

**TITLE 10**

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

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**10-101. Running at large prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, swine, sheep, horses, mules or goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits. (1984 Code, § 3-101)

**10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted.** No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within five hundred feet (500') of any residence, place of business, or public street, without a permit from the city code administration officer. The city code administration officer shall issue a permit only when in his sound judgment the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building under the circumstances as set forth in the application for the permit will not endanger the public health.

(2) Any permit issued by the city code administration officer shall be revoked by him when he has reasonable cause to believe that the public health will be endangered by allowing such permit to continue in effect.

(3) Any person aggrieved by the city code administration officer's action in granting, refusing, revoking or failing to revoke any permit as provided in this section may appeal to the board of zoning appeals. (1984 Code, § 3-104, as replaced by Ord. #2013-962, Sept. 2013)

**10-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean.** When animals or fowls are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen, or

enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. (1984 Code, § 3-102)

**10-104. Storage of food.** All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle. (1984 Code, § 3-103, modified)

**10-105. Seizure and disposition of animals.** Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by the health officer, any police officer, or any other officer designated by the city manager and confined in a pound provided or designated by the board of commissioners. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address. If the owner is not known or cannot be located, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. In either case the notice shall state that the impounded animal or fowl must be claimed within five (5) days by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold. If not claimed by the owner, the animal or fowl shall be sold or humanely destroyed, or it may otherwise be disposed of as authorized by the board of commissioners.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of commissioners, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance. (1984 Code, § 3-106)

**10-106. Inspections of premises.** For the purpose of making inspections to insure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the health officer, or his authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter. (1984 Code, § 3-107)

## CHAPTER 2

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**10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat without having the same duly vaccinated against rabies and registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law" (Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-113) or other applicable law. (1984 Code, § 3-201)

**10-202. To wear tags.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section. (1984 Code, § 3-202)

**10-203. Running at large prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a dog, cat, or other animal belonging to him or under his control or that may be habitually found on premises occupied by him or immediately under his control, to go upon the premises of another, or upon a highway, or upon a public road, street, or other place, except as allowed by the Tennessee Code Annotated (1984 Code, § 3-203)

**10-204. Vicious animals to be restrained.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog, cat, or other animal known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog, cat, or other animal is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (1984 Code, § 3-205)

**10-205. Noisy animals prohibited.** No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog, cat, or other animal which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, annoys, or disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1984 Code, § 3-204)

**10-206. Confinement of animals suspected of being rabid.** If any dog, cat, or other animal has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the chief

of police or any policeman may cause such dog, cat, or other animal to be confined or isolated for such time as he reasonably deems necessary to determine if such dog, cat, or other animal is rabid. (1984 Code, § 3-206)

**10-207. Seizure and disposition of animals found at large.** Any police officer or animal control officer may seize any dog, cat, or other animal found running at large and place it in the county dog pound. If said dog, cat, or other animal is wearing a tag, the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last known mailing address. In addition to any fine which may be judicially assessed against him, the owner shall also be liable for a seizure and impounding fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for the first violation thereof and for the second and third violations thereof, an impounding fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) respectively. Provided further, whenever a dog, cat, or other animal is found running at large and, because of its apparent viciousness or infection with rabies, it cannot be safely impounded, any policeman or animal control officer shall have the authority to kill or destroy said dog, cat, or other animal and in so doing he shall be exempt from damage for the destruction of said dog, cat or other animal and shall be exempt from prosecution therefor. (1984 Code, § 3-207)