

915.03. Dogs and cats. Subdivision 1. General rule. It is unlawful to harbor, own, or keep a dog or cat more than six months of age within the city unless the animal is licensed and has been vaccinated against rabies. Dogs or cats owned by non-residents of the city are not permitted to remain in the city longer than 24 hours. All dogs and cats over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination. (Amended, Ord. No. 07-17)

Subd. 2. Fees. Dog and cat license fees are set by appendix B. Licenses are good for two years expiring biannually on December 31. Proof of rabies vaccination must be displayed to the licensing officer before a license is issued. (Amended, Ord. No. 03-13)

Subd. 3. Tags. The license of a dog or cat must be evidenced by a tag provided by the clerk. The tag must be affixed to the collar of the dog or cat by a permanent metal fastener. The owner or keeper of the dog or cat must see that the tag is continuously worn by the dog or cat.

Subd. 4. Duplicate tags. If a dog or cat tag is lost, a duplicate may be issued by the city clerk upon presentation of a receipt showing the payment of the license fee for the current year. The charge for a duplicate tag is established by council resolution from time to time.

Subd. 5. Counterfeiting tags. It is unlawful to counterfeit or attempt to counterfeit the license tags or take from any dog or cat a tag legally placed upon it by its owner with the intent to place the tag on another dog or cat.

Subd. 6. Not transferable. Dog and cat tags are not transferable. No refunds will be made on a dog or cat license fee paid because the animal leaves the city or dies before the expiration of the license period.

Subd. 7. Confinement of dogs and cats. A person having the custody or control of any dog or cat may not permit the animal to be on an unfenced area or lot abutting upon a street, public park, public place, or upon other private land in the city without being effectively restrained from or entering beyond such unfenced area or lot. The use of electronic pet containment systems to confine animals is permitted as described later in this subsection. A person having the custody or control of a dog or cat may not permit the animal to be on a street, public park, school grounds or public place in the city without being effectively restrained by chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length. A person having the custody or control of a dog or animal of the dog kind must clean up any feces of the animal and to dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner. The provisions of this section do not apply to the ownership or use of seeing eye dogs by blind persons, dogs used in police activities of the city, such as the canine corps or tracing dogs used by or with the permission of the police department. (Amended, Ord. No. 08-06)

Subd. 8. Impoundment. A dog or cat not restrained or controlled as provided in this section and a dog or cat found without a license will be impounded by a law enforcement officer of the city or other person or persons directed by the council to enforce the provisions of this section.

Subd. 9. Keeping of dogs limited. No family or group of persons may own or keep more than three dogs exceeding six months of age on the premises where they reside. (Amended, Ord. No. 03-13; Ord. No. 07-17)

Subd. 10. Keeping of cats limited. No person or group of persons may own or keep more than four cats exceeding eight months of age on the premises where they reside without having first obtained a multi-cat residence license. Application for the multi-cat residence license shall be made to the city manager and must be accompanied by the license fee set by Appendix B. The city manager shall administratively approve or deny the license. Licenses issued for multi-cat residences are good for two years expiring annually on December 31. Any resident who chooses to appeal the administrative denial of the multi-cat

residence license may appeal that decision to the City Council. The city manager or City Council may impose conditions upon the granting of any multi-cat residence license. The maximum number of cats allowed under a multi-cat residence license is 12. Properties holding a multi-cat residence license shall be maintained in a clean and healthful condition at all times, and shall be open to inspection by the city manager at all reasonable times. (Added, Ord. No. 08-06)

Subd. 11. Electronic pet containment systems. No electronic pet containment system shall be installed which allows any animal confined by the system to occupy any area within three feet of a public sidewalk or within three feet of the traveled portion of a public street if there is no public sidewalk. Electronic pet containment systems installed within any public right-of-way or public easement shall be owned and maintained by the owner of the system. The engineer may direct the removal or relocation of an electronic pet containment system from any public right-of-way or public easement at the sole cost and expense of the owner of the electronic pet containment system or abutting property owner if the engineer determines the system interferes with the public's use of the right-of-way or easement. The cost of any repair to electronic pet containment systems which are damaged due to the public's use of a public right-of-way or public easement shall be borne solely by the owner of the abutting property on which the system is installed. (Added, Ord. No. 08-06)

915.05. Enforcement officers. Any animal control officer is authorized to enforce this chapter and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 347 and perform all duties reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. (Added, Ord. No. 07-17)

915.07. Interference with enforcement. No person shall intentionally interfere with, hinder, or molest any animal control officer or police officer in the performance of the officer's duty in the enforcement of this chapter. (Added, Ord. No. 07-17)

915.09. Strays. No stray animal shall be permitted within the confines of the city. It shall be the duty of the animal control officer to immediately impound any stray animal and any dog or cat that is not physically bearing a license tag as required in this chapter. (Added, Ord. No. 07-17)