

## CHAPTER 56

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**56.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.** Any person owning or harboring a dog or cat of either sex over six months of age shall procure a license therefor from the City Clerk between January 1 and March 31 of each year, or within thirty days of the date any dog or cat is acquired or brought into the City. License renewals after March 31 may be assessed a late fee.

~~**56.02 LICENSE FEE.** The annual license fee for each dog or cat subject to licensing under the provisions of this chapter is ten dollars (\$10.00) per year, and such fee shall be paid on or before March 31 of each year or within thirty days after acquisition of such dog or cat, except a dog or cat recovered under Subsection 55.15(3) licensed within five business days shall pay a fee of \$20.00. An additional \$1.00 shall be assessed for all fees paid and licenses issued by mail.~~

56.02 LICENSE FEE. The annual license fee, penalty, late fee, or any other additional charges or fees for each dog or cat subject to licensing under the provisions of this chapter shall be determined in accordance with an established fee schedule, which fee schedule may be modified from time to time with approval of the council.

~~—(Ord. 1684 – Jan. 11 Supp.)~~

**56.03 ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR FAILURE TO LICENSE ANIMALS.** The owner or responsible party of an unlicensed dog or cat shall be charged an additional \$50 for the first offense and additional \$100 for each subsequent offense.

*(Ord. 1795 – Apr. 14 Supp.)*

**56.04 VACCINATIONS REQUIRED.**

1. Dogs. Every owner of a dog shall obtain a rabies vaccination for such animal. It is unlawful for any person to own or have a dog in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies.
2. Cats. It is unlawful for any owner to keep a cat in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies and distemper.
3. Certificate Required. The Clerk shall not issue a dog or cat license unless a certificate is filed showing that the dog or cat to be licensed is vaccinated, including vaccination date and expiration date.

*(Ord. 1684 – Jan. 11 Supp.)*

4. Owner Liability. All vaccinations required under the provisions of this chapter shall be conducted by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the owner of said animal.

**56.05 ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION.** Whenever a license fee on any dog or cat is paid by any person to the Clerk, the Clerk shall issue and deliver to such person a license which

shall also be a receipt for the license paid and which shall contain the name of the owner or person by whom such dog or cat is kept or harbored, said person's place of residence, and the name and description of the animal.

**56.06 RECORDATION OF LICENSE.** The Clerk shall keep a record of each license issued, and all licenses shall be numbered consecutively.

**56.07 LICENSE TAGS.**

1. The Clerk shall procure each year a sufficient number of tags or plates, the size and shape of which shall be changed each year, each of which shall state or indicate that the City dog or cat license fee is paid and the year for which it is issued; and shall deliver, without charge, one of such tags or plates stamped with the number of the license, to the person paying the license fee, at the time of paying the same. Such tag or plate shall be securely fastened to a collar or harness, which shall be placed or fastened around the neck of the dog or cat for which the license fee is paid, and shall be at all times kept on the animal for which the license is issued.

2. Whenever a tag or plate is lost or destroyed and an application setting forth such fact is presented to the Clerk, a new tag or plate shall be issued for a charge of five dollars (\$5.00). *(Ord. 1698 – Jul. 11 Supp.)*

3. The license tag shall not be removed from a dog or cat prior to the expiration of the license by any person who is not the owner thereof or the agent of such owner. Upon the expiration of the license, the owner shall remove the tag from the dog or cat. It is unlawful for any person to transfer a tag to another dog or cat.

**56.08 LICENSE FEES.** All license fees collected by the City under this chapter shall be credited to and deposited in the General Fund which is kept and used for the purpose of enforcing this chapter.

**56.09 KENNEL DOGS.**

1. No license shall be required for kennel dogs. All kennel dogs over six months of age shall have a rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian not less than once every two years if the vaccination is by modified live virus vaccine of egg embryo origin, or one year if by killed tissue vaccine.

2. The owner of any kennel within the City shall be required to register said owner's name and business address with the Clerk, and shall comply with this Code of Ordinances and other regulations.

3. Commercially built kennels where permitted cannot be located closer than 200 feet to the boundary of the nearest adjacent residential lot.

4. A kennel, for the purpose of this section, means the business of keeping or raising four or more kennel dogs, which are kept under constant restraint, solely for the bona fide purpose of sale.

