

CHAPTER 57

LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS

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57.01 ANNUAL LICENSE. Every owner of a dog or cat over the age of four (4) months shall procure a license from the Clerk for each such dog or cat on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of April of each year. A late charge for said licenses of one dollar (\$1.00) per month shall be charged after April 30th for procuring a license, until new licenses go on sale the following January. If said dog or cat reaches four (4) months of age after April 30, the owner shall within thirty (30) days procure a license, without incurring a late charge.

57.02 LICENSE FEES. An annual license fee shall be paid for each dog or cat in accordance with the license fee schedule approved by the Council, which license fee schedule may be modified from time to time with the approval of the Council.
(Ord. 772 – Apr. 03 Supp.)

57.03 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. The Clerk shall issue to the owner a license upon (i) payment of the license fee, (ii) receipt of evidence of a current rabies vaccination as required by Iowa Code § 351.33, and (iii) insurance when required as set forth below for a vicious dog. The license to be issued to the owner shall contain the name of the owner, the owner's place of residence and a description of the dog or cat. The Clerk shall keep a duplicate of each license as a public record. The owner of a dog defined as vicious under Subsection 56.01(2) of this Code of Ordinances shall, at the time of procuring a license under this section, provide to the Clerk an insurance policy or a certificate of insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State, providing personal liability insurance coverage as in a homeowner's policy, with a minimum liability amount of \$50,000 for the injury or death of any person, for damage to property of others and for acts of negligence by the owner, or his or her agent, in the negligent keeping of such vicious dog. The insurance policy or certificate of insurance referred to in this section shall provide that it cannot be canceled or terminated until ten days' notice by registered mail of such cancellation or termination shall have been received by the City Manager or his or her designee. The cancellation or other termination of any insurance policy, issued in compliance with this section, shall automatically revoke and terminate the licenses issued under this chapter, unless another policy, complying with this section, shall be provided and in effect at the time of such cancellation or termination. The City Manager or designee shall immediately issue written notification of the revocation of said certificate and all licenses issued under this chapter. *(Ord. 734 – Aug. 01 Supp.)*

57.04 LICENSE TAGS. Upon issuance of the license, the Clerk shall deliver to the owner a metal tag stamped with the number of the license and the year for which it is issued. The license tag shall be securely fastened to a collar or harness which shall be worn by the dog or cat for which the license is issued. Any dog or cat found without the license tag attached to its collar or harness shall be deemed unlicensed.

57.05 UNLICENSED PROHIBITED. It is unlawful for any owner to own or possess a dog or cat within the City without obtaining a license as required herein.

57.06 KENNEL DOGS AND CATS. Kennel dogs and cats 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.1 & 351.33)

57.07 PENALTY. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by this chapter for any particular provision or section, any person violating any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted herein by reference shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days.

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