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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, 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. (1991 Code, § 10-101)

10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted. No person shall keep or allow within the corporate limits any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section except as allowed under the provisions of Title 14 of the Clinton Municipal Code Swine are prohibited without exception within the corporate limits.

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. (1991 Code, § 10-103)

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. (1991 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. (1991 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 any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and confined in a facility provided or designated by the city council. 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 or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold as determined by the chief of police. (1991 Code, § 10-107, modified)

10-107. Removal of animal waste required. The owner or custodian of any animal shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by his/her animal(s) on any public walks, streets, alleys, rights-of-way, recreational areas, parks, and ball fields, or on any private property not belonging to the owner/custodian of such animal.

(1) Voluntary removal and disposal of such excreta shall not constitute a violation of this section.

(2) This section shall be enforced under the provisions of § 6-202 of the Clinton Municipal Code.

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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"¹ or other applicable law. (1991 Code, § 10-201)

10-202. Dogs and cats 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. (1991 Code, § 10-202)

10-203. Running at large prohibited.² It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog or cat owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits.

Any person knowingly permitting a dog or cat to run at large, including the owner of the dog or cat, may be prosecuted under this section even if the dog or cat is picked up and disposed of under the provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (1991 Code, § 10-203)

10-204. Vicious dogs and cats to be securely restrained. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog or cat known to be vicious or

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-114.

²State law reference

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

dangerous unless such dog or cat is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (1991 Code, § 10-204)

10-205. Noisy dogs and cats prohibited. No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat which, by loud and frequent barking, meowing, whining, or howling, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1991 Code, § 10-205)

10-206. Confinement of dogs and cats suspected of being rabid. If any dog or cat 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 or cat to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog or cat is rabid. (1991 Code, § 10-206)

10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs and cats. Any dog or cat found running at large may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and placed in an animal shelter provided or designated by the city council. The process of notifying owners and/or the disposition of unclaimed dogs or cats will be per the animal shelter's policies. (1991 Code, § 10-207, modified)

10-208. Destruction of vicious or infected dogs and cats running at large. When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog or cat found running at large cannot be safely impounded it may be summarily destroyed by any police officer¹ or other properly designated officer. (1991 Code, § 10-208)

10-209. Removal of animal waste required. The owner or custodian of any dog or cat shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by his/her animal(s) on any public walks, streets, alleys, right-of-way, recreational areas, parks and ball fields, or on any private property not belonging to the owner/custodian of such animal.

(1) Voluntary removal and disposal of such excreta shall not constitute a violation of this section.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to guide dogs under the control of a disabled person, not to dogs used in police activities of the city.

¹State law reference

For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see the case of Darnell v. Shapard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661 (1927).

(3) This section shall be enforced under the provisions of § 6-202 of the Clinton Municipal Code. (1991 Code, § 10-209)