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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, sheep, horses, mules, goats, or any chickens, emus, 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.

Any person, including its owner, knowingly or negligently permitting an animal to run at large may be prosecuted under this section even if the animal is picked up and disposed of under other provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (Ord. #1-88 A, June 1988, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

10-102. Keeping of animals restricted. Horses, mules, cows, swine, sheep, goats and emus shall be restricted to one animal per acre within the city limits of Piperton. The owner of other animals kept shall be ordered to reduce their number when the animals become a nuisance and/or obnoxious due to noise, odor or other reasons. (Ord. #1-88 A, June 1988, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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. (Ord. #1-88 A, June 1988, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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.

It shall be unlawful for any person to beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl. (as added by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. The owner of other animals or fowl shall be ordered to reduce their number when the animals or fowls become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reasons. (as added by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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 any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and confined in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and 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 mayor and 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 mayor and commissioners, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance. (as added by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

10-107. Violation and penalty. Any violation of any section of this chapter shall subject the offender to a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day the violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. (as added by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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DOGS AND CATS

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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 68-8-115) or other applicable law. (Ord. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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. (Ord. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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.

Any person knowingly permitting a dog to run at large, including the owner of the dog, may be prosecuted under this section even if the dog is picked up and disposed of under the provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (Ord. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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. A violation of this

¹State law reference

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

section shall subject the offender to a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. (Ord. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

10-205. 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. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

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 chief of police or any other properly designated officer or official 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. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs. Any dog found running at large may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and placed in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and commissioners. If the 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 a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and commissioners, or the dog will be sold or humanely destroyed. If the dog is not wearing a tag, it shall be sold or humanely destroyed 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 had a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar. (Ord. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

10-208. Destruction of vicious or infected dogs running at large. When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog found running at large cannot be safely impounded, it may be summarily destroyed by any policeman or other properly designated officer.¹ (Ord. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)

10-209. Violation and penalty. Any violation of this chapter shall constitute a civil offense and shall, upon conviction, be punishable under the

¹State law reference

For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see Darnell v. Shapard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661 (1928).

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general penalty provision of this code. Each day a violation shall be allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. #2-81, June 1981, as replaced by Ord. #68-05, Sept. 2005)