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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 or 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. (1994 Code, § 10-101)

**10-102. 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. (1994 Code, § 10-102)

**10-103. Storage of food.** All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle.

**10-104. 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. (1994 Code, § 10-104)

**10-105. 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 health officer or by any police officer and confined in a pound provided or designated by the governing body. 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 and the animal or fowl will be humanely destroyed

or sold if not claimed within five (5) days. If the owner is not known a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. 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 within the specified period, the animal or fowl shall be sold, humanely destroyed, or otherwise disposed of as authorized by the governing body. (1994 Code, § 10-106)

## 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 68-8-113). (1994 Code, § 10-201)

**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. (1994 Code, § 10-202)

**10-203. Running at large prohibited.**<sup>1</sup> 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. (1994 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 reasonably provide for the protection of other animals and persons. (1994 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. (1994 Code, § 10-205)

**10-206. Seizure and disposition of dogs.** The provisions of § 10-106 shall apply to any dog running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter. However, in no event shall a dog be released from the pound unless it has been vaccinated and has a tag placed on its collar. (1994 Code, § 10-206)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-107.