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6.24.010. Dogs Running At-Large prohibited.

A. In addition to the provisions of Section 6.12.110, no person owning any dog, or having the care, custody, or control or possession of any dog shall allow, or permit, such dog to run, be, or remain at-large on any public street, road, alley, park, square, school, or other public place or upon any private property other than the property of the owner or custodian of such dog without the consent of the owner of such property, within the

corporate limits of the city. All dogs will be deemed running at-large within the meaning of this section unless tied or restrained by chain, strap, or cord, not to exceed eight feet in length, attached to their collars and actually held by some person, or staked away from the public walkway or thoroughfare.

Any such restraining device shall be of sufficient strength as to prevent being broken, severed, or otherwise rendered ineffective by the weight and/or strength of the dog. For purposes of this section, any dog in, or upon, any vehicle shall be deemed to be on the premises of the operator thereof.

B. No person owning or having care, custody, control, or possession of any dog shall allow the dog to remain outside of a secure building or dwelling on the premises of the person unless the dog is within the fenced enclosure which is adequate to contain the dog, or unless the dog is securely tethered so as to prevent the dog from leaving the premises at will. Any dog so tethered shall be secured in such a manner as to be unable to cross the property line of such premises and shall further be restrained from entering onto any sidewalk, street, road, or other such place designated for the use of the public. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.020 Dogs Found Running At-Large May be Impounded:

The Animal Control Officer may seize and impound every dog found running at-large or found to be in violation of this chapter. Those animals seized will be impounded at the animal shelter and confined there in a humane manner. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.030 Female Dogs in Heat:

It is unlawful for any owner or keeper of a female dog to permit any female dog to run at-

large or to run loose at any time during the period when the dog is in heat or breeding condition. Running loose is defined for the purpose of this section as being outside of a house, closed garage, other closed building, *or fully enclosed kennel to which ingress and egress by any animal is not possible without human assistance*, whether tethered or not. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.040 Animals in Mobile home Park:

Dogs and other domestic animals shall not be permitted to run at-large in any Mobile home park. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.050 Animals in Vehicles:

A. A dog or any other animal in or upon a vehicle is deemed to be upon the property of the operator of such vehicle. No dog, except a dog assisting a peace officer engaged in law enforcement duties, or any other animal shall be transported on any public thoroughfare in any vehicle unless such dog or animal is totally enclosed within such vehicle, or within a secured container carried upon such vehicle, or securely cross-tethered to such vehicle in such a way as to prevent falling out of or off such vehicle and to prevent injury to the animal or others.

B. No dog or any other animal shall be left completely enclosed in a parked vehicle without adequate ventilation, or in such a way as to subject the animal to temperatures sufficiently above the ambient air temperature thus affecting the animal's health and welfare. Any dog found in violation of this section may be impounded for the safety and protection of the dog and the public by the Animal Control Officer. In the event any animal is so confined, authority is given to the Animal Control Officer, or any other enforcing authority, to release the animal without any resulting liability to the city or the enforcing authority for resulting damages.

Section 6.24.060 Dogs Prohibited in Food Establishments: No person shall allow, permit, or take any dog with the exception of seeing-eye or dogs used by the hearing impaired whether

loose, on a leash, or in arms, into any restaurant, grocery store, meat market, fruit store, or food establishment of any kind in the city.

Section 6.24.070 Restrictions on the Keeping of Animals Capable of Transmitting Rabies: It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor, or possess within the city limits any animal of the Family Canidae capable of transmitting the rabies virus unless such animal can be properly immunized with a rabies vaccine approved by the State Department of Public Health. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.080 Rabies Reports:

A. Rabies is declared to be a reportable disease. Every veterinarian practicing in this city and every person providing professional medical treatment for animal bites by an animal of a species subject to rabies shall immediately notify the animal control department within the proper jurisdiction.

B. Every veterinarian, practicing within this city or having vaccinated animals residing within city limits, shall provide the animal control department with a copy of every rabies immunization certificate which he/she issues for all animals immunized within the jurisdiction of such department.

6.24.090 Vaccination-Required:

A. No person shall keep, harbor, or maintain any dog over the age of four months within the city limits unless such dog has been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian with a canine rabies vaccine approved by and given in the manner prescribed by the State Department of Public Health.

B. Every dog shall have a medically current vaccination with an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the Health Department of the state. The vaccination shall be administered by a veterinarian or as provided through county recognized clinics, and a certificate of vaccination shall be issued to the owner. The certificate of rabies vaccination

which accompanies the license application shall be valid if in compliance with the following immunization schedule:

(1) Primary immunization. Primary immunization shall be defined as the initial inoculation of an approved canine rabies vaccine administered to young dogs between the ages of four to 12 months.

(2) Revaccination intervals. The interval for revaccination of dogs shall be:

If the dog is first vaccinated when it is between the age of four and 12 months revaccination will be within 12 months of the original vaccination date. The interval for primary or revaccination of dogs administered rabies vaccine when over 12 months of age shall be at least once every three years, unless otherwise mandated by the Health Department. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.100 Vaccination-Exemption:

No dog need be vaccinated for rabies where a licensed veterinarian has certified that the vaccination would endanger the dog's health and the local health officer endorses his/her approval on the certificate. The certificate must bear the date of issuance and must be renewed each year. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.110 License Required-Fee:

A. Every person owning, possessing, keeping, harboring, or having custody of any dog over four months old shall obtain a license for each dog and appropriate license fees shall be paid. Fees and charges shall be established from time to time by resolution of the city council. The license shall be obtained, and the fee paid, on or before the last day of February in any year, or within 30 days after the day upon which the dog is four months old, or within 30 days after acquisition of the dog, or within 30 days of moving into the city.

B. Failure to register and pay the required fee within the term prescribed shall cause such fee to become delinquent and penalties shall be added

to the regular fee and collected by the city at the time of such delinquent registration. All late registrations shall be subject to a surcharge to be set by the city council by resolution, in addition to the normal registration fee.

C. Upon presentation of a certificate from a licensed veterinarian that the dog has been spayed or neutered or that the dog cannot be spayed or neutered for medical reasons, the registration fee shall be set by the city council by resolution. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995) (see Fee Schedule)

6.24.120 Exemptions from License Fees:

A. Handicapped. Dogs being raised, trained and used to aid handicapped persons shall be licensed without a fee.

B. Government. Dogs owned and used by the city or other public agencies shall be licensed without fee.

C. Senior Citizens. One dog kept in a household where the owner of the dog is over the age of 60 may be licensed with a reduced fee of \$5.00, when shown to be a financial burden upon the owner. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.130 License Application:

Application for dog licenses shall be made in writing to the city and shall include for each animal: name and address of owner; address where the dog is kept; name, breed, age, sex, color and description of the animal; and current rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.140 Confinement of Puppies:

All dogs under four months of age shall be confined to the premises of, or kept under physical restraint by, the owner or keeper. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.150 Tagging a Dog Not Described in Application:

It is unlawful for any person to attach a

license tag to the collar of any dog except the dog which is described in the application for the license tag. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.160 Collar and Tag:

A. It is unlawful for any person to own, harbor, or keep any dog over the age of four months, unless that person has provided the dog with a suitable collar or other device to which the license shall be securely attached. The collar and tag shall be worn by the dog at all times when the dog is in the city and not confined indoors or in an enclosed yard or pen.

B. The license receipt and tag shall be shown by the owner or person in control of the dog at any time upon demand by the Animal Control Officer or his/her designees. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.170 Duplicate Tags:

Lost license tags may be replaced by surrendering to the city the receipt for the lost license and by paying to the city a fee. This fee shall be established from time to time by resolution of the city council. After complying with the above provision, the city shall again register the dog and issue a new license tag. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)

6.24.180 Dogs Interfering with Livestock:

The Animal Control Officer, or his/her designee, may impound, and if necessary destroy, any dog found in the act of killing, wounding or persistently pursuing livestock or fowl on land or premises which are not owned or possessed by the owner of the dog. (Ord 546 § 1, 1995)