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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. (1979 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 to come within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street without a permit from the health officer. The health 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 injuriously affect the public health. (1979 Code, § 3-102)

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. (1979 Code, § 3-103)

10-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided. No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water,

shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health and safety.

All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle. (1979 Code, § 3-104)

10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason. (1979 Code, § 3-105)

10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to unnecessarily beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl. (1979 Code, § 3-106)

10-107. Seizure and disposition of animals. (1) Any dog, cat, fowl or other domesticated animal as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 39-14-201(3), found to be at large and/or trapped by an animal control officer, police officer or any other city employee assigned to this duty, or by the general public, may be upon seizure, taken to an animal shelter, humane society or pound authorized, designated or approved by the board of commissioners.

(2) Such animal shelter, humane society or pound approved or designated by the board of commissioners may under the statutes of the State of Tennessee as they apply to Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals-Powers, 39-14-210(c)(2), humanely euthanize, or cause to be euthanized, any animal found abandoned or otherwise as stated in said statute, after a holding period of not less than seventy two (72) hours. Said animal shelter, humane society or pound designated by the board of commissioners will make every effort to locate the owners of lost animals that come into their custody that are bearing identification, by holding them for five (5) days, and by notifying the last known owners, by certified mail, prior to the final disposition of the animal.

(3) Nothing herein shall require the destruction of stray animals, unless so ordered by health officers for the purpose of rabies or other disease control concerns. Otherwise any animal shelter or humane society or pound designated by the board of commissioners may reserve the right to seek responsible homes for stray animals and enter into their care, following the holding period for stray animals as described above. (1979 Code, § 3-107, as replaced by Ord. #693, Feb. 2003)

10-108. 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. (1979 Code, § 3-108)

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 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 68-8-114) or other applicable law. (1979 Code, § 3-201)

10-202. Dogs to wear tags. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section. (1979 Code, § 3-202)

10-203. Running at large prohibited.¹ It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits. (1979 Code, § 3-203)

10-204. 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 unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (1979 Code, § 3-204)

10-205. Noisy dogs prohibited. No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, annoys, or disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1979 Code, § 3-205)

10-206. 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, the health officer or chief of

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-108 and 68-8-109.

police may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he reasonably deems necessary to determine if such dog is rabid. (1979 Code, § 3-206)

10-207. Operation of a dog pound. The mayor, with the approval of the board of commissioners, is hereby authorized to contract for the operation of a dog pound. This contract shall set out the charges to the city, boarding charges to the dog owner, and any other conditions necessary to the purpose of this chapter. (1979 Code, § 3-207)

10-208. Deleted. (1979 Code, § 3-208, as deleted by Ord. #694, Feb. 2003)