

CHAPTER 7 ANIMALS

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Section 7-1-1    Dangerous Animals

It is unlawful to permit any dangerous, vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the city and such animals shall be immediately impounded.\* Exhibitions or parades of animals which are ferae naturae in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from the chief of police.

Section 7-1-2    Killing Dangerous Animals

The Humane Officer and members of the police department are authorized to kill any dangerous animals of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property.

Section 7-1-3    Livestock or Fowl

Any person who keeps or causes to be kept any horses, mules, cattle, burros, goats, sheep, or other livestock or fowl within the corporate limits of the city shall keep such livestock or fowl in a pen or similar enclosure to prevent their roaming at large. No horse, cow, sheep, goat, burro, mule, or other livestock shall be kept or maintained on any lot or parcel of land within the city consisting of less than ten thousand square feet for each animal and, in addition, no such animal shall be allowed within fifty (50) feet of any residence other than that of the owner of such animal. Any such livestock or fowl running at large may be impounded.\* It is unlawful to cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean or unwholesome.

Section 7-1-4    Adult Male Poultry, Swine and Bees; Exemptions

Notwithstanding section 7-1-3 above, it shall be unlawful to keep, maintain, and hold any swine, adult male poultry or bees within the city, except that adult male poultry or fowl may be kept upon any lot or parcel of land under common ownership or control having at least 21,780 square feet (one-half acre of gross area) and providing that said male poultry shall be kept and maintained in accordance with all of the provisions of this ordinance and shall be at all times penned or confined and not allowed to run at large.

Section 7-1-5 Pot-Bellied Pigs

A. Notwithstanding section 7-1-4 above, a person may maintain not more than two pot-bellied pigs on residentially zoned property as pets if: (a) they are registered purebred miniature Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs or other similar purebred miniature pot-bellied pigs that are registered with the North American Pot-Bellied Pig Association; (b) they are not being kept for commercial breeding purposes.

B. All of the provisions of Article 7-1 as applicable for dogs and cats concerning licensing, tags, vaccination, running at large, impoundment, and biting shall be applicable to any pot-bellied pigs maintained within the City.\*

Article 7-2        DOGS AND CATS

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Section 7-2-1    Definitions

In this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:

- A.        "At large" means off the premises of the owner, not under the control of the owner, or other persons acting for the owner.
- B.        "Collar" means a band, chain, harness, or suitable device worn around the neck of a dog to which a license may be fixed.
- C.        "Dog" means a member of the canis familiaris family.
- D.        "Humane Officer" means city humane officer and is synonymous with "animal control officer" and includes his authorized representative and police officers. The humane officer's primary duty shall be the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Code.
- E.        "Owner" means any person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring, or maintaining a dog.
- F.        "Animal shelter" means any establishment authorized by the city for the confinement, maintenance, safekeeping and control of animals that come into the custody of the city.
- G.        "Vaccination" means an anti-rabies vaccination using a type of vaccine approved by the state veterinarian.



Section 7-2-2 Licenses and Tags Generally

- A. All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained in the city must be licensed and registered if over four months of age. Dog licenses shall be issued by the clerk, upon payment of a license fee of seven dollars,\*\* which license shall expire of the first day of January of each year. No license fee shall be prorated or refunded nor shall the dog tags issued herewith be transferable. The owner shall state at the time application is made for such license his name and address, the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned or kept by him.
- B. The clerk shall cause a notice of necessity to license and register all dogs to be published in the city newspaper prior to February 1st each year. A penalty of not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) shall be added to the license fee in the event that the license is obtained after February 1st of each year. This penalty should not be assessed against applicants who furnish adequate proof that the dog has been licensed is not more than four (4) months old, or has been in their possession in the city less than sixty (60) days.
- C. Upon the payment of the license fee, the clerk shall execute a receipt in duplicate. The receipt shall contain the name and address of the owner of the dog, the date of the vaccination of the dog against rabies, the type of rabies vaccine used, the year and series number of the metal dog tag issued, the description of the dog, including the age, name, breed, age, color, and sex. The clerk shall deliver the original receipt to the person who pays the fee and retain the duplicate. The clerk shall obtain a sufficient number of metal dog tags which shall be inscribed with the name of the city, the number of the license and the year for which it is valid, and shall deliver one such dog tag to the person when the license fee is paid.
- D. Each dog licensed under the terms of this article shall receive, the time of licensing, a tag which shall be inscribed the name of the city, the number of the license and the year in which it expires. The tag shall be attached to a collar or harness which shall be worn by the dog at all times except as otherwise provided in this article. Whenever a dog tag is lost, a duplicate tag shall be issued upon application by the owner and payment of one dollar (\$1.00) fee to the clerk.

- E. Any person who counterfeits or attempts to counterfeit an 7-2-2 official dog tag or removes such tag from any dog for the purpose of willful and malicious mischief or places a dog tag upon a dog unless the tag was issued to that dog is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- F. Whenever the ownership of a dog has been changed, the new owner must secure a new license.
- G. Dogs will being used for hunting or dogs while being exhibited at American Kennel Club approved shows or dogs while engaged in races approved by the Arizona Racing Commission and such dogs while being transported to and from such events need not wear a collar or harness with valid license attached; provided that they are properly vaccinated and licensed.
- H. The humane officer shall apprehend and impound any dog found without a current valid license tag.

Section 7-2-3 Vaccination Required

- A. Before a license is issued for any dog, the owner must present a vaccination certified signed by a veterinarian.
- B. If a dog is impounded and found to be unvaccinated, the humane officer shall not release the dog unit he has been assured it will be vaccinated by the owner.

Section 7-2-4 Running at Large

No person shall be owning keeping, possessing, or harboring or maintaining a dog or cat shall allow such a dog or cat to be at large. A dog or cat is not deemed to be at large:

1. While such dog is actively engaged in dog obedience training, accompanied by and under the control of his owner and trainer.
2. While such dog is being used for hunting purposes.
3. While such dog is being exhibited at an American Kennel Club approved show.
4. While such dog is engaged in races approved by the Arizona Racing Commission.
5. While such dog is upon a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and in the hands of a person capable of controlling such dog.
6. While such dog is actually confined in an enclosed area or

securely tied in the owner's premises.

Section 7-2-5 Impoundment

- A. The humane officer shall apprehend and impound any dog or cat found running at large or any dog or cat that is found kept without food, water, or proper care. Upon impounding any animal, he shall immediately give the owner notice of the impoundment either personally or by mail at his last known address, if known or ascertainable by reasonable investigation.
- B. Any impounded dog may be redeemed from the animal shelter by the owner proving legal right to possession and by payment to the clerk the license fee for the current year, presentation of a current valid certificate of vaccination against rabies, payment of \$7.00\*\*\* as an impoundment fee and \$7.00\*\*\* per day for each day the dog has been confined in the animal shelter as the cost of maintenance. Licensed dogs shall be released upon presentation of the correct dog tag and the receipt for the dog license for the current year and payment to the clerk of the impoundment fee and maintenance costs as provided above.
- C. Any dog which is not claimed by the owner within a seventy-two (72) hour period provided for herein shall be sold or destroyed. Any dog may be sold to anyone desiring to purchase the dog for the amount provided for the redemption of stray dogs by their owners.

Section 7-2-6 Biting Dogs

- A. Whenever a dog bites any person the incident shall be reported to the city humane officer immediately by any person having direct knowledge.
- B. Any dog unlicensed or unvaccinated that bites any person shall be quarantined and impounded or, at the request of and at the expense of the owner, placed in a veterinarian hospital for a period of not less than seven (7) days. The owner of any dog that has bitten a person may voluntarily deliver the dog to the humane officer at the animal shelter; otherwise, there shall be an assessment against the owner if the humane officer must pick up the dog. If the dog is impounded at the animal shelter for observation as the result of a dog bite incident, there shall be a per day charge for board. A dog properly licensed and vaccinated pursuant to Section 7-2-2 and 7-2-3 that bites any person may be quarantined at the house of the owner or wherever the dog is maintained with the consent of and in the manner prescribed by the humane officer.

- C. If it is determined that the dog is infected with rabies or other dangerous, contagious and infectious disease, it shall be the duty of the humane officer to destroy such dog in as humane a manner as it is reasonably possible. If at the end of the quarantine or impoundment a veterinarian is convinced that the dog is free from such diseases, the dog shall be released. If the dog dies during the period of quarantine or impoundment, its head shall be sent to the state department of health for examination.

Section 7-2-7 Adoption of Pinal County Rabies/Animal Control Ordinance No. 050510-ACC<sup>12</sup>

That certain document entitled "Pinal County Rabies and Animal Control Ordinance No. 050510-ACC", less the kennel provisions, is hereby adopted, and made a part of this Article the same as though said document was specifically set forth in full herein, and at least three copies of said documents shall be filed in the office of the clerk and kept available for public use and inspection and said document shall take precedence and govern if there is any conflict with any other provisions of this article.

Section 7-2-8 Limitations of Numbers of Dogs or Cats or the Combination Thereof on Residentially Zoned Lots Within the City.

It is unlawful for the owner(s), tenant(s), or any person(s) occupying or controlling residentially zoned property consisting of one or more contiguous lots to keep or maintain more than four (4) dogs or four (4) cats or combinations thereof totaling four (4) on said lot of lots if dogs or cats are over eight (8) weeks of age.

SECTION TWO. The penalty for a violation of Section 7-2-8 shall be the penalty for violations of "The Code of the City of Coolidge, Arizona" as set forth in Article 1-8.

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<sup>1</sup> AMENDED 7-2-7

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Article 7-3      BITING ANIMALS

Whenever any animal, except a dog, bites a person, the person so bitten and the owner of the animal shall immediately notify the humane officer, which shall cause an examination of the animal to be made by a duly licensed physician or a duly licensed veterinarian, and shall order the animal held on the owner's premises or shall have it impounded as long as necessary for a complete examination. The confinement of livestock is regulated by the Arizona Livestock Sanitary Board. If the animal is a caged rodent it may be confined and quarantined at the home of the owner or where it is harbored or maintained for the required period of time with the consent of and in the manner prescribed by the humane officer. Any wild animal which bites any person may be killed and submitted to the humane officer or his deputies for transmission to an appropriate diagnostic laboratory. If it is determined that the animal is infected with rabies or other dangerous, contagious and infectious disease, it shall be the duty of the humane officer to destroy such animal in as humane a manner as is reasonably possible. If at the end of the quarantine or impoundment, a veterinarian is convinced that the animal is free from such diseases, the animal shall be released. If the animal dies during the period of quarantine or impoundment, its head shall be sent to the state department of health for examination.

Article 7-4      BARKING DOGS

It is unlawful for n owner to keep or harbor, within the city, any dog or other animal which barks, howls or makes other aggravating noises which unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

Article 7-5      INTERFERENCE WITH HUMANE OFFICER

It is unlawful for a person having the custody, care, or control of an animal to fail or refuse to permit with humane office to inspect the animal and the premises on which it is kept to determine if any provision of this chapter is being violated, or to interfere in any way with the humane officer in the performance of his duties.