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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 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. (1968 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 one thousand (1,000) feet 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. (1968 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. (1968 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.

All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box,
or receptacle. (1968 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. (1968 Code, § 3-105)

10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any
person to unnecessarily beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or
fowl. (1968 Code, § 3-106)

10-107. 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 board of mayor and 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 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 council.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded
animal or fowl a reasonable fee to cover the costs of impoundment and
maintenance. (1968 Code, § 3-107)

10-108. Inspections of premises. For the purpose of making
inspections to insure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the health
officer, or his authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any
reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an
animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter. (1968 Code, § 3-108)
CHAPTER 2

DOGS

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10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.
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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 68-8-114) or other applicable law. (1968 Code, § 3-201)

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. (1968 Code, § 3-202)

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 in any street, alley or unenclosed area of land within the corporate limits. A dog shall not be deemed to be running at large if it is accompanied by its owner or a responsible person has it strictly under his control. (1968 Code, § 3-203)

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. (1968 Code, § 3-204)

10-205. Noisy dogs prohibited. No person shallown, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, annoys, or disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1968 Code, § 3-205)

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

¹State law reference
reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the health officer or chief of police may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he reasonably deems necessary to determine if such dog is rabid. (1968 Code, § 3-206)