

Chapter 8-4

CATS

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Section 8-4-1	Definitions

For use within this Chapter the following are defined:

(A) "AT LARGE": Refers to any cat running otherwise than upon the premises of its owner when the cat is not attached to a leash held by a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, or in any animal hospital or kennel.

(B) "CATS": Includes both male and female cats whether altered or not.

(C) "OWNER": Any person, firm or corporation owning, harboring, sheltering or keeping a cat.

Section 8-4-2 License

Every owner of a cat which is unlicensed or whose license has expired shall procure a cat license from the City Police. The annual license fee shall be in the amount set by Council Resolution. A penalty, in the amount set by Council Resolution, shall be assessed for failure to pay the license fee when due. A license granted pursuant to this provision shall be valid for a period of one year.

Upon payment of the license fee, the City Police shall issue to the owner a license which shall contain the name of the owner, his/her place of residence, and a description of the cat. The City Police shall keep a duplicate of each license issued as a public record.

Upon issuance of the license, the City Police shall deliver to the owner a metal tag stamped with the number of the license and the year for which it is issued. The license tag shall be securely fastened to a collar which shall be worn by the cat for which the license is issued. Any cat found running at large without the license tag attached to its collar shall be deemed unlicensed.

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Section 8-4-3 Immunization

The Mayor may order the immunization of all cats against rabies, whenever in his/her discretion, public health or safety requires. It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any cat to run at large unless immunized whenever such immunization has been ordered until the Mayor has found the public health and safety no longer requires such immunization. A tag shall be issued by the City Police whenever the Mayor has ordered immunization of cats, to evidence such immunization and this tag shall be worn by such cats.

Section 8-4-4 Kennel Cats

Kennel cats which are kept or raised solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint are not subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 8-4-5 Cats Disturbing The Peace

(A) It shall be unlawful for an owner of a cat to allow or permit such cat to pass upon the premises of another.

(B) It shall be unlawful for an owner of a cat to allow or permit such cat to run at large.

(C) It shall be unlawful for an owner of a cat to allow or permit such cat to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person by frequent and habitual howling, whining, meowing or otherwise.

Section 8-4-6 Impounding

(A) Any unlicensed cat found at large, or any licensed cat found at large in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, shall be seized and impounded.

(B) The owners of such licensed cats shall be notified that upon payment of impounding costs such cats will be returned. If the impounded licensed cats are not recovered by their owners within five (5) days after notice, the cats shall be disposed of by the Chief of Police.

(C) Impounded unlicensed cats may be recovered by the owner, upon proper identification by payment of the license fee and impounding costs. If such cats are not claimed within five (5) days after impounding, they shall be disposed of by the Chief of Police.

Section 8-4-7 Municipal Infraction

A violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall constitute a Municipal infraction subject to the penalties and alternative relief authorized by Title 1, Chapter 20 of this Code and by Section 364.22 of the Code of Iowa.