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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, goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, to knowingly or negligently permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits. (2004 Code, § 10-101)

10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted. No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within one thousand feet (1,000') 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. (2004 Code, § 10-102)

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. (2004 Code, § 10-103)

¹Wherever this title mentions dogs it pertains to dog and cats.

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, safe condition, and wholesomeness for food if so intended. (2004 Code, § 10-104)

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. (2004 Code, § 10-105)

10-106. 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 animal control and health officer or by any police officer and confined in a pound, either provided or designated by the governing body. If the animal or fowl is not claimed within three (3) days, the animal or fowl will be either destroyed or sold. (2004 Code, § 10-107)

10-107. Violations and penalty. The penalty for each offense of this chapter shall be as set by the governing body from time to time. (2004 Code, § 10-108)

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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. (2004 Code, § 10-201, modified)

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. (2004 Code, § 10-202)

10-203. Running at large prohibited.¹ It shall be unlawful for any person, knowingly or unknowingly, owning or being in charge of, any dog to run at large within the corporate limits. (2004 Code, § 10-203)

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. (2004 Code, § 10-204)

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. (2004 Code, § 10-205)

10-206. Seizure and disposition of dogs. The provisions of § 10-107 shall apply to any dog running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of

¹State law reference

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

this chapter. However, in no event shall a dog be released from a pound unless it has been vaccinated and has the proper tag(s) placed on its collar. (2004 Code, § 10-206)

10-207. Violations and penalty. The penalty for each offense of this chapter shall be as set by the governing body from time to time. (2004 Code, § 10-207)