

## **CHAPTER 5-2 DOGS AND CATS**

### **5-2-1 LICENSE**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep, maintain, or have in his/her custody, or under his/her control any dog or cat over 6 months of age within the city limits without first having obtained a license to do so from the City Finance Officer, as hereinafter provided.

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### **5-2-2 APPLICATION**

Any person or persons desiring to keep, maintain, or have in his/her custody or control by him/herself, or his/her agent, within the city thereof, any dog or cat, must each year during the month of January, make application to the City Finance Officer for a license to keep such dog or cat during said year.

The application shall be in writing stating:

- (a) The name, breed, sex, whether the animal is spayed or neutered, color, and/or any other distinguishing characteristics of said dog or cat. In the case of a spayed/neutered dog or cat, documentation of such from the registered veterinarian that performed the operation;
- (b) The name, street address, mailing address, and phone number of the owner thereof;
- (c) A statement by the applicant as to whether the owner considers the dog or cat vicious or not;
- (d) The applicant must show documentation that the dog or cat has been inoculated against distemper and rabies, and that the rabies inoculation will cover the period of the license.
- (e) The application shall be made on a printed form prescribed by the City Finance Officer and shall be filed with said City Finance Officer.

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### **5-2-3 FEE; TAG**

The applicant shall at the time of submitting the application, pay to the City Finance Officer a license fee for any dog or cat for which the license is sought. Applicable fees shall be set by the City Council by resolution and reviewed at public meeting at least once annually. The fee for licensing a spayed/neutered dog or cat shall be less than that for any non-spayed/non-neutered dog or cat. All dog and cat licenses shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the year for which it was purchased.

It shall be the duty of the Finance Officer at the time of the issuance of the license, herein provided for, to furnish and deliver to said applicant, a metallic fiber or plastic tag for each dog or cat for which such license is issued. Upon such tags shall be stamped or engraved the registered number of the dog or cat and the year when registered. It shall then be the duty of the owner of the dog or cat to place a collar around the neck of such dog or cat so owned or kept by him/her. On this collar shall be securely fastened a tag so furnished by the Finance Officer. If

this tag is lost, the Finance Officer is authorized to issue a duplicate thereof upon payment to him of the actual cost of the duplicate, upon application being made therefor, and upon satisfactory proof that such tag has been lost.

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