

2-105. Licensing and tags.

(a) Any person or person owning, keeping or harboring any dog, cat or other animal maintained as a household pet, regardless of age, within city limits shall procure annually from the city clerk a tag for each animal. The license fee for all such animals shall be \$5 per year or portion thereof. The city clerk shall have the authority to set a reasonable time within which to collect the licenses from the due date. No license shall be issued until proper proof showing the animal has been vaccinated for rabies has been filed with the city clerk.

(b) The city clerk shall keep a full and complete record of all license tags sold, showing the name of the owner of the dog, cat, raccoon, skunk, monkey or other animal, the address of the owner, the breed or species of the registered animal, if known, and its sex, the registration number of the tag and the date of the purchase of such tag. All revenue collected from the sale of the tags shall be deposited to the general fund of the city and proper receipts issued to all such purchasers.

(c) The city clerk shall be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of proper license tags each year.

(d) The license year shall begin with the issuance of the required vaccination certificate, for each individual animal, and expire upon expiration of the vaccination certificate. The city license may run for more than one calendar year corresponding with the expiration of the vaccination certificate. In the event the vaccination certificate is more than one calendar year, the owner will be required to pay a \$5 city license fee for each respective year of the vaccination certificate. The vaccination identification number may be used as the city license number or the city may issue a separate tag and identification number if no number has been previously assigned.

(e) The license shall be affixed to a collar worn at all times by the licensed animal.

(f) Any person within the city limits may not own an unlicensed animal or harbor an unlicensed animal in and around such person's premises, or place of residence or permit any unlicensed animal or animals to stay around the premises without notifying the city clerk.

(g) It shall be unlawful for any person to counterfeit a license tag for any animal or to take or to steal from any animal a duly registered tag.

(h) Any person who is found guilty of violating this article shall be fined not less than \$20.00 and nor more than \$100.00 for each conviction and may be charged by separate counts for each day's violation where so provided. In addition, any person found guilty of violating section 201-5(f) shall be required to obtain a tag for the offending animal and pay all costs incurred by the city for the impoundment of the animal.

(Ord. 2007-4; Ord. 8901, Sec. 1; Ord. 8202, Sec. 2; Ord. 2811, Sec. 1; Code 2015)