# Pet Owners
# Guidelines & Ordinances



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## Dog & Cat Licenses - Sec. 3-14

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. 3-14(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. 3-14(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. 3-14(b)(1-3)

Such owner of a dog or cat shall pay to the Director of Finance prior to April 1st 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.

## Quarantine / Confinement and Impoundment

**Sec. 3-15(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 an Officer for ten days, at which time such dog or cat shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian.  If no signs of rabies are observed by the licensed veterinarian, the dog or cat may be released from confinement.

**Sec. 3-15(b)(1)**  If the dog or cat has <u>not</u> 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 - I 95.21(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
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. 3-5
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.

### Feeding of Wild Ducks and Geese  -  Sec. 10-3(14)
It is unlawful to feed wild ducks and geese within the City.

### Raising of Bees  -  Sec 10-3(15)
It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to raise bees, except mason bees, within the City without registering and operating their apiary pursuant to Chapter 3, Article IV of this Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, mason bees (genus Osmia), due to their benefits for pollination and limited stinging threat, may be raised and/or kept within the City without registering, provided any mason bee house be located a minimum of three feet from the lot line.

### Public Nuisances  -  Noisy animals  -  Sec 10-5(11)
The keeping or harboring of any animal which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, crowing, or making noise shall annoy or disturb a neighborhood or any considerable number of persons within the City constitutes a public nuisance.

### Dangerous Animals  -  Sec. 3-31
No person shall own, possess, harbor, keep, or maintain a dangerous animal, as declared by the Chief of Police, except under the terms and conditions as listed in Section 3-31. Note: Special conditions exist for the license issuance of Dangerous Animals.

# Numbers & Types of Animals Allowed / Prohibited

| DOGS | CATS | FOWL | OTHER | PROHIBITED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sec. 3.4(b) | Sec. 3.4(b) | Sec. 3-3 | Sec. 3.4(d) | Sec. 3-30 |
| **Max: THREE** <br> All breeds permitted. <br> Maximum of three <br> unless grandfathered. | **Max: THREE** <br> All breeds permitted. <br> Maximum of three <br> unless grandfathered. | **Max: FOUR** <br> Chickens <br> Ducks <br> Geese <br> Pea Hens <br> Turkeys <br><br> **NO Roosters** <br> Sec. 3.3(c)(2) | **Max: TEN** <br> Hamsters / Gerbils <br> Mice <br> Lizards <br> Snakes <br> Turtles <br> Guinea Pigs <br> Ferrets <br> Hedgehogs <br><br> **Max: THREE** <br> Rabbits <br><br> **Max: ONE** <br> Vietnamese <br> Potbellied Pig* <br> Sec. 3-30(e) | Poisonous Animals & Reptiles <br> Poisonous Insects and Arachnids <br> Apes / Baboons <br> Bears <br> Cheetahs <br> Crocodilians (30 inches in length or more) <br> Constrictor Snakes (6 ft. in length or more) <br> Coyotes <br> Game Cocks / Fighting Birds <br> Hyenas <br> Jaguars / Lions / Pumas / Tigers <br> Leopards / Snow Leopards <br> Lynxes <br> Ostriches <br> Sharks <br> Farm Animals (Horses, Mules, Donkeys, <br> Ponies, Cows, Goats, Sheep, Pigs*) <br> Wolves or any dog that is part wolf |

**FISH & BIRDS CAGED INDOORS**
Unlimited

**BEEKEEPING**
with permit.
See Section 3, Article IV
and Section 10.3(15)

**Maximum 10 (any combination)**