



Impounding

Code of Ordinances Section 6 – 22

Dogs found running at large within the corporate limits of the City or otherwise in violation of this Article II, shall be taken by the Animal Control Authority, Police Chief, or such other representative as may be designated by the City Council, and shall be impounded in the City animal shelter for a period of one hundred twenty (120) hours during which time the owner of said dog may, subject to the requirements of this Section, regain possession of said dog by paying to the City, at the shelter, an impound fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the first day and five dollars (\$5.00) for each day or part of a day that said dog is impounded. In addition, sufficient evidence must be presented that the dog has been duly licensed and vaccinated. In the event said dog has not been licensed and/or vaccinated the licensing and/or vaccination shall be done and the fees paid therefor by the Owner before the dog is released. For purposes of facilitating the vaccination of any such dog, the Animal Control Authority, or any representative designated by the City Council, is authorized to receive and collect the costs and fees to be paid for such vaccination and to coordinate with such owner the vaccination of such dog prior to or as a condition to its release. If the owner of said dog is known to the Animal Control Authority, notice shall be given to the owner by telephone, mail or direct contact of the impounding of the dog. If the owner of the dog fails or refuses to claim and repossess the dog as prescribed herein within the one hundred twenty (120) hour period, the Animal Control Authority may deliver custody and possession of such dog to any person other than the owner upon the payment of the fees prescribed herein. If no one claims such dog and pays the fees prescribed herein after the expiration of the one hundred twenty (120) hour period, the dog shall be euthanized or may be held for adoption in the discretion of the Animal Control Authority, or other representative designated by the City Council. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Animal Control Authority is authorized to euthanize any animal impounded in the City animal shelter when determined to be necessary by such officer to prevent the spread of disease, injury to other animals impounded within the said shelter, or other condition, all without regard to the notice and holding provisions herein provided. Further notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, the Animal Control Officer for the City is authorized to take possession of and impound any animal which bites, molests or injures any person, or is suspected of doing so. All vicious dogs found running at large shall be seized and impounded by the Animal Control Authority or Chief of Police and shall not be released to the owner thereof except for purposes of permanently removing such dog from the City. All vicious dogs so impounded shall be euthanized five (5) days after the date of written notice to the owner thereof, if known. (*Ord. No. 482, § 8, 1-4-66; Ord. No. 96-16, § 14, 6-10-96; Ord. No. 96-22, § 3, 9-10-96; Ord. No. 2001-03, §1, 1-9-2001*)

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