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**ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

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### ARTICLE A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 4-101: **DEFINITIONS<sup>1</sup>:**

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings prescribed in this section except in those cases where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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<sup>1</sup> 11 OS § 22-115.

ANIMAL:	Any horse, mule, donkey, pony, cow, sheep, goat, hog, dog, cat, rabbit, chicken, goose, duck, turkey, or other animal or fowl.
X ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	The person responsible for enforcement of the city ordinances and regulations pertaining to animal control in the community.
ANIMAL SHELTER OR MUNICIPAL POUND:	Any premises formally designated by the city council for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals held under the authority of this chapter regardless of whether or not the premises are within or without the municipality's corporate boundaries, and regardless whether or not the premises are under actual municipal ownership or provided for under a contractual arrangement between the city and private owners.
AT LARGE:	<p>A. Not securely confined by a fence or other means on premises under the control of, or occupied by, the owner; or</p> <p>B. Not under the control of the owner, a member of his immediate family over twelve (12) years of age or an agent of the owner, by leash, whether on the owner's premises or not.</p>
HARBORING:	Allowing any animal to habitually remain, or be fed, on premises under his control.
LIVESTOCK:	All animals, other than dogs, cats, small caged birds or small aquatic or amphibian animals.
OWNER:	Any person, firm or corporation owning, harboring or keeping an animal; occupants of any premises to which a domesticated or tamed animal customarily returns for a period of ten (10) days or more, shall be deemed to be harboring or keeping the animal, and thereby considered to be an owner of the animal.
PET:	Any animal kept for pleasure, rather than utility.

**RESTRAINT:** An animal shall be deemed to be under "restraint" if confined on the premises of its owner, if on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person, or in the case of a hunting dog, if accompanied by its owner engaged in the act of hunting.

**VICIOUS DOG:** A dog which has bitten, or attempted to bite, any person without undue provocation, or which attacks, or barks or growls at and acts as if it intends to attack or bite, or bites a person or persons, when not unduly provoked.

**WILD ANIMAL:** Any animal which can normally be found living in a naturally wild state and is not ordinarily tamed or domesticated. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-1; amd. Ord. 519, 3-25-1986)

**4-102: ANIMALS NOT TO BE AT LARGE:** No owner shall permit any animal, including fowl, owned, harbored or kept by him to be at large within the city. It is unlawful for any animal as provided in this section to be at large at any time within the city. (Prior Code, Secs. 3-3, 3-27, 3-34)

**4-103: TURNING ANIMALS AT LARGE UNLAWFUL:** It is unlawful for any person to open any enclosure in which any animal is confined as required by ordinance so as to turn the animal at large, or in any manner to turn the animal at large. (1984 Code)

**4-104: PASTURING IN PUBLIC AREAS ILLEGAL:** It is unlawful for any person to stake, confine or pasture any animal on any public school ground or other public property, federal, state, city or other, on any railroad right of way, or on any property without the consent of the person owning or controlling such property. This section shall apply only to areas which are platted and dedicated by recorded plat in the office of the county clerk. (1984 Code)

**4-105: ANIMALS WHICH DISTURB PROHIBITED, COMPLAINT:**

- A. It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor within the city any dog or other animal which, by barking, howling or otherwise, disturbs the peace and quiet of any person. The keeping of such an animal is hereby declared a nuisance.
- B. Upon written complaint made against any person or persons for keeping or harboring any animal in violation of this section, notice of such complaint shall be given to such person by the city in writing. Thereafter, if the peace and quiet of any person is disturbed or property damaged or trash and litter scattered by such animal, the person keeping or harboring such animal shall be punished as provided in section 1-108 of this code. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-24)

**4-106: SWINE NOT TO BE KEPT WITHIN CITY:**

It is unlawful for any person being the owner of, or having the care, custody, or control thereof, to keep or suffer to be kept any hog, goats, or pigs at any time in any enclosure within the city or any lot therein or running at large within the city. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-25; amd. Ord. 699, 11-28-2023)

**4-107: KEEPING FOWL REGULATED, EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. The housing and keeping of domestic birds or fowl shall be in such a manner as not to create a nuisance.
- B. Facilities for the keeping of domestic birds or fowl shall not be closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the exterior limits of any dwelling resided in by anyone other than the owner. Every keeper of domestic birds or fowl shall confine the same in an enclosure sufficient to prevent them from being at large and provide a shelter area of sufficient size to be conducive to good sanitation practices and shall provide adequate sanitary drainage for the shelter or area.
- C. The total number of domestic birds or fowl on any said premise will be no greater than six (6). Male fowl (roosters) shall not be permitted in the city limits. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-9; amd. Ord. 699, 11-28-2023)

**4-108: STABLES TO BE KEPT CLEAN:**

Every structure, pen, coop, lot or place wherein an animal is kept or permitted to be shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, devoid of rodents and vermin and free from objectionable odors. (1984 Code)

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**4-109: HEALTH OFFICER TO INSPECT:**

The health officer or police chief, upon complaint of any person, shall inspect any structure or place where an animal is kept, and may do so on his own initiative. He may issue any such reasonable order as he may deem necessary to the owner of the animal to cause the animal to be kept as provided in this chapter or in a manner so as not to constitute a nuisance. He may make a complaint before the municipal judge against any person for violation of any provision of this chapter or of any such reasonable order, but this procedure shall not abridge the right of others to make such complaint. (1984 Code)

**4-110: WILD AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS UNLAWFUL:**

It is unlawful for any person to keep any wild and dangerous animal within the city limits. However, wild animals may be kept for exhibition purposes by circuses, zoos and educational institutions. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-7)

**4-111: NOT TO DUMP OR ABANDON DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS:**

No person shall dump or abandon any dog, cat, or other animal in the city. The dumping or abandoning of any such animal in the city shall constitute a public offense.

**4-112: BURIAL OF DEAD ANIMALS:**

- A. It is unlawful to put any dead animal in any street or alley or other public place in the city, or for any person to allow any dead animal which he owned or had control of to remain in any street, alley or other public place or on the premises of any person within the city, for more than twelve (12) hours. Should any animal die in any street, alley or other public place or on the premises of any person within the city, the person who owned or had possession and control of the animal prior to the death shall remove or cause same to be removed within twelve (12) hours from the time the animal dies.
- B. It is the duty of the owner, possessor or any person having knowledge of any dead animal in the city to report the same to the health officer giving the name of the person who owned or had possession or control of the animal, to cause the same to be removed.

- C. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any dead animal upon any ground within the city. No person shall bury any dead animal in any place in the city or within one mile of the corporate limits of the city unless such animal is covered with at least three (3) feet of earth and so buried that no noxious or unpleasant odor shall arise from it. (Prior Code, Secs. 10-5 to 10-7)
- D. The words "dead animals" as used in this section shall include all dead, undressed, unslaughtered hogs, cattle or other animals which may have died from disease, accident or cause other than slaughter for use as food in accordance with the sanitary laws regulating such.

**4-113: ANIMALS PROHIBITED IN THE CITY LIMITS:**

- A. For human health and safety reasons the keeping of animals except, dogs, cats, domestic birds, or fowl that are vaccinated, tagged, and allowed in accordance with this Chapter, is prohibited in the corporate city limits unless.
  - 1. Being shown in a sanctioned livestock show at the Tillman County Fairgrounds.
  - 2. Used as livestock at a sanctioned rodeo or other like type event at the Tillman County Rodeo Grounds.
  - 3. Being kept at the Frederick Public School FFA Livestock Barn as part of a FFA or 4-H project.
  - 4. Kept in a business such as a pet shop located in a properly zoned area.
  - 5. Being boarded at a veterinary clinic located in a properly zoned area.
  - 6. Traveling Circus or other type events permitted by City Code and Permits.
  - 7. Being kept consistent with the provisions of Section 12-241 (5) for the S-1 (Suburban) zoning district only.

Any animal which is presently in the city limits by virtue of the permit process previously in effect shall be permanently removed from the city limits by January 1, 2024. (Prior Code, Secs. 3-41, 3-42; amd. Ord. 699, 11-28-2023)

**4-114: FEEDING OF STRAY OR FERAL ANIMALS IS PROHIBITED:**

It is prohibited to feed, water, or harbor stray or feral animals in the city limits. (Prior Code, Sec, 3-33; amd. Ord. 699, 11-28-2023)

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**ARTICLE B****DOG AND CAT VACCINATION AND HEALTH****4-120: DOGS AND CATS TO BE VACCINATED:**

The owner or keeper of any dog or cat of four (4) months of age or older within the city limits shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian every calendar year or with a three (3) year vaccine if applicable. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-16; amd. Ord. 699, 11-28-2023)

**4-121: DOGS MUZZLED AND CATS CONFINED:**

- A. When the health officer determines and certifies that a dog, a cat or other animals in the city or within five (5) miles of the city is or was infected with rabies and that an epidemic of rabies threatens the city, the council, by resolution, may order all dogs to be muzzled when at large within the city, and if deemed desirable, all cats to be confined, during a period of time to be determined by the council, Such resolution or an adequate notice of its passage shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the city and shall go into effect on the date following such publication unless the resolution prescribes a later time,
- B. While such resolution is in effect, it is unlawful for any owner to permit an unmuzzled dog or a cat to be at large in violation of such resolution, or for any such dog or a cat to be at large in violation thereof. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-23)

**4-122: VICIOUS ANIMALS:**

- A. No person shall own or harbor any animal within this city which is vicious or dangerous,
- B. Any person may kill a dog or any other animal in self-defense or in defense of another when the animal, without undue provocation, bites or by any means injures or attempts to injure him or another, or attacks, or attempts to bite or attack him or the other person in such a manner that an ordinarily prudent person would be lead to believe that the person toward whom the efforts of the animal are directed is about to be bitten or attached or otherwise physically harmed.

- C. It is the duty of the animal control officer, chief of police; or any other designee of the city manager of the city to seize and impound any animal found to be vicious and in such event shall aid in the proceedings instituted in the municipal court against the owner of such animal for the violation of this chapter. It shall also be his duty, upon being notified properly that charges of harboring a vicious animal are pending against any person in a municipal court, to seize and impound the animal described in such proceedings.
- D. If such seized and impounded animal shall have bitten a human being two (2) or more times before such seizure or impounding then and in that event the animal shall be destroyed under the terms of Section 4-126 of this code. If the court shall fail to find that the animal so seized and impounded is a vicious animal, then the court shall order and it shall be the duty of the animal control officer, chief of police or other city designee to cause the surrender and return of the animal to the owner. In the event such animal is found by the court to be a vicious animal, the court shall proceed as indicated above under Section 4-126 of this code. (Ord. No. 519, 3-25-1986)

**4-123: EXEMPTIONS:**

- A. Hospitals, clinics and other premises operated by licensed veterinarians for the care and treatment of animals are exempt from the provisions of this chapter except where duties are expressly stated.
- B. The vaccination requirements of this chapter shall not apply to any dog or cat belonging to a nonresident of the city and kept within the city no longer than thirty (30) days, provided all such dogs or cats shall at all times while in the city be kept within a building, enclosure or vehicle, or be under restraint by the owner. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-12)

**4-124: RABIES CONTROL AND PROCEDURES:**

- A. Every animal that bites or scratches a person shall be reported within four (4) hours to the chief of police or the animal warden and shall thereupon be securely quarantined at the city animal shelter for a period of ten (10) days, and shall not be released from such quarantine except by permission of the health officer of the city and a licensed veterinarian hospital chosen by the owner if the owner agrees to pay for the quarantine in advance. Failure of the owner to quarantine his animal will make him guilty of an offense.
- B. In the case of stray animals, or in the case of animals whose ownership is not known, such quarantine shall be at the animal shelter.

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- C. The owner, upon demand by an employee empowered to enforce this chapter, shall forthwith surrender any animal that has bitten or scratched a human, or which is suspected as having been exposed to rabies, for supervised quarantine, the expenses for which shall be borne by the owner and the animal may be reclaimed by the owner if adjudged free of rabies.
- D. When an animal under quarantine has been diagnosed as being rabid, or suspected by a licensed veterinarian as being rabid, and dies while under such observation, the animal warden or veterinarian shall immediately send the head of such animal to the state health department for pathological examination, and shall notify the proper public health officer of reports of human contacts and diagnosis made of the suspected animal.
- E. When one or both reports give a positive diagnosis of rabies, the health officer of the city may recommend a city-wide quarantine for a period of six (6) months, and upon the invoking of such quarantine, no animal shall be taken into the streets or permitted to be in the streets during such period of quarantine. During such quarantine no animal shall be taken or shipped from the city without written permission of the health officer of the city or the animal warden.
- F. During such period of rabies quarantine as herein designated, every animal bitten by an animal adjudged to be rabid shall be treated for such rabies infection by a licensed veterinarian or held under six (6) months' quarantine by the owner in the same manner as other animals are quarantined.
- G. In the event there are additional positive cases of rabies occurring during the period of the quarantine, such period of quarantine may be extended for an additional six (6) months.
- H. No person shall kill or cause to be killed any rabid animal, any animal suspected of having been exposed to rabies, or any animal biting or scratching a human, except as herein provided, nor to remove same from the city limits without written permission from the health officer of the city or the animal warden.
- I. The carcass of any dead animal exposed to rabies shall upon demand be surrendered to the animal warden.
- J. The animal warden shall direct the disposition of any animal found to be infected with rabies.

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- K. No person shall fail or refuse to surrender any animal, for quarantine or destruction as required herein when demand is made therefor by an employee empowered to enforce this chapter. Such refusal shall be deemed an offense.
- L. It is the duty of every physician, veterinarian or other practitioner to report to the animal warden the names and addresses of persons treated for bites inflicted by animals, together with such other information as will be helpful in rabies control.
- M. It is the duty of every licensed veterinarian to report to the city animal warden his diagnosis of any animal observed by him to be a rabid suspect. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-8; Ord. No. 446, 2-24-1976)

**4-125: PROCEDURE; ANIMAL A NUISANCE:**

It is the duty of the animal control officer, chief of police or any other designee of the city manager of the city, upon being notified properly that any person claiming that an animal is a nuisance within the meaning of this chapter has filed a verified complaint approved by the city attorney, alleging that such animal is a nuisance, as herein defined, to seize and impound the animal therein described. If the court shall find that no nuisance exists he shall order the animal or animals to be returned to the owner or owners. If the court shall find that the nuisance exists, he shall order the animal to be destroyed as in the case of a vicious animal. If the owner of such animal shall give a good and sufficient bond, within three (3) days in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) with surety to be approved by the clerk of the municipal court; and conditioned that such owner shall abate and prevent such nuisance, the court shall order the return of such animal to the owner thereof upon payment of the poundage fees specified by this code. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit any animal to run or to be at large except as permitted under the city ordinances. No such animal shall be returned to the owner if the same is a vicious animal. (Ord. No. 519, 3-25-1986)

**4-126: COURT TO DETERMINE IF ANIMAL IS VICIOUS:**

When any complaint is filed in the municipal court alleging a violation of Section 4-122 of this code, the person against whom the complaint is filed, or any other person having control or custody of the dog, cat or other animal alleged to be vicious and dangerous, shall deliver the cat, dog or other animal to the animal shelter established by the city or a duly licensed veterinary clinic or kennel until a hearing can be held. If the municipal court finds the party against whom the complaint is filed guilty of violating the provisions of this chapter, the court may impose a fine or order the cat, dog or other animal to be destroyed, at the court's

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discretion. If the municipal court judgment is appealed to a higher court as provided by the statutes of the State of Oklahoma and the laws of the city, the dog, cat or other animal shall not be destroyed until the appeal is disposed of by the appellate court. Any and all fees for the determination of these actions shall be assessed as costs of the case. (Ord. No. 519, 3-25-1986)

**4-127: FAILURE TO SURRENDER VIOLATING ANIMALS:**

It is unlawful to fail or refuse to deliver to the chief of police, animal control officer, or any other person designated by the city manager upon demand, any vicious animal, any animal which is a nuisance or any rabies suspected animal, or any animal kept or harbored of which is declared to be an offense. (Ord. No. 519, 3-25-1986)

**4-128: RESERVED:** Reserved by Ord. 699, 11-28-2023.

**ARTICLE C**

**ANIMAL SHELTER**

**4-130: ANIMAL SHELTER ESTABLISHED:**

A city animal shelter is hereby established. It shall be under the immediate Animals control of the animal warden or of such other person as may be officially designated. The person in charge of the shelter pound shall provide proper sustenance for all animals impounded and shall treat them in a humane manner. The city may contract with another agency for the use of a shelter maintained by the agency.

**4-131: ANIMALS TO BE IMPOUNDED, ENTRY ON PROPERTY:**

- A. The animal control officer, a police officer, or such other officer or employee of the city as the city manager may authorize shall take into custody and impound any animal found at large and unleashed or in violation of any provisions of the ordinances of the city. In taking an animal into custody under authority of this chapter, the animal control officer or other officer or employee may enter into private property to gain custody of the animal.

- B. Any impounded animal shall be cared for for a period of not less than five (5) days in a suitable enclosure and any animal not reclaimed within the five (5) day period shall be humanely disposed of or sold. Any animal not reclaimed within seventy-two (72) hours of the time of impoundment may be adopted at any time after the seventy-two (72) hours and before disposal at five (5) days after impoundment. (Prior Code, Secs. 3-4, 3-5, in part)

**4-132: BREAKING POUND:**

No unauthorized person shall:

- A. Break or attempt to break open the pound, or take or let out any animal therefrom;
- B. Take or attempt to take from any officer or employee of the city any animal taken into custody as provided by this chapter; or
- C. In any manner interfere with or hinder an officer or employee in the discharge of his duties relating to the taking into custody and impounding of animals as provided in this chapter. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-13, in part)

**4-133: RECORDS, NOTIFICATION OF OWNERS:**

- A. When animals are found running at large and their ownership is known to the agents of the city, such animals need not be impounded, but the animal control officer may at his discretion cite the owner of such animals to appear in court to answer to charges of violation of this chapter.
- B. Immediately upon impounding an animal, the officer of the city charged with the enforcement hereof shall make every possible effort to notify the owners of a dog or other animal has been impounded and inform such owners of the conditions whereby they may regain custody of such animal or animals.
- C. No animal may be adopted from the shelter by any employee of the animal shelter for any reason. Any employee adopting, giving away or selling any animal from the shelter, except in accordance with this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of an offense.
- D. It is the duty of the animal control officer to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of the impounding into his custody.

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**4-141: POISONING ANIMALS:**

It is unlawful for a person wilfully to poison any dog or other animal except a noxious, nondomesticated animal; or knowingly to expose poison so that the same may be taken by such an animal. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-38)

**4-142: ENCOURAGING ANIMALS TO FIGHT:**

It is unlawful for any person to instigate or encourage a fight between animals; or to encourage one animal to attack, pursue or annoy another animal except a noxious, nondomesticated animal; or to keep a house, pit or other place used for fights between animals. (1984 Code)

**4-143: CRUELTY TO BIRDS:**

No person shall, within the city, kill or catch or have in his possession, living or dead, any wild bird other than a game bird, or domesticated bird. No person shall needlessly destroy the nest or the eggs of any wild bird other than a game bird, nor have such nest or eggs in his or her possession. This section shall not apply to any person holding a certificate giving the right to take birds, their nest or eggs for scientific purposes. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-40)

**4-144: KEEPING OF ANIMALS:**

- A. Housing; Protection: All dogs, cats and other animals kept as house pets within the city limits shall be housed, fed and protected from the weather in such a manner as not to create a nuisance.
- B. Feeding And Care; Enclosures: Owners and keepers of dogs, cats and other animals kept as house pets shall provide food, shelter, and medical attention to such animals, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Sufficient wholesome food that is nutritious for the species;
  - 2. Fresh, potable drinking water;
  - 3. Medical attention to relieve such animals from suffering, debilitating injuries, parasites, and disease;
  - 4. Provide shade from the sun;

5. Shelter to allow the animal to remain dry and protected from the elements. Such shelter shall be small enough to retain the animal's body heat and large enough to allow the animal to enter, stand, turn comfortably, and lie down in a natural manner. The shelter shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animal from injury and from the elements. Any shelter which does not protect the animal from temperature extremes or precipitation, or which does not provide adequate ventilation or drainage, shall not comply with this section;
  6. When the animal is kept in an enclosure, the enclosure shall be of sufficient size to keep the animal in good condition. When a dog is confined outside a residence, the dog must have adequate space for exercise based on an area of at least one hundred (100) square feet. Such enclosure shall be constructed of chainlink or suitable materials to keep the dog from escaping the enclosure. The enclosure shall be of sufficient height and quality to prevent the dog from escaping.
- C. Chaining On Property: No person shall, at any time, fasten, chain, or tie any dog, cat or other house pet while such animal is on the owner's property or on the property of the owner's landlord or another, unless authorized, in writing, by the animal control officer, code enforcement officer, police officer(s) and/or any other city employee.
  - D. Violations: The animal control officer, code enforcement officer, and/or any police officer may issue a criminal citation for any violation of the provisions set forth above.
  - E. Enforcement: Various city officials including, but not limited to, the animal control officer, code enforcement officer, police officer(s) and/or any other city employee are authorized and directed to perform any acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this section. (Ord. 610, 3-23-1999)

#### ARTICLE E. BIRD SANCTUARY

##### 4-150: **BIRD SANCTUARY DESIGNATED:**

The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the city and the area known as the city section are hereby designated as a bird sanctuary. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-43)

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**4-151: NOT TO TRAP OR HUNT, EXCEPTION:**

It is unlawful to trap, hunt, shoot or attempt to shoot, or molest in any manner any bird or wild fowl or to rob nests of birds or wild fowl. However, if starlings or similar birds are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular locality that they constitute a nuisance or a menace to health or property in the opinion of the proper health authorities of the city, then the health authorities shall meet with representatives of the Audubon Society, Bird Club, Garden Club, or Humane Society, or as many of the clubs as are found to exist in the city, after having given at least three (3) days' actual notice of the time and place of the meeting to the representatives of the clubs. If as a result of the meeting no satisfactory alternative is found to abate such nuisance, then the birds may be destroyed in such numbers and in such manner as is deemed advisable by the health authorities under the supervision of the chief of police of the city. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-44)

**ARTICLE F. ZONING ORDINANCE TO PREVAIL****4-155: PROVISIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE<sup>1</sup>:**

In case of conflict between this chapter and the present or any future zoning ordinance, the provisions of the zoning ordinance shall prevail and supersede the provisions of this chapter. (Prior Code, Sec. 3-45)

**ARTICLE G. KENNELS****4-160: KENNEL REGULATIONS:**

- A. No person, firm or corporation shall own, maintain, or operate a kennel within the city limits of the city unless such kennel is licensed as herein provided. Application for such a license shall be made to the city clerk and shall state the name and address of the owner or operator of the kennel with the street address and legal description of the property upon which the kennel is located.
- B. A kennel license yearly fee shall be as set by the council. The license shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place on the premises.
- C. A kennel owner must show proof of rabies vaccination on all animals over six (6) months of age when applying for license.

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<sup>1</sup> See also section 12-201 et seq., of this code.

- D. A license shall be issued for a period of one year beginning on July 1 of each year. A license may be issued starting thirty (30) days before July 1 of each year.
- E. Any person, firm or corporation maintaining a kennel, whether for profit or not, shall maintain such a kennel in a sanitary condition and shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter. Nonconforming kennels shall be deemed a public nuisance.
- F. In cases where the number of animals kept is five (5) or more, the owner will be required to purchase a kennel license. The maximum number of animals on any given property in the city limits will be ten (10).
- G. For the purpose of this chapter, a "kennel" is defined as a person keeping on any premises any combination of four (4) or more animals more than six (6) months of age. (1984 Code; amd. Ord. 699, 11-28-2023)

#### ARTICLE H. PENALTIES

##### 4-170: **PENALTY:**

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any ordinance or provision of this chapter, or who violates, or refuses or neglects to carry out any reasonable order made by the health officer pursuant to this chapter, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined or imprisoned as provided in section 1-108 of this code. (1984 Code)

EMERGENCY


It being immediately necessary to for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Frederick, Oklahoma, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the passage and approval: an emergency declared to exist by reason whereof this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, with the emergency clause being passed and approved separately.

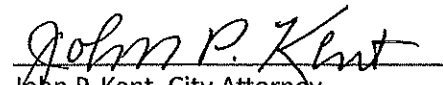
ATTEST:

  
  
Debbie Hughes, City Clerk

CITY OF FREDERICK, OKLAHOMA,  
A Municipal Corporation

  
Kevin Ouellette, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY

  
John P. Kent, City Attorney

## Animals

### CHAPTER 2 (RESERVED)