

Chapter 6

ANIMALS*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 6-1. Animals and fowl not to run at large.**

No person having in his possession or under his control any animal or fowl shall allow the animal or fowl to run at large within the city.

(Code 1988, § 9.08)

Secs. 6-2—6-30. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. DOGS AND CATS****Sec. 6-31. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

At large means to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or a member of his immediate family over 12 years of age, either by leash or otherwise.

Owner means any person owning, harboring or keeping a dog or cat in this city. The occupant of any premises on which a dog or cat remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten days is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog or cat within the meaning of this section.

(Code 1988, § 9.15(2))

Cross reference—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 6-32. License required.

No person shall own or keep any dog or cat more than six months of age of January 1, or within 30 days of such dog or cat becoming six months of age without obtaining a license therefor from the city clerk. Wis. Stats. §§ 174.05—174.10 shall apply so far as applicable. The license fee for male dogs and cats and spayed female dogs and cats shall be as provided in Wis. Stats. § 174.05 per year; for unspayed female dogs and cats as provided in Wis. Stats. § 174.05 per year. All licenses shall expire December 31 of each year.

(Code 1988, § 9.15(1))

Sec. 6-33. Vaccination for rabies; tag.

No dog or cat license shall be issued or renewed unless the person seeking to obtain the license shall exhibit a certificate from a veterinarian showing that the dog or cat in question has been vaccinated for rabies within two years prior to the date of application for issuance or renewal of the license, provided no dog or cat born after July 1 need be vaccinated until the following calendar year. At the time of vaccination, the veterinarian shall furnish to the owner of the dog or cat a tag suitable for attaching to the collar of the dog or cat showing that the dog

or cat has been vaccinated for rabies, together with the certificate number and the year of vaccination. No person shall keep any dog or cat which does not carry the tag required in this section.

(Code 1988, § 9.15(3))

Sec. 6-34. Dogs and cats not to run at large.

No owner or person in control or having custody of a dog or cat shall allow the dog or cat to run at large within the city unless accompanied by and under the control of the owner or keeper.

- (1) Dogs and cats shall be kept tied year round except when under the direct control of the dog or cat's owner or keeper.
- (2) No owner shall permit a dog under their direct control to defecate on someone else's property without immediately taking steps to clean such mess.

(Code 1988, § 9.15(4))

Sec. 6-35. Harboring certain dogs or cats prohibited.

No person shall own, harbor or keep dogs or cats which:

- (1) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway.
- (2) Assaults or attacks any person.
- (3) Is vicious. A showing that a dog has bitten, attacked or injured any person shall constitute a prima facie that such dog is vicious.
- (4) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any two or more other persons.
- (5) Are of such a number to create a nuisance.

(Code 1988, § 9.15(5))

Sec. 6-36. Dog and cat pound.

(a) *Confinement of dogs and cats.* The police department or any other officer appointed by the council shall apprehend any dog or cat running at large within the city or which does any of the things prohibited under section 6-35 and confine the dog or cat in a suitable dog and cat pound.

(b) *Enforcement.* The council shall from time to time appoint a qualified officer to apprehend and confine dogs and cats in a pound as provided in this section and such officer shall apprehend and confine dogs and cats as provided in this section and may enforce this section including the right to commence actions for the collection of any forfeiture imposed by this article. Such action shall be brought in the name of the city. Such officer shall be paid such compensation as the council shall determine by resolution.

(c) *Disposition of unclaimed dogs and cats.* The keeper of the pound shall keep all dogs and cats apprehended as provided in this article for a period of seven days at the dog and cat pound (unless sooner claimed by the owner or keeper) and if any dog or cat is not reclaimed by the

rightful owner within such time, the dog or cat may be sold for the amount incurred in the apprehending, keeping and care of the dog or cat or it may be destroyed in the proper and humane manner.

(d) *Owner or keeper to pay costs.* The owner or keeper of any dog or cat so confined may reclaim such a dog or cat at any time before the dog or cat is disposed of, upon payment of all costs and charges incurred in the apprehension, keeping and care of the dog or cat. These costs are in addition to any penalties for violation of this article.

(Code 1988, § 9.15(6))

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