

Title 6

ANIMALS

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Chapter 6.04

DOG LICENSING

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6.04.010 License required--Vaccination--Dogs confined to premises.

A. Every person owning or having charge, care or control over any dog, shall, after his dog attains the age of four months, annually secure from the city clerk a license and tag for the dog. The tag shall be attached to a collar or harness upon the dog and during the term of the license shall remain attached.

B. Every person owning or having charge, care or control over any dog shall, immediately after his dog attains the age of four months and at intervals of not more than twenty-four months thereafter secure the vaccination of the dog by a licensed veterinarian with a canine anti-rabies vaccine of a type approved by the State Department of Public Health.

C. All dogs under four months of age shall be confined to the premises of, or kept under physical restraint by the person owning or having charge, care or control of the dog; provided, however, that this subsection shall not be construed to prevent the sale or transportation of a puppy four months old or younger.

D. The city clerk shall not issue a license to any person for any dog until such person has submitted a certificate of vaccination approved by the chief animal control officer showing that the dog has been vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of this section. (Ord. 70-67 §1, 1970; Ord. 61-20 §1, 1961)

6.04.020 License--Due date. All licenses shall be due on the first day of May of each year and delinquent on the first day of June of each year, except as provided in this chapter. Each application shall state the age, sex, color and breed of the dog for which the license is desired and the name and address of the owner. (Ord. 61-20 §3, 1961)

6.04.030 License--Fee.

A. Every person owning or having charge, care or control over any dog of the age of four months or over shall pay an annual license fee of six dollars for each dog; provided, however, that the fee shall be three dollars if paid between May 1st and May 31st inclusive, of each year, or within thirty days after the owner and the dog establishes residence in Sand City, or within thirty days after the owner acquires ownership of a dog over four months old, or within thirty days after the dog reaches the age of four months, and provided further, however, that the fee shall be one dollar and fifty cents if the owner and dog establishes residence in Sand City, or the owner acquires ownership, or the dog reaches the age of four months, on or after the first of January of each year, and the fee is paid within thirty days after said residence is established, or said ownership is acquired or said age is reached.

B. The license fee shall be paid to the city clerk who shall issue the tag, which shall have the license number and year that the license has been paid for on it.

C. The license and tag shall be issued for an annual period commencing on May 1st of each year and ending on April 30th of the following year.

D. Any person owning a seeing eye dog, who requires the use of a seeing eye dog, shall be exempt from payment of any license fee, but shall require a license as provided in this chapter. (Ord. 70-67 §3, 1970; Ord. 63-37 §1, 1963; Ord. 61-20 §4, 1961)

6.04.040 Replacement tags. In the event any tab issued under this chapter is lost, destroyed or mutilated, the owner of the dog for whom it was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof upon the payment of fifty cents. (Ord. 61-20 §5, 1961)

6.04.050 Notification of license issuance. The city clerk shall notify the animal shelter of the county of Monterey of the issuance of each license issued pursuant to the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. 61-20 §6, 1961)

6.04.060 Register kept by clerk. The city clerk shall keep a register in which shall be kept the name and the address of the owner to whom the tag is issued, a description of the dog, the number of the tag given and the date. (Ord. 61-20 §7, 1961)

6.04.070 Exemptions. The provisions of this chapter requiring dog licenses shall not apply to:

A. Any dog owned by or in the charge or care of a nonresident of the city, traveling through the city, or temporarily sojourning therein for a period not exceeding thirty days, nor to any dog brought to the city exclusively for the purpose of entering the same in a dog show or dog exhibition, provided said dog is not permitted to run at large;

B. Any dog owned by a person moving into the city which dog has been currently licensed by any of the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-By-The-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, Soledad, Greenfield, Gonzales or the county of Monterey during such time said person was a resident of said city or county, and shall have attached to its collar or harness a tag evidencing the existing unexpired license for such dog issued by said city or county, provided such dog has been vaccinated with a canine anti-rabies vaccine of a type approved by the State Department of Public Health within the previous twenty-four months. (Ord. 61-20 §11, 1961)

Chapter 6.08

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

Sections:

6.08.010 Prohibited.

6.08.020 Running at large defined.

6.08.010 Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person owning or having charge, care or control of any dog, whether licensed and vaccinated or not, to suffer or permit any such dog to run at large on any public street, road, alley, schoolyard, park, square or place, or on any vacant or unenclosed lots or land within the city limits. (Ord. 70-67 §2, 1970; Ord. 61-20 §2, 1961)

6.08.020 Running at large defined. All dogs shall be deemed running at large within the meaning of this chapter unless led or restrained by a chain, strap or cord attached to

their collars or harness and actually held by some person or made fast to some stationary object; except during such times as the dog may be being actually trained for obedience or field in accordance with accepted standards of such trainer. (Ord. 61-20 §8, 1961)

Chapter 6.12

IMPOUNDING ANIMALS

Sections:

6.12.010 Running at large--Seizure and impoundment.

6.12.020 Redemption--Disposal of animals.

6.12.010 Running at large--Seizure and impoundment. It shall be the duty of the chief animal control officer and such assistants and deputies as he shall appoint and any peace officer to seize and impound any dog found running at large within the area described in Section 6.08.010, and to seize and impound all unlicensed dogs and other animals found running at large on any public highway, street, alley, park, schoolyard, square or place or on any vacant or unenclosed lots or land within the city limits. (Ord. 70-67 §4 (part), 1970; Ord. 61-20 §9(a), 1961)

6.12.020 Redemption--Disposal of animals. All dogs or other animals not reclaimed or redeemed within seventy-two hours may be destroyed in some humane manner by the agency designated in the joint powers agreement, or the agency may, after the dog or other animal is impounded for seventy-two hours, place the same with some responsible person and convey a valid title thereto. The seventy-two hour period shall start to run on a currently licensed dog wearing a license tag only after a postcard has been mailed by the agency to the owner at the address given on his application for the license; provided, however, that if the dog or other animal is seriously injured or ill, the agency may, with the consent of the public health veterinarian of the county of Monterey, and to prevent further suffering, destroy the dog or other animal prior to the expiration of the seventy-two hour period. (Ord. 61-20 §10, 1961)

Chapter 6.16

QUARANTINE OF BITING OR RABID ANIMALS

Sections:

6.16.010 Quarantine-Examination--Release.

6.16.010 Quarantine--Examination-Release. Whenever it is shown that any dog or other animal has bitten any person, or whenever any dog or other animal has shown symptoms of rabies, or acts in such manner as to lead the Monterey County director of public health to believe that such might have rabies, the owner or person having possession of such dog or other animal shall, upon order of the director of public health, quarantine it and keep it tied up or confined for a period of ten days. The owner or person having possession of the dog or animal shall allow the director of public health, or his representative, to make an inspection or examination thereof at any time during the ten-day period, or in lieu of said confinement the owner or person having possession of such dog or other animal may have the same confined in an establishment controlled and supervised by a licensed veterinarian for a period of not less than five days, after which said dog or other animal may be released from said veterinary establishment upon the certification of the veterinarian controlling or supervising said establishment that the dog or other animal displays no symptoms whatsoever of rabies, and upon vaccination and licensing if subject to vaccination and licensing under the provisions of this title. (Ord. 70-67 §4 (part), 1970; Ord. 61-20 §9(b), 1961)

Chapter 6.20

FEES AND CHARGES

Sections:

6.20.010 Generally.

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Fees and charges shall be imposed as follows:

A. For each licensed dog wearing a current license tag an impound fee of five dollars and for each dog not wearing a current license tag an impound fee of ten dollars. In addition thereto a charge of one dollar per dog for keeping and feeding each dog or cat impounded.

B. For each dog quarantined at the animal shelter, a charge of two dollars per day for keeping and feeding such dog.

C. For impounding of stray cattle, horses, or other domestic animals other than dogs, or cats, an impound fee of five dollars per animal, and in addition thereto a charge equivalent to the costs incurred by the city for any special transportation required for moving said animals and for feeding them while impounded.

D. For each vaccination of a dog performed by a veterinarian at the animal shelter a fee of five dollars, and two dollars and fifty cents for each vaccination performed at special

reduced fee clinics.

E. For each female cat or dog surrendered for adoption an additional refundable fee of twenty dollars for the purpose of contributing to the unsexing of said female cat or dog, said fee shall be refunded if said cat or dog is returned and surrendered to the shelter within thirty days, and provided further, that the person paying said twenty dollars shall be given a certificate, which when endorsed by a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine showing unsexing of said cat or dog within six months of the date of certificate shall entitle said veterinarian, upon presentation of said certificate so endorsed to payment of twenty dollars by the city.

F. A basic adoption fee of three dollars for each cat or dog, which shall be in addition to any other charge or fee. (Ord. 70-67 §5, 1970; Ord. 63-37 §2, 1963; Ord. 61-20 §12, 1961)

Chapter 6.24

ENFORCEMENT

Sections:

6.24.010 Violation--Penalty.

6.24.010 Violation--Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this title or in any manner interferes or attempts to interfere with any duly authorized enforcement officer in the performance of any duty imposed by the provisions of this title, and every person who unlawfully takes or attempts to take any dog or other animal seized pursuant to the provisions of this title from the custody of any duly authorized enforcement officer; and any person who removes or attempts to remove from the public pound any dog or other animal impounded therein without first having redeemed the same as provided in this title, or obtained the permission of an authorized enforcement officer to do so, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not exceeding six months, or both. (Ord. 61-20 §13, 1961)