

ARTICLE 48
DOG LICENSING

48.01 **DEFINITIONS.** For use in this ordinance, the following terms are defined:

1. The term "dogs" shall mean both male and female animals of the canine species whether altered or not.
2. The term "at large" shall mean any licensed or unlicensed dog found off the premises of his owner and not under the control of a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel, on a leash or "at heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's command.
3. The term "owner" shall mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, sheltering or harboring a dog.

48.02 **IMMUNIZATION.** All dogs six (6) months or older shall be vaccinated against rabies. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any dog not to be vaccinated against rabies. A tag showing evidence of proper vaccination shall be worn by every dog when not confined.

48.03 **KENNEL DOGS.** Kennel dogs which are kept or railed solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint are not subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

48.04 **AT LARGE PROHIBITED.** No owner of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large, whether the dog be licensed or unlicensed.

48.05 **ACTIONS OF DOGS CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE.**

1. It shall be unlawful for an owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to pass upon the premises of another, thereby causing damage to, or interference with the premises.
2. It shall be unlawful for an owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause unreasonable annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and/or habitual howling, yelping, barking or otherwise; or by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

48.06 **IMPOUNDING.**

1. Any unlicensed or unvaccinated dog found at large or any licensed dog found at large in violation of Section 48.03 and 48.05 of this ordinance shall be seized and impounded, or at the discretion of the Chief of Police, the owner may be served a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges made there under.
2. Owners of a licensed dog shall be notified within two (2) days of impoundment that upon payment of impounding fees of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day, plus the cost of food and

care in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day, plus any incidental expenses such as necessary veterinary care, medicine and transportation, the dog will be returned. If impounded and licensed dog is not recovered by the owner(s) within three (3) days after notice, the dog shall be disposed of in a humane manner.