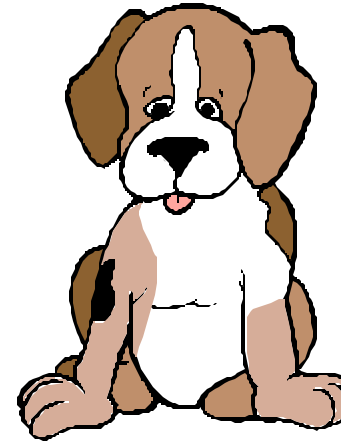


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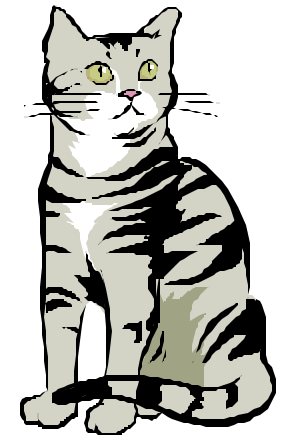


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### **Dog & Cat Licenses - Sec. 3-4(a)(1)**

Generally, every person residing in the City who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which is more than five months of age on January 1 of any year shall annually, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law, obtain a license therefore.

**Issuance of license — Sec. 3-4(c)** Upon exhibiting a currently valid rabies vaccination certificate and payment to the Director of Finance of the required fee, the Director of Finance shall issue a license to keep such dog or cat and tag for each such dog or cat so licensed. The tag shall be placed upon the collar of each dog or cat, and such tag and collar shall be attached to the animal when off the owner's premises.

**Seeing Eye Dogs — Sec. 3-4(d)(3)** The licensing requirements of this section shall not apply to dogs kept only for educational or scientific purposes or to dogs specially trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons.

### **License Fees - Sec. 3-4(b)(1-2)**

- (1) Such owner of a dog or cat shall pay to the Director of Finance prior to April 1 of each year a license fee in the amount established by resolution. If the dog or cat becomes five months of age after July 1 of the licensed year, the license shall be one-half of the regular fees.
- (2) If the license fee is not timely paid, an additional fee in the amount established by resolution shall be assessed and collected.

### **Quarantine / Confinement and Impoundment**

**Sec. 3-5(b)(2)** Any vaccinated dog or cat which has bitten any person and caused an abrasion of the skin on such person, shall be confined by the owner or other responsible person as required by the Health Officer for ten days, at which time such dog or cat shall be examined by the Health Officer. If no signs of rabies are observed by the Health Officer, the dog or cat may be released from confinement.

**Sec. 3-5(b)(1)** If the dog or cat has not had a current rabies vaccination, it shall be seized and impounded under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian for not less than ten days. If after a complete examination by a veterinarian, there are no clinical signs of rabies, it may be released to the owner, or, if a stray, disposed of in a manner prescribed by law.

Expenses incurred from the impoundment, confinement, and examination are the sole responsibility of the animal's owner. *[Sec 11-1 - 195.21(8)]*

Under no circumstances can the owner sell, give away, or destroy the animal until it has been released by a licensed veterinarian after the (10) day confinement (quarantine) period.

### **Animals Not to Run at Large—Sec. 3-2(b)**

No person shall permit an animal or fowl to run at large in the City at any time. Each owner of any such animal shall confine it within the limits of their premises except when it is attended by a person and, in such cases, such animal shall be under the control of that person attending it by a leash or other means.

### **Animals on Public Property - Sec. 3-13**

Except as provided in Wis. Stats. § 174.056, no person shall bring an animal onto public property owned or leased by the City, including city right of way, except by permit issued by the Mayor. This section shall not apply to dogs or cats on leashes on public sidewalks or rights-of-way.

### **Public Nuisances Affecting Health - Animal Excreta - Sec. 10-3(13)**

The owner or any person having immediate control of an animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any excreta left or deposited by the animal upon any public or private property. It is unlawful for any person not to have in his immediate possession the appropriate means to remove said animal excreta.

### **Public Nuisances - Noisy animals - Sec 10-5(11)**

The keeping or harboring of any animal which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, or making noise shall annoy or disturb a neighborhood or any considerable number of persons within the City constitutes a public nuisance.

### **Zoning Ordinance - Sec. 26.148**

Residential dwellings are allowed a maximum of three (3) of each species over 4 months of age, without a kennel license. *[A kennel is defined as any structure or premises on which four or more animals of one type, over four months of age are kept, owned, boarded, groomed, sheltered, protected, bred, or offered for sale or any other merchandising.]*

### **Investigation - Sec. 3-9**

The City Health Officer, Kennel Master, or any police officer is authorized by law to investigate and/or apprehend any dog or cat suspected of violating any of the provisions described herein.

### **Interference - Sec. 3-10**

No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest the Health Officer, Kennel Master or police officer in the performance of his duty or seek to release any animal in the custody of the Kennel Master except as herein provided.