

## TRETNON ANIMAL CODES

### ARTICLE V. CATS

#### **Sec. 14-141. Registration.**

- (a) *Required.* No later than January 1 in any year, any person residing in the city owning or possessing a cat shall register the cat with the office of the city clerk.
- (b) *Proof of rabies inoculation.* The city clerk shall not accept the registration of any cat unless the owner or owner's agent shall present a certificate to the effect that the animal has been inoculated against rabies.
- (c) *Fee.* The fee for registration of a cat pursuant to this section shall be as established by the council.
- (d) *Issuance of tag.* The city clerk shall, upon presentation of a proper certificate of inoculation and upon an application signed by the owner or agent of the owner of the cat, containing the name, kind, color, sex, age and description of any distinguishing feature or marking of the cat, issue to the owner a license, in form of a tag or other suitable device.

(Code 1974, §§6-50 – 6-53)

#### **Sec. 14-142. Liability of owner; evidence of negligence.**

Every owner and every person possessing or harboring a cat in the city shall be liable for damages for any and all injuries to persons or property that may be caused by such cat on any public highway or other public place, to be determined and collected in appropriate legal proceeding thereof, in which proceeding any failure or refusal by such owner to comply with the requirements of this article shall constitute prima facie evidence of negligence.

(Code 1974, § 6-55)

#### **Sec. 14-143. Running at large.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner, or any other person having the possession, care, custody or control thereof, to permit any cat to run at large upon the public streets, walks, parks, or other public places within the city. Violations of the provisions of this section are a municipal civil infraction.

(Code 1974, §§ 2-306(a)(5), 6-54)

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### **Sec. 14-144. Procedure when cat has bitten person or is suspected of being rabid.**

- (a) *Report.* If any person is bitten by a cat, it shall be the duty of that person or the owner or custodian of the cat having knowledge of such incident to report such incident to the police department within 12 hours thereafter. If the owner or custodian of any cat has any reason to believe or suspect that such cat has become infected with rabies, it shall be the duty of that person to report this to the police department within 12 hours thereafter.
- (b) *Quarantine.* If any report required by subsection (a) of this section is made, the animal control officer shall take such cat into his possession. The cat shall be held in quarantine until a laboratory analysis by a licensed veterinarian is made to determine whether the cat is infected. The chief of police shall promulgate and adopt such rules as deemed necessary for the procedure in all cases and for the disposition of any cat delivered into custody.

(Code 1974, §§ 6-58, 6-59)

### **Secs. 14-145-14-170. Reserved.**