

CHAPTER 56

DOG AND CAT PERMITS

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56.01 PERMIT REQUIRED. No person shall own, keep, harbor or have custody of any dog or cat over the age of six (6) months without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the City. The permit requirement shall not apply to nonresidents of the City who are keeping only domestic pets, provided that the dogs and cats shall not be kept in the City longer than thirty (30) days and that the animals shall be kept under restraint at all times.

56.02 FEES. Upon showing by any applicant for a permit that said person is prepared to comply with the regulations promulgated by the City, a permit shall be issued following payment of the applicable fee, which fee shall be used for defraying the cost of tags and any other expenses incurred by the City in connection with the enforcement of this chapter. Said fees shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Council.

56.03 DURATION. All permits issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be valid until the first day of May following their date of issuance.

56.04 REVOCATION. The Police Chief may revoke any permit issued under the provisions of this chapter if the person holding the permit refuses or fails to comply with the provisions of this Code of Ordinances, regulations promulgated by the Council or any State or local law governing cruelty to animals or the keeping of animals. Any person whose permit is revoked shall within ten (10) days thereafter humanely dispose of all animals being owned, kept or harbored by such person and no part of the permit fees shall be refunded. It is a condition of the issuance of any permit to any owner of animals, except for commercial purposes, that the officers of the City or those operating under their direction shall be permitted to inspect all dogs and cats and the premises where said dogs and cats are kept at any time, and if permission for such inspection is refused, the Police Chief may revoke the permit of the refusing owner.