

TRENTON CODE ANIMAL

**ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT\***

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

**Sec. 14-31. Pound established.**

The city council shall provide a pound in which shall be impounded all dogs that may be found running at large, harbored or owned contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

(Code 1974, § 6-28)

**Sec. 14-32. Supervision of pound.**

A warden to be appointed by the chief of police shall be in charge of the city dog pound.

(Code 1974, § 6-29)

**Secs. 14-33 – 14-50. Reserved.**

\*Cross reference – Administration, ch. 2.

DIVISION 2. IMPOUNDMENT

**Sec. 14-51. Duty of police and other officers to impound certain animals.**

It shall be the duty of every police officer, and every other person who may be appointed by or any other animal or fowl that may be found running at large, harbored or owned contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

(Code 1974, § 6-9)

**Sec. 14-52. Redemption of impounded animals; fees.**

(a) No domestic pet or other animal shall be released from the city pound to the owner or other authorized person until such owner or person shall pay to the city clerk of the animal control officer, for remittance to the city treasurer, the sum established by the city council for the care, custody and feeding of such animal while in custody, and until such person has procured and produced a proper licensed for the animal.

(b) If an animal is voluntarily surrendered to the pound for care or placement, the owner shall pay to the city a fee as established by the city council.

(c) If an animal is presented for, or subjected to, a euthanasia procedure by the pound, the owner shall pay to the city a fee as established by the city council.

(Code 1974, § 6-10)

**Sec. 14-53. Released of animal upon oath of owner denying violation.**

If the owner or person entitled to claim any dog or any other animal or fowl which had been seized shall deny, under oath, that such dog or any other animal or fowl was running at large or was unlawfully owned, possessed or harbored within the city at the time the animal or fowl was seized under the provisions of this chapter, then such dog or any other animal or fowl shall be released without the payment of the required sum; but in such case it shall thereupon be the duty of the officer having a knowledge of the facts to forthwith make complaint to a court of competent jurisdiction, charging the person keeping or harboring such dog or any other animal or fowl with the violation of this chapter for which such dog or any other animal or fowl was impounded.

(Code 1974, § 6-11)

**Sec. 14-54. Disposition or adoption of unclaimed dogs and cats.**

(a) All dogs or cats not claimed or adopted and released within five days after being impounded shall be destroyed, or, if the animal is worthy and valuable, the dog or cat shall be sold at public to the highest bidder, at the hour of noon next succeeding such five days. However, any impounded dog or cat having been exposed to rabies or any dog or cat that has attacked a person shall be kept until such time and under such conditions as shall required by the chief of police, and it shall be the duty of the animal control officer to notify the chief of police when there is any good reason to believe there is such a dog or cat in his possession.

(b) Dogs or cats may be adopted from the pound by paying the required impound fee, obtaining the required license for the dog or cat and neutering the dog or cat.

(Code 1974, §§ 6-38, 6-56)

**Sec. 14-55. Disposal of carcasses.**

The carcasses of all dogs and cats that have been killed pursuant to this division shall be disposed of in such manner as shall be designated by the chief of police.

(Code 1974, § 6-39)

**Cross reference** – Solid waste, ch. 74.

**Sec. 14-56. Record of impounded dogs and cats**

The police department shall maintain a complete record of all dogs and cats impounded under provisions of this chapter and the disposition of such dogs and cats.

(Code 1974, § 6-57)

**Sec. 14-57 – 14-80. Reserved.**