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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, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits. (1989 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 within three hundred feet (300') of any residence or place of business 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. Any person aggrieved by the health officer's decision in any such case may appeal the same to the municipal governing body. (1989 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. (1989 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, safe condition and wholesomeness for food if so intended. (1989 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. (1989 Code, § 3-105)

10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to beat or otherwise inhumanely abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl. (1989 Code, § 3-106)

10-107. Seizure and disposition of animals running at large. Any animal or fowl found running at large in violation of this chapter may be seized by the health officer or by any police officer and confined in a suitable place provided or designated by the municipal governing body. If the owner is known he shall be notified by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear within ten (10) days and redeem his animal or fowl by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the chief of police.

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 notify the owner to appear within ten (10) days and redeem his impounded animal or fowl by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the chief of police. (1989 Code, § 3-107)

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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."¹ (1989 Code, § 3-201)

10-202. Running at large prohibited.² It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or negligently to permit any dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits, without wearing a tag evidencing the registration and vaccination required in the preceding section. (1989 Code, § 3-202)

10-203. Certain dogs to be securely restrained. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog, whether vaccinated or not, which is known to be vicious or dangerous or any female dog in heat unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to reasonably provide for the protection of other animals and persons. Any dog described in this section which is found to be running at large and which cannot be safely taken up and impounded may be killed on the spot by the poundmaster, health officer, or any policeman. (1989 Code, § 3-203)

10-204. 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. (1989 Code, § 3-204)

10-205. Seizure and disposition of dogs running at large. The provisions of § 10-107 shall apply for any dog found running at large in violation of this chapter. However, in any event no dog shall be released from a pound

¹See §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-113, Tennessee Code Annotated.

²See §§ 44-8-408, 68-8-103, and 68-8-106, Tennessee Code Annotated.

unless and until it has been registered, vaccinated and had a tag placed on its collar. (1989 Code, § 3-205)

10-206. Seizure and disposition 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 poundmaster, health officer, or chief of police may cause such dog to be seized and/or confined or isolated for observation for up to two (2) weeks. If such dog is found to be rabid, it will be humanely disposed of. If such dog is found not to be rabid it shall be released to its owner upon his payment of any expenses incurred by the town on his behalf. If upon reasonable notice the dog's owner refuses to pay such costs the dog shall be humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of. (1989 Code, § 3-206)