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Sample Animal Licensing Regulations

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City of Germantown

Sec. 5-2. - Licensing.

- (a) Any person owning, keeping, harboring or having custody of any dog over three months of age or cat over six months of age within the city, but not operating a kennel or animal shelter, must obtain a license as provided in this section.
- (b) A license shall be issued only after application in writing which shall include the name, address and telephone number of the applicant, a description of the dog or cat, certification as to the dog's or cat's breeding capability, proof of vaccination against rabies issued by a licensed veterinarian, and date of revaccination, and only after payment of a fee as specified in this section.
- (c) Application for a license shall be made within 30 days after a dog attains the age of two months of age or a cat attains the age of five months of age, or within 30 days after the first day a dog over three months of age or a cat over six months of age is owned, kept or harbored within the city.
- (d) Unless revoked, a license shall be valid for one year from the date of issue.
- (e) License fees, which shall not be refundable, shall be established by the board of mayor and aldermen where lawful.
- (f) Upon proper application and payment of the applicable fee, the city shall issue a suitable license tag bearing an identifying number which shall be recorded in a public record.
- (g) License tags shall be affixed to the collar or harness and worn by the dog or cat when off the premises of the owner.
- (h) Duplicate license tags may be obtained upon payment of a fee as established by the board of mayor and aldermen.
- (i) No person shall place a license tag on any dog or cat other than the dog or cat for which the tag was issued.
- (j) Guide dogs in compliance with T.C.A. § 62-7-112 and police dogs of the police department shall be exempt from complying with this section.
- (k) In the event of an emergency, as determined by the mayor, cats may be subject to the leash law.

END OF SECTION

City of Madisonville

LICENSING

10-301. Requirement of license. Any person owning, keeping, harboring, or having custody of any dog or cat over four months of age within this municipality must obtain a license as herein provided.

10-302. Written application. Written application for licenses, which shall include name and address of applicant, description of the dog or cat, the appropriate fee, and rabies certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian or antirabies clinic, shall be made to the licensing authority.

10-303. Period of licenses. If not revoked, licenses for keeping of dogs and cats shall be for a period of one year.

10-304. Period of application. Application for a license must be made within thirty (30) days after obtaining a dog or cat over four months of age; this requirement will not apply to a nonresident keeping a dog or cat within the municipality for not longer than sixty (60) days.

10-305. Exceptions to fees. License fees shall not be required for certified seeing eye dogs, hearing dogs, governmental police dogs, or other certified dogs that are trained to assist the physically handicapped

10-306. Issuance of tag. Upon acceptance of the license application and fee, the licensing authority shall issue a durable tag or identification collar, stamped with an identifying number and the year of issuance. Tags should be designated so that they may be conveniently fastened or riveted to the animal's collar or harness.

10-307. Dogs and cats to wear tags. Dogs and cats must wear identification tags or collars at all times when off the premises of the owners.

10-308. Records. The licensing authority shall maintain a record of the identifying numbers of all tags issued and shall make this record available to the public at all times.

10-309. Licensing period. The licensing period shall begin with the fiscal year and shall run for one year. A license application may be made thirty (30) days prior to, and up to sixty (60) days after, the start of the fiscal year. Persons applying for a license during the licensing year shall be required to pay fifty (50) percent of the fee stipulated in this section.

10-310. Failure to obtain license. Persons who fail to obtain a license as required within the time period specified in this section will be subjected to a fine as described in § 10-315.

10-311. Application fee. A license shall be issued after payment of the following application fee:

- unneutered male dog \$10.00
- unneutered male cat \$10.00
- unspayed female dog \$10.00
- unspayed female cat \$10.00
- neutered male dog \$ 5.00
- neutered male cat \$ 5.00
- spayed female dog \$ 5.00
- spayed female cat \$ 5.00

10-312. Duplicate licenses. A duplicate license may be obtained upon payment of a one dollar (\$1.00) replacement fee.

10-313. Substitution of licenses prohibited. No person may use any license for any dog or cat other than the animal for which it was issued.

10-314. Registration fee for kennels. Persons operating a kennel where animals are bred for sale shall not be required to pay the registration fee required by § 10-311, but in lieu thereof shall pay, on or before the first day of May of each year, or upon the opening of such kennel, a registration fee as a kennel operator. These fees shall be annual fees and shall be as follows:

- (1) Less than 10 animals, \$5.00.
- (2) 10 but not more than 20 animals, \$10.00.
- (3) Over 20 animals, \$15.00.

10-315. Penalties. Any person violating any provision of title 10 of this code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 and not more than \$50.00. If a violation continues, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation.

END OF SECTION

City of Columbia

10-202. Licensing.

- (1) No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog or cat within the city limits unless such dog or cat is licensed as herein provided. Written application for such license shall be made to the city recorder, or such agents as shall be designated by the city manager, and shall state the name and address of the owner and the name, breed, color, age and sex of the dog or cat. A license fee shall be paid at the time of making application in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) per dog or cat (with the exception of kennels as outlined in § 10-202(3), a numbered receipt shall be given to the applicant, and a numbered tag shall be issued to the owner.
- (2) The five dollar (\$5.00) license fee shall apply to each dog or cat over the age of six (6) months and shall be applicable for a period of one (1) year.
- (3) Every person, group of persons, or corporations, engaged in the commercial business of buying, selling, breeding, or boarding, or who owns, harbors, or keeps four (4) or more dogs or cats in a kennel, shall pay a license fee in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00), unless they elect to license each individual dog or cat as provided for in § 10-202(1) above.
- (4) All dog or cat licenses and kennel licenses shall be issued for a period of one (1) year.
- (5) Application for such license shall be accompanied by proof of vaccination of the animal for rabies effective for the period for which such application is made, and no license shall be issued for a period longer than until the last day of the month in which the effective period of vaccination expires. If the effective period of vaccination is less than one (1) year from the date of the issuance of such license, the fee shall be prorated and such license shall be issued to cover the remaining effective period of the vaccination.
- (6) In the event a license tag issued for a dog or cat is lost, the owner may obtain a replacement tag upon the payment of a replacement tag fee in the amount of two and 50/100 dollars (\$2.50).
- (7) If there is a change in ownership of a dog or cat or kennel during the license year, the new owner may have the current license transferred to his name upon the payment of cash transfer fee in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) per dog or cat, with a maximum fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a kennel.
- (8) No person shall use for any dog or cat a license receipt or license tag issued for another dog or cat.

10-203. Tag and collar.

- (1) Upon complying with the provisions of § 10-201, there shall be issued to the owner a numbered tag.
- (2) Every owner is required to see that the tag is securely fastened to the dog's or cat's choke chain, collar, or harness which must be worn by the dog or cat at all times unless the dog or cat is accompanied by its owner and engaged in hunting or other sporting activities where a collar might endanger its safety.

END OF SECTION

City of Bristol

Sec. 10-61. - Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor a dog or cat within the city unless the dog or cat is licensed as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 10-62. - Application for, issuance of license and tag.

Each year all persons owning, possessing, or harboring a dog or cat in the city shall apply to the recorder or a licensed veterinarian within the city, for a license for such dog or cat. The recorder or licensed veterinarian shall, upon payment of the annual license fee, issue such license, together with a metal tag or disc bearing the serial number of the license which shall expire one year from the date of issue.

Sec. 10-63. - Dogs and cats to wear tags.

The owner or other person responsible for a dog or cat under the provisions of this chapter shall cause both the metal license tag and the metal tag showing rabies immunization to be worn by such dog or cat at all times.

Sec. 10-64. - License fee.

The annual license fee for each dog or cat shall be such amount as established by the council from time to time.

Sec. 10-65. - No license required for dogs or cats under six months of age.

The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not be applicable to dogs or cats under six months of age.

Sec. 10-66. - Rabies immunization prerequisite to issuance.

As a prerequisite to the issuance of a dog or cat license the applicant therefor shall exhibit an unexpired certificate of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian.

Sec. 10-67. - Contents.

The license issued under this chapter shall contain a description, to be furnished by the applicant, of the dog or cat for which it is issued, showing age, sex, name, color, breed and any special markings.

END OF SECTION

Nashville/Davidson County

8.04.040 - Licenses—Fees—Expiration—Exceptions for kennel operators.

A. Any person owning, keeping or harboring on the premises where they reside, any dog six months of age or over, shall pay to the chief medical director a fee of four dollars for each dog owned, kept or harbored. All licenses issued shall be valid for twelve months and shall expire on the last day of the month issued of the following year.

B.1. Persons operating kennels where dogs are bred for sale shall not be required to pay the above license fee, but in lieu thereof shall pay a license fee as kennel keeper as follows: 8.04.040

- a. For each kennel of less than ten dogs, twenty dollars per year or any fraction thereof;
- b. For each kennel of from ten to twenty dogs, twenty dollars per year or any fraction thereof;
- c. For each kennel of over twenty dogs, thirty dollars per year, or any fraction thereof.

2. At the time such license fee is paid, there shall be presented to the department of health, at the time of making the application, an affidavit showing under oath the number of dogs to be kept at the kennel for which application is made. All sums collected hereunder shall be collected by the chief medical director annually on or before April 1st, or at such time as the kennel shall be open for operation, as provided herein.

8.04.050 - Collection and disposition of fees.

It shall be the duty of the chief medical director to collect all fees imposed under this chapter. The chief medical director shall appoint certain officials as may be necessary to work in cooperation with and under the supervision of the director of finance to establish and prescribe the times and manner in which the fees received shall be deposited in the general fund.

8.04.060 - Licenses—Issuance—Records.

It shall be the duty of the chief medical director to collect the license fees under this chapter. He shall, in a well bound book to be furnished by the metropolitan government, record the name of each owner of any dog, the date and amount of such payment, the description and sex of each dog on which a license fee is paid, the license tag number issued by him for such dog and the date when such dog was vaccinated. Unless such certificate of vaccination is exhibited at the time request is made for a license, the chief medical director shall issue no license, except as provided in Section 8.04.020. On receipt of the payment of the license fee, the chief medical director shall issue to the person paying the same a receipt to be furnished by the metropolitan government, showing the name of the owner of the dog or kennel on which such license fee is paid, the date and amount of such payment, the license tag number issued for each dog and the date of vaccination of such dog, and shall deliver to the owner a license tag bearing the serial number and the year for which the license fee is paid.

8.04.070 - License tags.

Dog license tags issued pursuant to this chapter shall be supplied by the department of health, to be made available in its budget, out of the revenues of the metropolitan government. It shall be the duty of the owner to attach such license tag to a collar which shall be worn at all times by each dog licensed. In the event of the loss of such license tag, the department of health shall issue a duplicate tag, for which the owner shall pay a fee of two dollars, and such duplicate tags shall be forthwith attached to the dog collar and at all times worn thereon; provided, that the collar may be removed in cases of hunting dogs while in chase or while in training. A dog tag shall not be transferable from one dog to another. No refunds shall be made on any dog license fee.

8.04.080 - Failure to pay license fee.

It is unlawful for any person or owner to keep or harbor any dog for which a license fee on such dog has not been paid as required by this chapter.

END OF SECTION

City of Knoxville

Sec. 5-76. Vaccination, licensing and registering.

- (a) The owners of all dogs and cats in the city shall have such animals vaccinated as well as licensed and registered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

- (b) Licenses shall be issued in the name of the city for dogs and cats by the unit at its designated office or at the animal shelter, or by any veterinarian in the county. Upon payment of the requisite license fee, an owner shall be issued a license tag to be worn by the animal and a certificate of registration. The actual registration of the animal shall be done by the administrator or the authorized unit representative or by a veterinarian practicing in the county. Such registration shall be accomplished upon printed forms provided for such purpose and shall record the owner's name and address and the name, breed, color and sex of the dog or cat. No dog or cat shall be licensed or registered unless it is first vaccinated against rabies. The vaccination shall be done under the supervision of a veterinarian.

- (c) The owners of all dogs and cats in the city shall have such animals vaccinated within thirty (30) days after a dog or cat reaches the age of three (3) months with a primary or first vaccine dose which is valid for only one (1) year. The second and subsequent vaccine dose can be a "three-year vaccine" certified by the veterinarian and will be valid for three (3) years. If an approved "three-year vaccine" is not used, then the dog or cat must be vaccinated annually. The owners of all dogs and cats shall have such animals licensed within thirty (30) days after a dog or cat reaches six (6) months of age. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the unit or by veterinarians practicing in the county upon payment of a license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each unaltered male or female dog or cat and five dollars (\$5.00) for each sterilized male or female dog or cat. Certification of sterilization, identifying the animal, must be presented at the time the license fee is paid.

- (c) All persons licensing dogs and cats as provided for in this section, whether they be unit personnel or veterinarians, shall collect all license fees and maintain all license records in an orderly and businesslike manner. Each authorized registrar shall make a report to the unit quarterly on January first, April first, July first and October first, or within ten (10) days after such date, of the number of cats and dogs licensed, turn over to the unit all license records, and remit all fees collected to the department of finance. Each authorized registrar shall likewise report to the unit quarterly any and all dogs and cats vaccinated and not licensed. Each registrar may retain one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of each license fee to defray his expenses under this section.

- (e) All proceeds derived from the issuance of licenses for dogs and cats under the provisions of this section and section 5-77 shall be credited to the account of the unit. All such funds shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and operation of the unit.

(Ord. No. O-484-93, § 1, 8-31-93; Ord. No. O-27-06, § 1, 2-28-06)

State law reference— *Vaccination of dogs, T.C.A. §§ 68-8-102(3) and 68-8-104.*

Sec. 5-77. Tags.

- (d) A license tag and a rabies vaccination tag shall be issued to each dog and cat at the time of its licensing and vaccination. The owner shall provide that both tags shall be worn by the animal at all times.

- (e) If the owner of any dog or cat which is by this chapter required to have a license tag and vaccination tag has paid for and procured the license tag and rabies vaccination tag, and the animal is taken to the animal shelter by reason of the loss of either of the tags, the owner of such animal shall have the privilege of identifying his animal and proving the payment for and the procurement of the tags prior to the date the animal was taken up, and in that event the animal shall be returned to the rightful owner upon the payment of a twenty-five-dollar impoundment fee and an assessment of five dollars (\$5.00) for each day of boarding. When no proof of procurement of license fee and rabies vaccination exists, certification of vaccination and license fee payment must be presented to the unit within seventy-two (72) hours of the time the owner reclaims his animal.

(Ord. No. O-484-93, § 1, 8-31-93)

END OF SECTION