



# Animals

## **How Many Dogs and Cats May I Have?**

The law governing the number of dogs & cats can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 4-31.

### **Code of Ordinances, Section 4-31 states:**

No owner of dogs and/or house cats shall suffer, allow or permit to remain on the same or adjacent premises within the city more than three dogs or three house cats or a combination of dogs and house cats to exceed three in number; except, the owner of a female dog which has given birth to puppies, or the owner of a female cat which has given birth to kittens, may keep such female dog and puppies or such cat and kittens for a period not to exceed four months from the date of birth of the litter.

## **Do I Need A Dog License?**

The law governing the licensing and fee for dogs can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 4-51.

**Code of Ordinances, 4-51 states:** No person shall own, keep, possess, harbor, or have the care or charge of any dog, male or female, aged four months or over within the city, unless such dog shall wear a collar to which is attached the license tag provided for by the laws of the state.

The cost for licensing such dog shall be fixed by the city council and adjusted from time to time.

## **Controlling My Dog?**

The law governing dogs to be controlled can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 4-52.

**Code of Ordinances, 4-52 states:** It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing or having charge of any dog to permit or allow such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large or stray beyond the premises of such owner, unless under reasonable control of some person.

## **Harboring Vicious, Rabid or Noisy Dogs**

The law governing harboring vicious, rabid or noisy dogs can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 4-53.

### **Code of Ordinances, 4-53 states:**

- (a) No person shall harbor or keep any dog which, by loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling, shall cause a serious annoyance to the neighborhood or to people passing upon the streets.
- (b) No person shall own or harbor a fierce or vicious dog, or a dog that has been bitten by any animal known to have been afflicted with rabies.

## **What Kind Of Animal Are Prohibited?**

The law governing prohibited animals can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 4-3

**Code of Ordinances, 4-3 states:** No person shall keep or house any cow, horse, pig, or similar farm animal or domestic fowl (chickens) within the city.