

Animal Nuisances

13.0302.3 Dangerous Animal: shall mean:

Any animal which is not naturally tame or gentle, and which is of a wild nature or disposition, and which is capable of killing, inflicting serious injury upon, or causing disease among human beings or domestic animals and having known tendencies as a species to do so.

The nuisance ordinance does not name any certain breed of dog as a dangerous animal.

13.0303 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE.

Dogs shall be deemed under restraint if:

1. The dog is on the premises of the owner, and is
 - a. Accompanied by and obedient to the commands of the owner
 - b. Confined on those premises by an adequate protective fence or by leash, cord or chain that does not allow the dog to go beyond the owner's real property line.

Dogs shall be deemed to be at large if they are not under restraint by one of these methods

13.0303 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE.

Dogs shall be deemed under restraint if:

2. The dog is off the premises of the owner, and is either;
 - a. On a leash, cord or chain not more than six feet in length, and under the control of a person competent to restrain and control the dog, or
 - b. Confined within a motor vehicle.

Dogs shall be deemed to be at large if they are not under restraint by one of these methods

13.0303

DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE.

Cats are allowed to be unrestrained any time within the city, except in the absence of a current license or rabies tag, such cat shall be impounded as provided hereinafter.

13.0303

DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE.

A cat, properly licensed and displaying such license as required by law, shall not be deemed at large if the cat is not causing damage or interfering with property of another.

13.0309.2 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE.

It shall be prohibited for any person to permit or allow an animal owned by that person or under that person's custody or control to defecate upon public property, park property, public right-of-way, or the property of another.

13.0309.3 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE

Clean-up.

It shall be the duty of every person owning or having the custody or control of an animal to clean up, remove and dispose of the feces deposited by such animal upon public property, park property, public right-of-way or the property of another. Failure to do so shall constitute a misdemeanor.

13.0309.4 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE Noise.

No person owning or having an animal under their control or within their care or custody shall permit such animal to bark or make any loud or unusual noises during times which such owner knows or should expect that such noise will disturb one or more neighbors, or otherwise disturb the peace.



13.0313 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.

All dogs and cats over six (6) months of age kept, harbored, or maintained by their owner in the city shall be licensed by the owner. "Owner" means, in addition to its ordinary meaning, any person who keeps or harbors an animal.

13.0313 A DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.

Such license shall be issued and recorded by the City and affixed to each animal by its owner to a substantial collar and, during the term of the license, shall be at all times kept on the animal for which the license is issued.

13.0313 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.

Application for licenses on the form provided by the City may be made after December 1, and at any time for an animal which has come into the possession or ownership of the applicant, or which has reached the age of six months. Licenses are valid from January 1 through December 31 of a calendar year. Failure to purchase a license by April 1st of any given year shall result in an additional fee being charged for late license purchase. The late fee shall be set by City Council resolution.

13.0317 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE IMMUNIZATION.

All dogs and cats six (6) months or older, and all dogs and cats who are between the ages of four (4) and six (6) months at the time they are licensed, shall be vaccinated against rabies.

13.0319 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE RUNNING AT LARGE.

No owner of any licensed or unlicensed dog, or any cat shall permit such dog or cat to run at large in the city at any time.

13.0329 VICIOUS DOGS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, no person owning, possessing, harboring, or having the care of a vicious dog as defined in this article shall permit such animal to go unconfined upon the premises of such person and shall not permit the dog to go beyond the premises unless the dog is securely leashed and muzzled.


13.0330 VICIOUS DOG – DEFINITION.

A vicious dog shall be defined as a dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, as evidenced by a single previous incident of unprovoked chasing, snapping or barking at human beings or domestic animals so as to potentially cause injury or to otherwise endanger their safety, coupled with a second such incident occurring at any time thereafter.



VICIOUS DOG – DEFINITION.

A vicious dog shall be defined as a dog which has on any single occasion caused serious injury to a person; for purposes of this provision, serious injury shall mean either as any breaking of the skin above the shoulders, or any injury at or below the shoulders causing heavy bleeding, damage beneath the skin, or stitches.



VICIOUS DOG

- ◆ Paraphrased Ordinance A Vicious Dog must be kept:
- ◆ Securely confined in a dwelling house
- ◆ Completely enclosed in a locked enclosed fence, pen or other such structure securely imbedded having a height of at least six (6) feet, or it must have a secure top in addition to being securely imbedded.

VICIOUS DOG

- ◆ **MUZZLED.** when outside its confinement shall at all times be muzzled
- ◆ **OFF PREMISES.** A vicious dog as defined in this article when off premises must be accompanied by and obedient to the commands of the owner or competent responsible person and on a leash, cord or chain or other similar restraint that does not exceed six (6) feet in length and be muzzled with a manufactured muzzle.