

## CHAPTER 56

# LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS

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**56.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.** All dogs and cats six months old or older, kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the City shall be licensed annually by their owners as provided in this chapter, and it is unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to fail to properly license the animal except that the following need not be licensed provided they are properly immunized against rabies:

1. Kennel dogs;
2. Seeing eye dogs or guide dogs owned by a blind or partially sighted person;
3. Dogs and cats that are under control of the owner or handlers and which are in transit, or are to be exhibited if they are within the City for less than 30 days.

### **56.02 APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FEES.**

1. The owner of a dog or cat for which a license is required shall, on or before January 1 of each year, apply to the Clerk for a license for each dog or cat owned by said person.
2. Such application shall be in writing on forms provided by the City and shall state the breed, sex, age, color, markings and name, if any, of the animal, and the name, address and telephone number of the owner and be signed by the owner.
3. Before a license is issued for any dog or cat, the owner must present evidence with the application that said animal has been vaccinated against rabies. Such evidence shall be a Certificate of Vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian, and the certificate shall show that the vaccination does not expire within six months from the effective date of the license.
4. The annual license fee for each dog or cat shall be as provided in the prevailing schedule of fees adopted by the Council.
5. All licenses shall expire on December 31 of each calendar year.
6. The annual license fee shall become delinquent on April 15 in the year in which the same is due and payable, and a penalty as provided in the prevailing schedule of fees shall be added to each unpaid license fee on and after such date. Any license due for a dog or cat which has come into the possession or ownership of the applicant, or reached four months of age after April 15, as required in this section, shall be considered delinquent thirty days after such animal has come into the possession of the owner, or reached four months of age, and a penalty as provided in the prevailing schedule of fees shall be added to the cost of each unpaid license fee on and after such date.

**56.03 TRANSFER OR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.** When the permanent ownership of a dog or cat is transferred, the new owner shall, within ten working days from the date of change of ownership, make application for a new license as provided under the provisions of this section, and shall pay the full annual fee. It is unlawful for the new owner of any dog or cat to fail to make application for a new license within the time herein specified.

**56.04 TAGS DISPLAYED.** Upon an application and payment of the license fee a license certificate shall be issued to the owner. The tag shall have stamped thereon the year for which it was issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog or cat with a substantial collar or harness to which the license tag shall be affixed, and the owner shall see that the collar or harness bearing the license tag is constantly worn. It is unlawful for an owner to fail to insure that the license tag is at all times worn by the dog or cat and any dog or cat found not wearing a license tag shall be deemed not to be licensed and not have a current rabies vaccination and shall be treated as unlicensed and unvaccinated under the terms of the City and State laws.

**56.05 DUPLICATE TAG.** Upon the filing of an affidavit with the Clerk or designee that a license tag has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag upon the payment of a fee as provided in the prevailing schedule of fees.