thereof by contacting the Animal Control Officer or the Police Officer on duty **within forty-eight (48) hours** of impounding and producing a receipt for all charges paid in full, and the required papers, current and executed. If not redeemed **within forty-eight (48) hours**, the Animal Control Officer or the Police Officer on duty shall turn the animal over to the County Animal Control Officer.

3-1-6 REQUIREMENTS TO REDEEM IMPOUNDED ANIMALS. The fee of **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)** per pick-up, plus **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)** for Day 1 or any part thereof, which shall include the day of pick-up, and **Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)** for Day 2 or any part thereof and each day thereafter, shall be charged for each animal. Any citation (i.e., violation of this Chapter) shall be paid before the animal is released. A City Dog Tag for the current year must have been purchased and displayed. The person seeking to redeem the animal shall have in his possession a certificate of inoculation of the impounded animal, which certificate shall be current and executed by the County Health Officer. All fees of any kind, collected under this Chapter, shall be deposited with the City Clerk. **(Ord. No. 1417; 12-03-18)**

ARTICLE II - REGULATIONS

3-2-1 CRUELTY. No person shall cruelly treat any animal in the City in any way. Any person who inhumanely beats, underfeeds, overloads or abandons any animal shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Chapter.

3-2-2 LIVESTOCK AND FOWL PROHIBITED. No person shall maintain, keep, suffer or permit any livestock, including pleasure horses and fowl, on his premises within the City, except as provided in **Chapter 25, Nuisances.** Any person violating this Section shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Chapter. **(#396; Sec. 9, "Only Domesticated Pets Allowed")**

3-2-3 RUNNING AT LARGE. Any dog within the City Limits not on a leash or not within the confines of a pen shall be impounded by the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer on duty.

3-2-4 OBSTRUCTING PASSAGE. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit the same to loiter or lay around on any public street or passageway so as to hinder, frighten or annoy any person riding or walking, or to run after and snap or bark at any person or vehicle on any publicwalk, street or place. Any dog doing so shall be deemed a nuisance and after such owner or keeper shall have been notified by the Animal Control Officer or the Police Officer on duty to restrain such dog from doing so, and fails to do so, said person shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Chapter.

3-2-5 NOISY ANIMALS. It shall be unlawful to harbor any animal which disturbs the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night.

ARTICLE II - DOG TAX

3-3-1 **REGISTRATION AND TAX.** No dog shall be permitted to be and remain within the corporate limits of the City unless the owner or keeper thereof shall have first caused such dog to be registered and the annual City Tax on said dog paid as hereinafter provided.

3-3-2 **AMOUNT OF TAX.** Every person owning, keeping or harboring any dog within the City shall register the dog with the City Clerk, who shall keep a license book for that purpose, and it shall further be the duty of such person to pay the City Clerk annually, on or before **January 1st of each year** or upon acquiring the dog, a tax of **Two Dollars (\$2.00)** for each dog so owned, kept or harbored in the City. The City Clerk shall provide such a number of metal tags as may be necessary, which shall have stamped thereon the words "**Dog License**", a number and indication of the year for which the tax is paid. It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to deliver one of the tags to the person paying a tax upon any dog, and for each dog on which the tax is paid. The tag issued pursuant to this Section shall be fastened to the collar of the dog. Every unlicensed dog shall be impounded.

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