

## TITLE 10

ANIMAL CONTROL

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10-101. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits.

Any person, including its owner, knowingly or negligently permitting an animal to run at large may be prosecuted under this section even if the animal is picked up and disposed of under other provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner.

10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted. Swine are prohibited within the corporate limits. No person shall keep or allow any other animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section to come within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street, as measured in a straight line.

10-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean. When animals or fowls are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen, or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

10-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided. No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water,

shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health and safety.

All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle.

10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason.

10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl.

10-107. Seizure and disposition of animals. Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and confined in a pound provided or designated by the city council. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last known mailing address. If the owner is not known or cannot be located, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. In either case the notice shall state that the impounded animal or fowl must be claimed within five (5) days by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold. If not claimed by the owner, the animal or fowl shall be sold or humanely destroyed, or it may otherwise be disposed of as authorized by the city council.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the city council, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance.

## CHAPTER 2

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10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat without having the same duly vaccinated against rabies and registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law" (Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 68-8-101 through 68-8-114) or other applicable law. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-202. Dogs and cats to wear tags. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-203. Running at large prohibited.<sup>1</sup> It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog or cat owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits.

Any person knowingly permitting a dog or cat to run at large, including the owner of the dog or cat, may be prosecuted under this section even if the dog or cat is picked up and disposed of under the provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-204. Vicious dogs and cats to be securely restrained. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog or cat known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog or cat is so confined and/or otherwise securely

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 68-8-108 and 68-8-109.

restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-205. Noisy dogs and cats prohibited. No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat which, by loud and frequent barking, meowing, whining, or howling, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-206. Confinement of dogs and cats suspected of being rabid. If any dog or cat has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the chief of police or any other properly designated officer or official may cause such dog or cat to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog or cat is rabid. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs or cats. Any dog or cat found running at large may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and placed in a pound provided or designated by the city council. If the dog or cat is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog or cat by paying a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the city council, or the dog or cat will be sold or humanely destroyed. If the dog or cat is not wearing a tag it shall be sold or humanely destroyed unless legally claimed by the owner within five (5) days. No dog or cat shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog or cat has been vaccinated and had a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-208. Destruction of vicious or infected dogs and cats running at large. When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog or cat found running at large cannot be safely impounded it may be summarily destroyed by any policeman<sup>1</sup> or other properly designated officer. (as replaced by ord. No. 337)

10-209. Removal of animal waste required. The owner or custodian of any dog or cat shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by his/her animal(s) on any public walks, streets, alleys, right-of-way,

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see the case of Darnell v. Shapard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661 (1927).

recreational areas, parks and ball fields, or on any private property not belonging to the owner/custodian of such animal.

(1) Voluntary removal and disposal of such excreta shall not constitute a violation of this section.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to guide dogs under the control of a disabled person, not to dogs used in police activities of the city.

(3) This section shall be enforced under the provisions of section 6-302 of the Clinton Municipal Code. (as added by Ord. #411, July 2001)