

Dog and Cat Ordinance

1101.03. Dogs and cats.

Subd. 1. Running at Large Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person who owns, harbors or keeps a dog, or the parents or the guardians of any such person under 18 years of age, to allow the dog to run at large. Dogs must be 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 or by leash, but are permitted in streets or on public land unless the City has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs Prohibited".

Subd. 2. License required.

- a) Adult dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the City, must be licensed and registered with the City. The City Administrator will issue a dog license upon payment of the license fee. The license is valid for one year. The owner must state, at the time of application is made for the license and upon forms provided for such purpose, the owner's name and address and the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned or kept by the owner. A license will not be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies. Vaccination may be performed only by a doctor qualified to practice veterinary medicine in the state in which the dog is vaccinated. A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog to be licensed in the City must complete a certificate of vaccination. One copy will be issued to the dog owner for affixing to the license application.
- b) A dog owner must pay the license fee imposed by Appendix II.
- c) Upon payment of the license fee, the control officer will issue to the owner a license certificate and metallic tag for each dog licensed. The tag will have stamped on it the year for which it is issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. The owner must provide each licensed dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed and see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. If a dog tag is lost or destroyed, the control officer will issue a duplicate. Dog tags are not transferable from one dog to another. A refund will not be made on any dog license fee or tag because of death of a dog or the owner's leaving the City before the expiration of the license period.
- d) This subdivision does not apply to
 1. dogs whose owners are non-residents living temporarily in the City,
 2. dogs brought into the City for the purpose of participating in a dog show, or
 3. "seeing eye" or other dogs properly trained to assist handicapped persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place. Proof of vaccination is still required.
- e) The funds received by the City for dog licenses and metallic tags fees will first be used to defray any costs incidental to the enforcement of this section; including, but not limited to, the costs of licenses, metallic tags and impounding and maintenance of the dogs.

- f) Failure to obtain a license for an animal is a violation of this section. City may impose a fee for non-licensure.

Subd. 3 Cats. The City Council may decide by resolution that cats are to be controlled by this section insofar as running at large, pickup, impounding, boarding, and proof of anti-rabies vaccine is concerned.

Subd. 4 Vaccinations.

- a) Dogs and cats kept, harbored, maintained, or transported within the City must be vaccinated at least once every year by a licensed veterinarian for:
 - 1. rabies with a live modified vaccine, and
 - 2. distemper.
- b) A certificate of vaccination must be kept by the owner on which is stated the date of vaccination, the owner's name and address, the animal's name (if applicable), sex, description and weight, the type of vaccine, and the veterinarian's signature. Upon demand made by the animal control officer or a police officer, the owner must present for examination the required certificate of vaccination for the animal. If certificates are not presented, the owner or keeper of the animal must present the certificate to the animal control officer or police officer within seven days of the demand by the officer. Failure to do so is a violation of this section.