

CHAPTER VII

ANIMALS AND FOWL

ARTICLE 1.

General Regulations

7.0101 Cruelty.

No person shall cruelly treat any animal in the City in any way; any person who inhumanly beats, underfeeds, overloads, or abandons any animal shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section.

7.0102 Dangerous Animals.

It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous animal or vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the City; exhibitions or parades of animals which are ferae naturae in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from the Chief of Police.

7.0103 Noises.

It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animals which disturb the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night.

7.0104 Strays.

It shall be unlawful to permit any cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, or poultry to run at large in the City; any such animal running at large in any public place in the City shall be impounded. It shall further be unlawful to picket or tie any such animal in any of the streets of the City for the purpose of grazing or feeding.

7.0105 Killing Dangerous Animals.

The members of the police department or any other person in the City, are authorized to kill any dangerous animals of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property.

7.0106 Diseased Animals.

No domestic animal afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease shall be allowed to run at large, or to be exposed in any public place whereby the health of man or beast may be affected; nor shall such diseased animal be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner thereof, except under the supervision of the Chief of Police or the Health Officer.

It is hereby made the duty of the Health Officer to secure such disposition of any diseased animal and such treatment of affected premises as to prevent the communication and spread of the contagion or infection, except in cases where the state veterinarian is empowered to act.

7.0107 Housing.

No person shall cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean, or unwholesome, and it shall be unlawful to keep any live swine or pigs, cattle, chickens, or goats in the City.

ARTICLE 2.

Dogs

7.0201 License Required.

No dog shall be permitted to be or remain in the City without being licensed as hereinafter provided in over one month of age. No license or renewal license shall be issued for a dog over six months of age unless it has been inoculated against rabies.

7.0202 License Fees.

All dogs kept in the City shall be registered as to sex, breed, name and address of the owner and name of dog. At the time of such registration such owner shall obtain a license of such dog and shall pay a fee of \$3.00 for each dog. It shall be the duty of said owner to cause such license tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times during the licens period.

7.0203 Dangerous Dogs.

No vicious, dangerous, ferocious dog or dog sick with or liable to communicate hydrophobia or other contagious or infectious disease shall be permitted to run at large in the City.

7.0204 Nuisance - When.

Excessive, continuous, or untimely barking, molesting passers by, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds, or trespassing upon private property or damaging property by a dog is hereby declared to be a nuisance. Further any dog without a valid license and collar is a nuisance.

7.0205 Rabies Inoculation.

It shall be the duty of the owner or person in custody of any dog kept in the City to have the dog inoculated against rabies at least once each year if the vaccine used as Phenalized vaccine and within three years if the vaccine used was avianized vaccine, and no license shall be issued for any dog unless the applicant exhibits a certificate of veterinarian showing compliance with this section.

7.0206 Impounding.

Unrestrained dogs may be taken by the Police or the City Dog Warden and impounded in an animal shelter, and there confined in a humane manner.

Impounded dogs shall be kept for not less than three days unless reclaimed by their owners. If by a permit tag or other means the owner can be identified, the officer shall immediately upon impoundment notify the owner by telephone or mail of the impoundment of the animal. Dogs not claimed by their owners within three days shall be humanely disposed of.

7.0207 Return to Owner if Known.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.0206; if an animal is found at large and its owner can be identified and located, such animal need not be impounded but may, instead be taken to the owner. In such case, the policeman, dog warden or other officer may proceed against the owner for violation of this ordinance.