

CHAPTER 56

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56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.

1. Every owner of a dog or cat over the age of six months shall procure a dog or cat license from the Clerk on or before January 1 of each year.
2. Such license may be procured after January 1 and at any time for a dog or cat that has come into the possession or ownership of the applicant or that has reached the age of six months after said date.
3. The owner of a dog or cat for which a license is required shall apply to the Clerk on forms provided by the Clerk.
4. The form of the application shall state the breed, sex, age, color, markings, and name, if any, of the dog or cat, and the address of the owner and shall be signed by the owner. The application shall also state the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered and the date the animal shall be revaccinated.
5. All licenses shall expire on December 31 of the year of issuance.

56.02 LICENSE FEES. The annual license fee shall be \$5.00 if the animal has been spayed or neutered, or \$10.00 if not spayed or neutered or if satisfactory evidence of spaying or neutering is not presented with the application for the license. An applicant claiming that such dog or cat is spayed or neutered shall present as evidence a certificate from a qualified veterinarian which contains the name and address of the owner and the name, color, sex and breed of the dog or cat. A person with a disability who owns a dog specially trained at a recognized training facility to assist a person with such a disability, upon application and proof of such disability and that the dog has been so trained, shall be issued a dog license for such dog without charge.

56.03 DELINQUENCY. All license fees shall become delinquent on March 1 of the year in which they are due and a delinquent penalty of \$5.00 shall be added to each unpaid license on and after said date except where the dog or cat has been newly acquired or is under six months of age.

56.04 LICENSE TAGS. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Clerk shall deliver or mail to the owner a license that shall be in the form of a metal tag stamped with the serial number of the license as shown on the record book of the Clerk, the year in which it is issued, and the name of the City, and the number as shown in the records in the office of the City Clerk. The color of the tag shall change each year. The license tag shall be securely fastened by the owner to a substantial collar or harness that shall be worn at all times by the dog for which issued. A license issued for one dog or cat shall not be transferable to another dog or cat. Upon the expiration of the license, the owner shall remove said tag from the animal.

56.05 LICENSE RECORDS. The Clerk shall keep a book to be known as the record of licenses; such record shall show:

1. The serial number and date of each application for a license.
2. The description of the dog or cat as specified in the application, together with the name of the owner of the dog or cat.
3. The date when each license tag is issued and the serial number of each tag, the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered, and the date the dog or cat shall be revaccinated.
4. The amount of all fees, licenses, penalties, and costs paid.
5. Such other data as may be required by law.

56.06 IMMUNIZATION. All dogs and cats six months or older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Before a license is issued, the owner shall furnish a veterinarian's certificate showing that the dog or cat for which the license is sought has been vaccinated against rabies, and that the vaccination does not expire within six months from the effective date of the license. A tag showing evidence of proper vaccination shall at all times be attached to the collar of the dog or cat.

56.07 DUPLICATE TAGS. Upon the filing of an affidavit that the license tag has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag on the payment of \$3.00 and the Clerk shall enter in the license record the new number assigned.

56.08 TRANSFERS OF LICENSES.

1. When the ownership of a dog or cat is transferred, the Clerk may transfer the license by notation on the license record, giving the name and address of the new owner. A license tag issued for one dog or cat shall not be transferred to any other animal.
2. Upon transfer of a licensed dog or cat into the City, the owner shall surrender the original license tag to the City Clerk. The Clerk shall retain the surrendered tag and, without license fee, shall issue a new license tag pursuant to this chapter. The Clerk shall note on the license record the fact that the newly issued license tag is issued as a transfer and is in lieu of a surrendered license.

56.09 KENNEL DOGS. Dogs or cats kept in State or federally licensed kennels, which are kept or raised solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint, are not subject to the provisions of this chapter.