

## Chapter 8-3

### DOGS

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For use within this Chapter the following are defined:

- (A) "DOGS" includes both male and female dogs whether altered or not;
- (B) "AT LARGE" refers to any dog running otherwise than upon the premises of its owner when the dog is not attached to a leash held by a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, or in an animal hospital or kennel;
- (C) "OWNER" includes any person, firm or corporation owning, harboring, sheltering or keeping a dog.

#### **Section 8-3-2 License**

Every owner of a dog which is unlicensed or whose license has expired shall procure a dog 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 dog. 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 or harness which shall be worn by the dog for which the license is issued. Any dog found running at large without the license tag attached to its collar or harness shall be deemed unlicensed.

(Ord. No. 269495, Amended, 04/03/95)

(Ord. 06-O-2008-2009, Amended, 12/15/2008; Ord. 12-O-2004-2005, Amended, 12/06/2004)

#### **Section 8-3-3 Immunization**

The Mayor may order the immunization of all dogs against rabies, whenever in his/her discretion, public health or safety requires. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any dog 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 dogs, to evidence such immunization and this tag shall be worn by such dogs.

#### **Section 8-3-4 Kennel Dogs**

Kennel dogs 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 8-3-5 Dogs Disturbing The Peace**

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

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

(C) It shall be unlawful for an owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking or otherwise; or by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

(D) The provisions of Subsections (A) and (B) shall not apply to dogs being run by an employee of the City or by a person, including the person's employee, under contract with the City of Storm Lake for the purpose of controlling and minimizing the presence of geese in the City parks or other property owned by the City.

(Ord. 08-O-2006-2007, Amended, 05/07/2007)

#### **Section 8-3-6 Impounding**

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

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

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

#### **Section 8-3-7 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.