

CHAPTER 56

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1. Every owner of a dog or cat over the age of six months (or of a dog or cat under the age of six months which is no longer with its dam) shall procure a dog license or cat license for each fiscal year, from the City, before the first day of July of the fiscal year for which the license is in effect, or within 30 days after such dog or cat reaches the age of six months and is no longer with its dam, or if brought into the City.

2. The owner of a cat or dog less than six months of age which is no longer with its dam, but which is too young to be immunized, shall be issued a temporary license upon application to the City and payment of the regular fee. Such temporary license shall automatically expire seven months from the date of birth of the dog or cat unless the owner furnishes to the City a veterinarian's certificate showing that the dog or cat has been immunized. If such certificate is furnished prior to the time such dog or cat reaches seven months, the temporary license shall automatically become a regular animal license.

56.02 LICENSE FEES. The annual license fee shall be as established by resolution of the Council.

56.03 DELINQUENCY. After July 1 of each year, delinquent license fees as determined by the City shall be assessed in addition to the annual license fee, except in those cases where, by reason of residence outside the City limits, age, or ownership, the dog or cat was not subject to licensing on July 1. Such delinquent fees shall be set by the Council resolution.

56.04 EXPIRATION. All licenses, regardless of the date of issue, expire on June 30 of the fiscal year the license was in effect.

56.05 IMMUNIZATION. At the time of making application for a City license, the owner shall furnish to the City a veterinarian's certificate showing that the dog or cat for which the license is sought has been vaccinated and that such vaccination has not expired. Upon payment of the license fee established pursuant to this chapter, the City shall issue to the owner a license which shall contain the name of the owner, the owner's place of residence, and a description of the dog or cat. The City shall keep a duplicate of each license issued as a public record. Upon issuance of the license, the City shall deliver or mail to the owner a metal tag with the number of the license and the year in which it was issued. Every pet animal shall wear the tag at all times. Any method may be used to attach the tag to the animal, such as a collar or other suitable device.

56.06 EXEMPTIONS. The licensing provisions of this section do not apply to dogs or cats whose owners are residents temporarily within the City, or to dogs properly trained to assist visually impaired persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place, provided that such dogs are kept restrained on the owner's property, under supervision or control at all times, or on a leash at all times.

56.07 TRANSFERS OF LICENSED ANIMALS. When the permanent ownership of a dog or cat is transferred, the new owner shall, within 30 days from the date of the change of ownership, make application for a new license as provided for in this section, regardless of whether or not the dog or cat was previously licensed.

56.08 DUPLICATE TAGS. Upon the filing of an affidavit that the license tag has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag on the payment of a fee set by the Council.