

CHAPTER 90: DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

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§ 90.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

AT LARGE. A dog shall be termed AT LARGE when it is not under restraint, as defined herein.

HARBORER. Any person who has custody of any dog or permits a dog to be kept or to stay on or about his or her premises.

OWNER. Any person, group of persons, or legal entity owning, keeping or harboring a dog or dogs.

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.

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 the person; or if it is within the boundaries of the owner's or harborer's premises.

(Prior Code, § 406.01)

§ 90.02 RESTRAINT OF DOG.

It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, to run at large. A person, who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which runs at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person, so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the city has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs or Cats Prohibited."

Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.03 CONFINEMENT OF CERTAIN DOGS.

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

(Prior Code, § 406.09) Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.04 DOGS CREATING NUISANCES PROHIBITED.

No person shall keep or harbor a dog which barks or howls or otherwise constitutes a nuisance.

(Prior Code, § 406.10) Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.05 IMPOUNDING DOGS.

(A) The police, or other duly appointed persons, may take and impound any dog which is not being kept, confined or restrained in a manner consistent with the requirements of this regulation.

(Prior Code, § 406.11) Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.06 DOGS WHICH CANNOT BE IMPOUNDED.

If a dog is rabid, or otherwise diseased, vicious or dangerous, and cannot be impounded after a reasonable effort or without serious risk to the impounder or other persons, the dog may be immediately killed.

(Prior Code, § 406.14)

§ 90.07 RABIES SHOTS REQUIRED, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

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

(Prior Code, § 406.16) Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.08 DOGS IN HEAT.

Any female dog in heat shall be kept confined indoors or impounded for the duration of her season (oestrus cycle) in a commercial dog kennel, the cost of which shall be borne by the owner.

(Prior Code, § 406.17) Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.09 BITING DOGS TO BE QUARANTINED.

(A) Whenever any dog has bitten a person, the owner or custodian of the dog or animal, having been so notified, either orally or in writing, shall immediately quarantine the 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.

(B) 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 the 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.

(C) 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.

(D) 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 the animal.

(Prior Code, § 406.18) Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.10 CATS OR ANIMALS OF ALLIED GENERA.

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

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

(Prior Code, § 406.19) Penalty § 10.99

§ 90.11 CERTAIN ANIMALS REGULATED.

It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor within any platted portion of the city not used principally for a farming enterprise any of the following animals or animals of allied genera, without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the City Council; horses, cows, sheep, goats, swine, chickens, animals of the genus reptilia or allied genera which are venomous or of the constrictor type; birds or other animals the keeping in captivity of which is prohibited by law.

(Prior Code, § 406.20) Penalty § 10.99