

TITLE 10

ANIMAL CONTROL

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CHAPTER 1

IN GENERAL

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10-101. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, owning, or having control and custody of horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats or other livestock, to permit the same to run at large within the corporate limits of this municipality. (1972 Code, § 3-101)

10-102. Keeping livestock on less than five acres within city limits prohibited. No person or entity shall permit the keeping of livestock on any tract of land located within the city limits of the City of Camden of acreage less than five acres (5).

Livestock shall be defined as horses, cows, goats, hogs, chickens, and other fowl. (as added by Ord. #JT-2005-11, Nov. 2005)

CHAPTER 2

HOGS

SECTION

10-201. Keeping of hogs prohibited.

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CHAPTER 3**NOISES PRODUCED BY ANIMALS AND FOWLS****SECTION**

10-301. Loud noises produced by fowls, prohibited.

10-302. Loud noises produced by animals, prohibited.

10-301. Loud noises produced by fowls, prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor, keep or possess any chickens, ducks, geese, fowls or other birds which by loud and frequent quacking, crowing, or cackling, or by any other noises, disturb the peace or cause annoyance to any of the citizens of the city. (1972 Code, § 3-301)

10-302. Loud noises produced by animals, prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor or possess any animals which by loud and frequent howling, barking, yelping, growling, bleating, braying or bawling or by any other noise, or cause of annoyance to any citizen of the city. (1972 Code, § 3-302)

CHAPTER 4

DOGS

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10-401. Rabies vaccination and registration required. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog within the corporate limits of the City of Camden 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 to 68-8-114, or other applicable law. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-402. Dogs to wear tags. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog within the corporate limits of the City of Camden which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-403. Dogs running at large and/or creating a nuisance prohibited. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person having a right of property in a dog, or who keeps or harbors a dog, or who has it in his care, or acts as its custodian, or who permits a dog to remain on or about any premises occupied or controlled by such person, to allow such animal to run at large off the premises of said person unless the animal is under such control so as to reasonably provide for the protection of persons, other animals, or property by means of a leash, cord or chain secured to an adequate stationary object or to the hand of the owner or other qualified person so that it shall not be able to bite or injure any person or animal, or damage any property. Further, if said animal is on the premises of said person but outside of adequate fencing or other restraining device, said animal shall be under the direct supervision and control of said person or his agent of responsible age.

(2) It shall be unlawful to keep a dog in such a manner, place, or condition so as to become a nuisance either because of noise, odor, contagious disease, or other offensive habits or reason.

(3) For the purpose of this chapter a dog shall be defined as any member of the canine family three (3) months or more of age. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-404. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious or dangerous within the corporate limits of the City of Camden unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-405. Noisy dogs prohibited. No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-406. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid. If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, a state or county health officer, the animal warden, any police officer or other official designated by the council may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog is rabid. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-407. Apprehension and disposition of dogs. Any dog found running at large and/or creating a nuisance may be seized by the animal warden, any police officer, or other official designated by the council, and placed in a pound provided or designated by the city council. If said dog is wearing a tag, the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last known mailing address, to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying the apprehension fee and boarding fee established by this chapter, or the dog will be humanely destroyed or sold. If said dog is not wearing a tag it shall be humanely destroyed or sold unless legally claimed by the owner within two (2) days. No dog shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog has been vaccinated and has a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar. The owner shall be responsible for paying the vaccination fee. When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog found running at large cannot be safely apprehended and impounded, it may be summarily destroyed¹ by the animal warden or any policeman.¹

¹For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction
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For these purposes the animal warden, any police officer, or other official designated by the council, shall hereby be authorized to utilize tranquilizer dart guns, or other capture devices in the apprehension or destruction of same. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-408. Fees. Apprehension and impoundment fees shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Boarding fees for dogs impounded by the city shall be two dollars (\$2.00) per day, not including the first day of impoundment. Should the dog have required the services of a veterinarian or other professional animal services while in the custody of the city, the cost of such services shall be added to the apprehension and impoundment fees. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-409. Dogs to be neutered. Dogs which are to be released from the animal shelter for adoption by a new owner shall be neutered by a competent veterinarian, and the cost of which shall be added to any impoundment fees and paid by the new owner(s). (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-410. Female dogs coming in heat. All female dogs within the city upon coming in heat, shall be kept in a secure enclosure or under complete control by the owner for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days beginning the first day the evidence of attraction is noticeable to the owner. Any such female dog running loose, with or without the tags evidencing vaccination and registration, demonstrating evidence of attraction, shall be picked up by the animal warden and confined in a separate compartment at the impoundment facility. If said dog is wearing a tag, the owner shall be notified by telephone or by postcard addressed to his last known mailing address, to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying the apprehension fee and boarding fee established by this chapter, or the dog will be humanely destroyed or sold. If said dog is not wearing a tag, it shall be humanely destroyed or sold unless legally claimed by the owner within two (2) days. (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993)

10-411. Fines for violation of this chapter. The animal warden, any police officer or other official designated by the council shall have the authority to investigate all violations observed by him, and to investigate all complaints filed by any person. Any owner found guilty of violating any section of this chapter, may, upon conviction, be subject to a civil penalty of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). (Ord. #GWO-4, Oct. 1993, modified)

¹(...continued)

of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see Darnell v. Shepard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W. 2d 661 (1927).