

## Code Provisions Regulating the Number of Dogs Permitted on a Premise

### City of Athens

**10-207. Limit of three dogs per household without a permit.**

Not more than three (3) dogs shall be kept by any one household unless owner has acquired a permit from the city's public works department. The animal control officer shall review each permit request to ensure compliance of all provisions of this chapter prior to issuance of the permit. (1972 Code, § 3-208, as renumbered by Ord. #795, July 1994)

### City of Bristol

**Sec. 10-8. - Keeping of dogs and cats regulated.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor any dog or cat within the city unless such dog or cat is inoculated against rabies.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person or family living in the same household to own, possess or harbor more than four adult dogs or four adult cats, unless the animals are used for breeding purposes for sale to the public.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to dogs or cats under six months of age. (Code 1980, § 3-109; Ord. No. 92-18, 7-7-92)

*State law reference— Vaccination required, T.C.A. § 68-8-103.*

### City of Collierville

**§ 94.27 NUMBER OF DOGS PERMITTED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor more than three dogs over three months of age on his or her property or premises at any one time, unless the person shall hold a valid license issued by the office of the Shelby County Trustee and the office of the Collierville Town Clerk to operate an animal kennel in Collierville. No such license shall be issued by the Town Clerk for a kennel operation in any residential zone as per the Collierville Zoning Code. (83 Code, § 3-209)

### City of Knoxville

**Sec. 5-27. Maximum number of animals per household; permit for kennel, boarding facility, pet shop or pet dealer.**

(a) No person shall keep, lodge or maintain in excess of four (4) dogs and/or cats over the age of six (6) months, except an animal shelter, a zoo of a governmental agency, a humane society incorporated under the laws of this state, an institution of higher learning, or a circus or an animal exhibition officially recognized by the board and operated in compliance with city

license, health and zoning regulations. Where zoning laws, health laws and other laws or regulations do not preclude, a person may keep, lodge or maintain in excess of four (4) dogs and/or cats over the age of six (6) months if such person applies and receives from the board a kennel, boarding facility, pet shop or pet dealer permit. No person may establish or maintain a kennel, boarding facility, pet shop or pet dealership without a permit issued by the board, and the board shall possess the authority to establish minimum standards for the facilities or quarters where animals are kept. Such standards may be enforced by way of inspection conducted by the administrator or any animal control or police officer.

- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the person operating as a kennel, boarding facility, pet shop or pet dealer to request a permit as specified in subsections 5-52(b)(6) and (7). The board shall have the power to revoke such permit if negligence in care or misconduct occurs that is detrimental to animal welfare or to the public. Revocation of a permit by the board shall restrict animal ownership to four (4) animals respectively. The cost of a permit for a kennel, boarding facility, pet shop or pet dealer shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year. All permits shall be renewed in January of each year. Prior to issuing any permit, the facility for which a permit is sought shall be inspected to determine if it meets the minimum standards for such facility as established by the board.

*(Ord. No. O-484-93, § 1, 8-31-93)*

## **Nashville/Davidson County**

### **8.12.080 - Companion animal hoarding.**

A. For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section:

"Adequate care" shall include but not be limited to medical treatment for illness, injury, disease, excessive parasitism, or any malformations.

"Adequate food" means food that is not spoiled or contaminated and is of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the animal and the environment in which it is kept. An animal shall be fed or have food available at least once each day, unless a licensed veterinarian instructs otherwise, or withholding is in accordance with accepted agricultural or veterinarian practices.

"Adequate shelter" means a structure or enclosure which provides an animal with protection from the elements (weather), which structure or enclosure must have a roof, floor and three sides, and be of sufficient size as to allow each animal to stand up, lie down and turn around in a natural position.

"Adequate water" means fresh, potable water provided at suitable intervals for the species, and which, in no event, shall exceed twenty-four hours at any interval. The animal must have access to the water.

"Companion animal" means domesticated animals kept in or near the household for the primary purpose of companionship for member(s) the household and/or companionship for other such animals. This includes dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, mice, ferrets, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and species that a reasonable person would consider to be a pet. Any animal defined as "wildlife" by MCL 8.16.010 shall not be considered a companion animal for the purposes of this section. The keeping of fowl, swine, cattle, cows, sheep, horses, mules or goats shall not be governed by this section but shall be governed by other applicable sections of this Code.

"Person" means any individual, firm, partnership or corporation, or authorized agent or representative of a person, partnership or corporation.

- B. No person may possess, lodge, or maintain over five companion animals if such a person displays a general disregard for the conditions under which the animals are living, including, but not limited to, failing to provide all of the following to all of the companion animals in his care: adequate food, water, shelter, and care.
- C. A person in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction for companion animal hoarding, the court may order that the person do any or all of the following:
1. Be precluded from owning, harboring, or having custody or control of companion animals for a period of time that the court deems reasonable.
  2. Participate in available animal cruelty prevention program(s) or educational program(s), or both.
  3. Undergo a behavioral health evaluation and comply with any recommendations resulting from the evaluation.
  4. Forfeit to Metro Animal Control animals that are the basis of conviction.
  5. Sterilize the companion animals, with sterilization being mandatory upon a second violation.
  6. Pay appropriate fees and fines.

*(Ord. BL2005-859 § 1, 2005)*

## City of Tullahoma

### **10-111. Number of dogs and/or cats, acreage restrictions.**

(1) The following prescribes the total number of dogs and/or cats or combination thereof allowed per specified acreage restrictions:

- Less than one and one-half (1.5) acres - Up to six dogs (6) dogs and/or cats or combination thereof.
- Greater than one and one-half (1.5) acres - Up to ten (10) dogs and/or cats or combination thereof.

- (2) Reference to dogs and cats only refer to adult dogs and cats older than four (4) months. There are no restrictions on the number of dogs and cats younger than four (4) months old that can be on the property.
- (3) This section shall not apply to veterinarian clinics, kennels, boarding facilities, pet shops or pet dealers licensed to do business in the city.
- (4) If all dogs and/or cats have been vaccinated and inoculated against disease as recommended by a veterinarian and such veterinarian will attest that such dogs and/or cats are properly cared for, and the animal control officer or other designated employee of the city verifies that the dogs and cats are being maintained in humane and sanitary conditions, the public works director may exempt any restriction as specified in this section; however, violations of any part of the animal control ordinances may result in revoking of the exemption. (as added by Ord. #1348, Dec. 2006)

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