

CHAPTER 606
Animals

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CROSS REFERENCES

Animal pounds - see M.C.L.A. §§123.301 et seq., 750.70

Animal diseases generally - see M.C.L.A. §§287.2 et seq.

Animals generally - see M.C.L.A. §§287.2 et seq., 750.49 et seq.; 752.21 et seq.

Peace disturbances by animals - see GEN. OFF. 672.01(f)(5)

606.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Out of doors" means any place other than within the confines of a home, a residence or a building regularly and at the time of the offense occupied by people.

(b) "Owner" means every person having a right of property in a dog or cat, and every person who keeps or harbors a dog or cat or has it in his or her care, and every person who permits a dog or cat to remain on or about any premises occupied by such person.

606.02 BARKING DOGS PROHIBITED.

No owner of any dog within the City shall permit, cause or suffer such dog to remain out of doors when such dog is repeatedly, continuously or frequently barking, after such owner has received notice from any law enforcement officer that the barking of such dog is causing a disturbance, provided, however, that the owner may permit such dog to remain out of doors if the owner shall prevent such barking.

606.03 DOG LICENSES REQUIRED.

No person shall own, keep, possess, harbor or have the care or charge of any dog, male or female, or unsexed, of the age of six months or over, within the City, unless the dog shall wear a collar to which is attached the current license tag provided for by the laws of the State.

606.04 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE; IMPOUNDMENT.

(a) No person owning, possessing or having charge of any dog or cat, whether licensed or unlicensed under the laws of the State, shall permit said dog or cat to stray from the premises of said owner or person having charge of said dog or cat or permit or allow said dog or cat to run at large at any time in the City, provided, however, that no dog or cat shall be deemed to be running at large if it is under the reasonable control of its owner or the person in charge of said animal.

(b) Any dog or cat running at large in the City is hereby declared to be a nuisance and subject to being impounded by the Animal Control Officer, his or her deputies or any member of the Police Department.

606.05 APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.

The City Manager may appoint an Animal Control Officer for the City and sufficient Deputy Animal Control Officers who, along with the Police Department, will be needed to enforce this chapter, and such Animal Control Officer and Deputy Animal Control Officers shall be paid in a manner determined by the City Manager. The City shall also provide suitable shelter for the keeping of any dogs or cats impounded or make suitable arrangements for the care and feeding of said impounded animals.

606.06 FEES AND CHARGES.

Any dog or cat impounded under the terms of this chapter shall be held for a period of seven days if the animal has some form of positive identification and for a period of four days if the animal has no positive identification. The owner or person in charge of said dog or cat may recover possession of said animal from the Animal Control Officer or the person in charge of said animal while impounded by paying an impounding fee and a storage charge (for feeding and care of the animal) as established from time to time by resolution of Council. Dogs and cats not repossessed by their owner or the person in charge within the period allowed may be disposed of in a humane manner. Any money collected for the impounding, care and keeping of said animal shall be paid by the person collecting the same to the City Treasurer.

606.07 ANIMAL EXCREMENT

No person shall allow any animal under his/her ownership or control to leave its excrement upon any private or public property, unless that excrement is immediately and thoroughly removed from the property. Provided, however, a person may fail to remove the excrement from private property that that person owns or in which he/she has a lawful possessory interest.

General Offenses Code

606.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 202.99 for general Code penalty if no specific penalty is provided.)