

Licensing Regulations

- All dogs and cats must obtain an annual license
 - \$4 each
 - No charge for persons 62 years of age or older
 - No charge for Service Dogs
 - No charge for Animals in Licensed Foster Care
- Annual licenses are valid July 1st – June 30th the following year
- License tag must be securely attached around the dog or cat's neck at all times
- License tags cannot be transferred
- When purchasing Animal Tags you must provide proof of rabies vaccination (certificate or rabies tag)

Limitations of Animals

- Single Family Detached Residence
 - No more than a combination of 5 dogs and/or cats; however, no more than 3 of the same animal
 - No more than 10 four-legged domestic animals to include the above limitation of dogs and/or cats
 - No more than 4 birds
- Single Family Attached Residence or Multi-Unit Residence
 - No more than a combination of 3 dogs and/or cats; however, no more than 2 of the same animal
 - No more than 5 four-legged domestic animals to include the above limitation of dogs and/or cats
 - No more than 2 birds
- Exemptions
 - Offspring of lawfully kept animals are exempt for 90 days from birth
 - Fish are not subject to animal limitations
 - Licensed Animal Foster Care Providers may care for 4 foster animals, but not more than 2 foster dogs at any time
 - Foster care exemption is for a period of 60 days and may be extended at the discretion of the Animal Control Warden
- Grandfather Clause to Animal Limitations
 - Must be in compliance with former version of the ordinance (No more than 4 dogs, cats, or a combination thereof and are currently licensed or will be by August 1, 2017)
 - May not acquire new or different animals unless it is in compliance with the new ordinance

Enforcement Kennel/Release

- Impound fee has been increased from \$30 to \$45. The daily animal boarding fee remains at \$10.

Animals at Large

- Animals are not permitted to run at large under any circumstances
- Animals must be controlled on a leash unless otherwise securely confined on private property by means of physical barrier such as a fence or cage
 - Electric/invisible fences are not acceptable forms of restraints and barriers

Animal Excrement

- No person shall allow dog or cat feces to accumulate so that it becomes offensive to those residing in the vicinity or it becomes a health hazard
- No person shall fail to remove feces deposited by his cat or dog (except guide dogs) upon public ways or within public places or upon the premises of another without their consent

Tethered Animals

- Must have access to water, adequate shelter, and dry ground
- Unsupervised tethering
 - May not be tethered unsupervised for more than two consecutive hours during any 24 hour period
 - Cannot be tethered unsupervised between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
 - Cannot be tethered unsupervised within 200 feet of any school
 - Cannot be tethered on public property
- The tether must be placed so that it prevents entanglement
- Shall be no less than 10 feet in length
- The tether cannot weigh more than 1/8 the amount of the animal's weight and cannot be made from logging chain or tow chain.
- Choke collars are not allowed while tethered
- Dogs who have been declared vicious may not be tethered
- Dogs who have been declared dangerous may be tethered, but only under the supervision of an adult and while muzzled

Extreme Temperatures and Weather Conditions

- No person may expose a pet to a life-threatening situation during extreme temperatures or weather conditions including:
 - Heat advisories
 - Temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Wind chill warnings
 - Tornado warnings
- Law enforcement officers have authority to enter motor vehicles through reasonable means if they believe an animal is endangered

For questions, please contact:

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Animals who are declared vicious, dangerous, or a nuisance are subject to additional sanctions