

ARTICLE III. CATS
DIVISION 1 GENERALLY

Sec. 10-161 – 10-180. Reserved.

DIVISION 2 LICENSES

Sec. 10-181. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor a cat in the city unless the cat is licensed under the provisions of this division.

(Code 1974, § 3-120)

Sec. 10-182. Exemptions from division.

The provisions of this division shall not apply to cats whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the city no to cats brought into the city for the purpose of participating in any cat show or exposition.

(Code 1974, § 3-121)

Sec. 10-183. City clerk to keep license certificates; contents of certificate.

It shall be the duty of the city clerks to purchase, and possess a sufficient number of cat license certificates to be issued in compliance with this division. The cat license certificates shall be numbered consecutively and shall bear the name (if known, sex, age, color and markings of the licensed cat.

(Code 1974, § 3-122)

Sec. 10-184. Application; when made; contents.

- (a) Application for a cat license shall be made to the city clerk at following specified time:

- (1) For newborn cats, the application shall be made within six months of the birth of the cat.
 - (2) For newly acquired cats or new residents of the city owning cats, the application shall be made within ten days of acquiring the cat or within ten days of moving into the city, whichever is applicable.
 - (3) For all cats, the application shall be made on or before May 1 of each year.
- (b) The application for a cat license shall state the name, breed (if known), sex, age, color, marking, and date the cat was last vaccinated against rabies, together with such other information deemed advisable by the city clerk.

(Code 1974, § 3-123; Ord. of 12-17-1996, § 1(3-133))

Sec. 10-185 Proof of vaccination to be filed with application.

At the time of making application for a cat license, the owner shall submit proof of vaccination of the cat for rabies valid for the year of the application.

(Code 1974, § 3-124)

Sec. 10-186. Fees.

At the time for making application for a license required by this division, the owner shall pay a fee as set from time to time by the city council for each cat to be licensed.

(Code 1974, § 3-125; Ord. of 12-17-1996, § 1(3-125))

Sec. 10-187. Issuance of license certificate and tag.

The city clerk, after payment of the required licensed fee, shall deliver to the owner of the cat a license certificate and metallic tag.

(Code 1974, § 3-126)

Sec. 10-188. Term.

A cat license, issued pursuant to this division, shall expire on May 1 following its issuance.

(Code 1974, § 3-127; Ord. of 12-17-1996, § 1(3-127))

Sec. 10-189. Transferability; fee.

No license or tag issued for one cat shall be transferable to another cat, but whenever the ownership or possession of any cat is transferred from one person to another, the license issued for the cat may be transferred upon application to the city clerk, who shall note such transfer upon his records upon payment of a fee as set from time to time by the city council.

(Code 1974, § 3-128)

Sec. 10-190. License tag to be attached to collar.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor a cat that does not, at all times, wear a substantial collar to which the license tag, as provided for in this division, shall be securely attached except or when confined in a secure area or in a building properly closed so as to prohibit the cat from leaving the building.

(Code 1974, § 3-129)

Sec. 10-191. City clerk to keep license tags; design of tags.

It shall be the duty of the city clerk to purchase, from time to time as may be necessary and have in his possession, a sufficient number of cat tags for issuing in compliance with this division. The tags shall be uniform in shape and not more than one inch in length, and the general shape and/or color shall be changed from year to year. They shall have impressed thereon the tag number which shall correspond with the license certificate number and shall bear the calendar year for which they are issued and words "Woodhaven Cat Tag".

(Code 1974, § 3-130)

Sec. 10-192. Removal of license tag.

It shall be unlawful for any person except an owner or authorized agent to remove any license tag from a cat.

(Code 1974, § 3-131)

Sec. 10-193. Replacement of lost tags; fee.

If any cat tag is lost, it shall be the duty of the owner of the cat to secure from the city clerk a duplicate which may be done by presenting to the city clerk the license certificate and a sworn statement of the facts regarding the loss of such tag and payment to the city clerk of a fee as set from time to time by the city council.

(Code 1974, § 3-132)

Sec. 10-194. Recording keeping.

The city clerk shall keep a record of all cat license certificates issued during each year.

(Code 1974, § 3-133)

Secs. 10-195 – 10-220. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. CATTERIES

Sec. 10-221. Cattery license may be issued in lieu of individual cat licenses.

Any person who keeps or operates a cattery may, in lieu of obtaining individual cat licenses required by section 10-181, apply to the city clerk for a cattery license entitling person to keep or operate a cattery.

(Code 1974, § 3-141)

Sec. 10-222. Application for cattery license; contents.

On or before May 1 of each year, or prior to the commencement of business, the owner of any cattery in the city shall apply to the city clerk, in writing, upon the form provided, for a cattery license. The application shall state the name and address of the owner, the number of cats to be kept, The number of square feet of open ground or enclosed building available and in use of cats, the number of feet between the cattery and nearest dwelling house other than the owner's, the number of feet between the cattery and the nearest residentially zoned property line, whether a completely enclosed building is provided within which cats, will be confined each day, and such other information as the city clerk may deem advisable. The application shall be signed by the applicant.

(Code 1974, § 3-142; Ord. of 12-17-1996, § 1(3-142))

Sec. 10-223. License fee.

(a) At the time of making application for a cattery license, the applicant shall pay a fee as set from time to time by the city council for over three cats.

(b) If the application for a cattery license is not made before May 1 of each year, an additional charge as set from time to time by the city council shall be made for each cattery license so issued, unless the license is for a newly established cattery.

(Code 1974, § 3-143; Ord. of 12-17-1996, § 1(3-143))

Sec. 11-224. City clerk to keep license tags; design of tags.

It shall be the duty of the city clerk to purchase, from time to time as may be necessary and have in his possession, a sufficient number of cat tags for issuing in compliance with this division. The tags shall be the same size and shape as the regular tag and shall have impressed thereon the tag number which shall correspond with the cattery license certificate number and shall bear the license certificates to be issued in accordance with this division. The cattery license certificates shall be numbered consecutively and shall bear the name and address of the owner, and the number of cats permitted under the license.

(Code 1974, § 3-145)

Sec. 10-226. Recordkeeping.

The city clerk shall keep a record of all cattery license certificates issued during each year.

(Code 1974, § 3-146)

Sec. 10-227. Transferability of license; fee.

If the ownership or possession of any cattery is transferred from one person to another, the license of the cattery may be transferred upon application to the city clerk, who shall note such transfer upon his records upon payment of a fee set from time to time by the city council.

(Code 1974, § 3-147)

Sec. 10-228. License tag to be attached to collar on all cats.

The license of a cattery shall, at all times, keep one cat tag attached to the collar of each cat, four months old or over, kept by him under a cattery license.

(Code 1974, § 3-148)

Sec. 10-229. Replacement of lost cattery tags; fee.

In any cattery tag is lost, it shall be the duty of the owner of the cat to secure from the city clerk a duplicate which may be done by presenting to the city clerk the license certificate and a sworn statement of the facts regarding the loss of such tag and payment to the city clerk of a fee as set from time to time by the city council.

(Code 1974, § 3-149).

Sec. 10-230. Cats not to be permitted beyond limits of cattery; exception.

No cat bearing a cattery tag shall be permitted to stray or be taken anywhere outside the limits of the cattery; provided, however, that such cats may be taken outside the limits of the cattery temporarily and on leash and may also be permitted outside the cattery temporarily for the purpose of sale, breeding, trail or show.

(Code 1974, § 3-150)

Sec. 10-231. Minimum space requirements.

No cattery shall be operated with less than 2,000 square feet of open ground or enclosed building space in use for cats, and such space shall be increased 400 square feet for each cat where more than four cats are maintained, over six months of age.

(Code 1974, § 3-151)

Sec. 10-232. Distance from residential property; soundproofing.

No cattery shall be located within 1,000 feet of any dwelling house, except the owner's house, or within 1,000 feet of any property zoned as residential property under the city zoning ordinance, unless there shall be provided a completely enclosed building within which the cats shall be confined each day during the time between sunset and 9:00am of the following day. The enclosed building shall be constructed or maintained as nearly soundproof as may be possible under modern construction.

(Code 1974, § 3-152)

Sec. 10-233. Fencing Requirements.

All outdoor cattery shall be enclosed behind wire fencing and heavy shrubbery or behind solid fencing of at least six feet in height so that there shall be a complete barricade to sight from the inside of the enclosure to the outside.

(Code 1974, § 3-152)

Sec. 10-234. Separate compartments required; exceptions.

All cattery cats shall be fed, maintained and housed in separate compartments. This section shall not apply when breeding is taking place or when a female cat is with her kittens.

(Code 1974, § 3-154)

Sec. 10-235 General sanitation requirements.

All cattery premises shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition at all times and proper sanitary methods shall be used to obliterate or prevent any offensive odor. Both inside and outside space in the cattery shall be completely and entirely cleaned of all refuse matter at least twice a day.

(Code 1974, § 3-155)

Sec. 10-236 – 10-270. Reserved.

DIVISION 4. IMPOUNDMENT*

Sec. 10-271. Establishment of pound; authorized use.

The city council shall provide for a city pound either by construction of a pound or by contract with a neighboring community for use of their pound, in which shall be impounded all animals that may be found running at large or kept contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

(Code 1974, § 3-74)

Sec. 10-272. Poundmaster designated.

The chief of police shall be poundmaster unless some other person is designated by the city council.

(Code 1974, § 3-75)

Sec. 10-273. Required records.

The poundmaster shall keep a careful record of all animals received by him. The record shall contain a description of each animal and the disposition of the animal.

(Code 1974, § 3-76)

Sec. 10-274. Poundmaster to pay money received to treasurer.

The poundmaster shall pay monthly to the city treasurer all money received by him for the sale or release of animals from the city pound.

(Code 1974, § 3-77)

***State law reference** – Pet shops, dog pounds and animal shelter, MCL 287.331 ets eq., MSA 12.481(101) et seq. disposition of impounded dogs and cats, MCL 287.388, MSA 12.580(28); unlawful impoundment of animals, MCL 750.70, MSA 28.265.

Sec. 10-275. Animals taken into custody to be placed in pound.

Any animal taken into custody under the provision of this article shall be placed in the city pound and shall remain there until released or disposed of in accordance with this article.

(Code 1974, § 3-78)

Sec. 10-276. Destruction and sale of unclaimed dogs.

No animal shall be sold or otherwise disposed of within four days after its acquisition. All dogs not claimed and released within ten days after being impounded shall be destroyed unless the poundmaster is able to sell or otherwise relinquish the animal. If the animal has a collar, license or other evidence of ownership, the poundmaster shall notify the owner in writing, and disposition of the animal shall not be made within seven days from the date of mailing such notice. The poundmaster shall maintain a record of the date the notice was sent to the owner and of subsequent disposition. This section does not apply to animals which are sick or injured to the extent that the holding period would cause undue suffering, or to animals whose owners request immediate disposal.

(Code 1974, § 3-79; Ord. of 10-1-1996(2), § 1(3-79))

State law reference – Similar provisions, MCL 287.388, MSA 12.580(28).

Sec. 10-277. Animals Exposed to rabies; notification to health authorities.

Whenever a animal is brought to the city pound and it appears that the animal is diseased, the poundmaster shall cause the animal to be destroyed; however, impounded animals which have been exposed to rabies shall be kept until such time and under conditions as shall be required by the health authorities. It shall be the duty of the poundmaster to notify the health authorities when he has reason to believe that he has an animal in his possession which has been exposed to rabies.

(Code 1974, § 3-80; Ord. of 10-1-1996, § 1(3-80))

Sec. 10-278. Redemption of dog, cat or other animal; fee; license to be obtained.

If an animal is impounded for straying a second or any subsequent time within one year, a fee Payable for released shall be as set from time to time by the city council, plus a charge as set from time to time by the city council to cover the care, custody and feeding of the animal.

(Code 1974, § 3-81; Ord. of 10-1-1996(2), § 1(3-81))

Sec. 10-279. Voluntary surrender of animals; fees.

- (a) The owner of a dog, cat or other animal may voluntarily deposit the animal with the city pound and/or animal control officer if the owner determines that he can no longer care for the animal. The person depositing the animal shall sign a voluntary release, relinquishing legal ownership of the animal to the city. A fee set from time to time by the city council will be required by the person depositing the animal. The animal, once deposited with the city, shall be kept for a minimum of ten days prior to final disposition by the city. The city shall inform the public of the availability of discarded animals for the purposes of animal adoption by interested citizens.
- (b) 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 set from time to time by the city council.

(Code 1974, § 3-82; Ord. of 10-1-1996, § 1(3-82))

Secs. 10-280 – 10-310. Reserved.