Chapter 20.04 Animals-General

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20.04.010 Intent. The intent of this title is to control the running at large of animals within the City and to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City with respect to the keeping of animals. (Ord. 88-1 (part), 1988).

20.04.020 Definitions. For the purposes of this title, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:
"Animal" means all domestic or domesticated members of the animal kingdom.
"At large" means an animal is at large when it is off the premises of the owner or keeper and is not in the company of or under the control of the owner or keeper, a member of his family or other person to which the animal has been entrusted, by leash, cord or chain; provided, however, that such animal shall be deemed to be under control when under competent voice control while actively engaged in an organized activity which requires that the animal not be physically restrained.
"Dog" means any dog (Canis sp.), whether neutered or non-neutered male, spayed or unspayed female.
"Kennel" means any person, group of persons, or corporation breeding, buying, keeping, selling, or boarding three or more dogs over the ago of four months, whether for profit or not.
"Large animal" means all cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine or similar species commonly kept as livestock.
"License collector" means the license collector who shall be the City Clerk, and shall include a person designated by the Clerk to act in her behalf.
"License year" means a license year shall commence on January first of each even-numbered year.
“Prior Conviction.” A "prior conviction" involving any animal owned or controlled by the person cited within a twenty-four-month period preceding the offense date of the pending citation shall constitute a prior offense for penalty enhancement purposes.
"Quarantine" means the isolation of a dog or other domestic animal in a substantial enclosure so that the dog or other domestic animal cannot be subject to contact with other animals or unauthorized persons.
"Vicious animal" means any animal which when unprovoked has bitten or attacked a human being shall be deemed vicious. (Ord. 88-1 (part), 1988).

[i] For statutory provisions authorizing cities to license and regulate animals, see A. S. 29.35.210.

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