

616.07 DOGS AND CATS.

(a) Impounding Animals at Large; Redemption. Any dog or cat found running at large, as set forth in Section 616.02, or a dog or cat for which the annual tax has not been paid, as provided in subsection (b) hereof, shall be impounded by the Police Department. If such animal and/or dog or cat is not redeemed within five days after being impounded, it shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by the Chief of Police. Any animal impounded may be redeemed by its owner upon payment of a fee equal to the cost per day to board and care for such animal for each day the animal has been impounded.

(b) License Tax; Tags. Every person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog or cat in the City shall register the same with the City Collector and pay to the Collector annually, or upon acquiring a dog or cat not previously registered, an annual license fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per animal.

The Collector shall not issue a license for a dog or cat until the owner or keeper thereof produces satisfactory evidence to the Collector that such dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies by a qualified veterinarian within the preceding twelve months.

The Collector shall provide, each year to each person paying such tax, a metal tag for each dog or cat for which the license tax has been paid, such tag to be stamped with the letters "B.D.T." and the number of such license. Every person keeping or harboring a dog or cat so licensed shall maintain a collar around the neck of such dog or cat with such metal tag securely fastened thereto. Every dog or cat not bearing the tag required by this section shall be impounded by the Superintendent of Police and dealt with as provided in subsection (a) hereof, and the owner thereof shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 616.99(b).

(c) Impoundment of Animals that Bite. The owner or person having custody of a dog or cat which bites a person shall keep such dog or cat locked up in an enclosure for a period of two weeks following the time the dog or cat has bitten the person. Such owner or person having custody shall also immediately notify the Board of Health and the Police Department of the incident and shall have the dog or cat examined by a physician or a licensed veterinarian at the commencement and termination of such two-week period. If such dog or cat dies or shows definite signs of illness during such period, the owner or person having custody of the dog or cat shall turn the dog or cat over to the Superintendent of Police so that it can be determined whether or not the dog or cat has rabies.

(d) Quarantine. The Mayor may publish a notice in a newspaper in which official notices of the City are customarily published, and, at his or her discretion, may post such notices at public places, forbidding the running at large of a specific dog or cat in the City at any period whenever in his or her opinion the public safety is in danger from such cause, unless such dog or cat is securely muzzled, or prohibiting the running at large of any dog or cat. Upon the publication of such notice, no dog or cat shall run at large in

violation of such notice. A dog or cat found running at large in violation of such notice may be killed by a police officer.

(e) Number Permitted. No person shall keep or harbor, in the City, more than three dogs or cats over two months old on any premises occupied by one family or more. Different parties living on the same premises or in the same building, or using the same premises, shall not keep or harbor thereon more than three dogs or cats.

(Adopting Ordinance)

(f) Urination and Defecation on Public and Private Property. No person, being the owner or having control of a dog or cat being walked with or without a leash, shall allow such dog or cat to urinate or defecate on any property other than that of such person. No such person shall allow such dog or cat to defecate on any property other than that of such person or on a public street, alley, ground, parkway, thoroughfare, lot or other public property, without immediately removing the defecation and cleaning the animal feces from the place of deposit and restoring such place to its condition before the defecation.

(Ord. Unno. Passed 8-22-77; Ord. 98-02. Passed 1-13-98.)

(g) Dog Runs. No person shall construct, cause to be constructed or utilize on property within the City what is commonly known as a "dog run" (or is otherwise a fenced-in structure or space within the property that restricts movement of dogs to a specific area and not the entire lot), without first obtaining necessary permits to construct the same and without first complying with the following requirements:

(1) Any such dog run or any part thereof that is constructed within three feet of a property lot line shall be constructed with a solid, non-open fence made of materials designed to protect adjoining properties from animal waste. This applies to the fence closest to the neighboring property.

(2) All fences shall be constructed under a permit and in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 1272 of the separately published Planning and Zoning Code of the City.

(3) The ground and/or floor of such dog run shall be pitched toward the property owners property and not pitched in any fashion that would allow for leakage or run-off onto neighboring property.

The construction of a dog run in conformity with the provisions of this subsection does not in any way exempt the property owner from the other provisions of this chapter, including, but not limited to, those involving proper removal of animal waste. (Ord. 92-17. Passed 3-24-92; Ord. 04-36. Passed 8-24-04.)