

Title 6

ANIMALS

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OFFENSES RELATING TO ANIMALS

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6.04.010 Cruelty to animals. A. Except as otherwise authorized by law, no person shall intentionally or recklessly:

1. Subject any animal under human custody or control to cruel mistreatment;
2. Subject any animal under his custody or control to cruel neglect;
3. Kill without legal privilege any animal under the custody or control of another, or any wild bird.

B. As used in this section, "animal" includes birds.
(Ord. 110 §71, 1974)

6.04.020 Poisoning of animals. No person shall put out or place any poison where the same is liable to be eaten by any horse, cattle, sheep, hog, dog or other domestic animals. (Ord. 110 §72, 1974)

6.04.030 Vehicles injuring animals. Any person operating a vehicle within the city who shall run over, strike, injure, maim or kill any domestic animal shall immediately stop and render aid to such animal, if injured, or provide for the disposition of the carcass, if such animal is killed; and in either case, such person shall make due and diligent inquiry to determine the owner of such animal; and if the owner be found, he shall notify him of the occurrence and also report the same forthwith to the chief law enforcement officer or his assistant. (Ord. 110 §73, 1974)

6.04.040 Removal of carcasses. No person shall permit an animal carcass owned or controlled by him or her to remain upon public property, or to be exposed on private property, for a period of time longer than is reasonably necessary to remove or dispose of the carcass. (Ord. 110 §74, 1974)

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6.08.010 Dogs prohibited from running at large. No vicious, rabid or diseased dog nor any female dog in heat shall run at large or be allowed so to run by its owner or custodian. A vicious dog is one which has bitten a person or shown a propensity to bite persons. (Ord. 88 §1, 1973)

6.08.020 Nuisance dog defined. A dog is a nuisance and may be impounded and its owner or custodian fined as herein provided if it:

- A. Howls or barks in such a manner as to deprive any person of peace and quiet;
- B. Roams about the city;
- C. Injures, damages or destroys any property, whether real, personal or mixed, not owned by or under the control or custody of the owner or custodian of the dog;
- D. Bites a person;
- E. Shows a propensity to bite persons;
- F. Habitually chases vehicles of any kind or persons; or

G. Injures or kills an animal or fowl belonging to a person other than the owner or custodian of the dog. (Ord. 88 §2, 1973)

6.08.030 License required. A dog shall be licensed according to the laws of the state and no person shall own or have custody of a dog not so licensed. (Ord. 88 §3, 1973)

6.08.040 Impoundment. A dog which is:

A. Found biting or having bitten a person or showing a propensity to bite persons;

B. A female dog in heat and found running at large;

C. Diseased;

D. Not licensed according to the laws of the state;

or

E. A nuisance as defined in this chapter and found running at large, may be summarily seized by any person, who shall then promptly notify the county department of animal control and/or the county sheriff's department for impounding. (Ord. 329 §4, 1993: Ord. 88 §4, 1973)

6.08.045 Removal of droppings. The owner or person in charge of any animal shall be responsible for the removal of fecal droppings left by that animal on a sidewalk, any other public property, or on premises other than that of the owner or person in charge of the animal. (Ord. 442 §1, 2004)

6.08.050 County department of animal control--Responsibility. Upon the impoundment of any dog under the authority of this chapter, the procedures for care, notification, disposition, and licensing as provided by the laws of the state will be completed by the county department of animal control. (Ord. 329 §5, 1993: Ord. 88 §5, 1973)

6.08.060 Violation--Penalty. A. Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under this chapter shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

B. Each such person is guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted by any such person, and he or she is punishable accordingly.

C. Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this chapter shall pay all reasonable attorney fees incurred by the city for enforcement of this chapter against said persons. (Ord. 329 §6, 1993: Ord. 88 §6, 1973)